**Global Consultations for the VCM Global Dialogue**

The [Voluntary Carbon Market Global Dialogue](https://vcm-gd.org/) is putting the supply-side in the center of the debate on how the voluntary carbon market (VCM) can drive sustainable development. In 2021, the VCM Global Dialogue has engaged over 350 stakeholders in a series of online regional stakeholder consultations in the Asia-Pacific region, Africa and in Latin America and the Caribbean. Project developers, government representatives, the private sector and civil society stakeholders shared their experiences and views on how the VCM can be best designed and deployed in the context of the Paris Agreement. The conversations centered around how the VCM can support national and local climate plans, serve developing countries’ preferences and needs, and unlock greater levels of private investment, while strengthening the rights of and opportunities for local communities in developing countries Their inputs informed the development of [five discussion papers](https://vcm-gd.org/stakeholder-consultation/), developed by the VCM Global Dialogue author team.

On the basis of these discussion papers, the VCM Global Dialogue has now developed its draft narrative and Action Agenda with our findings and action points on how the global community can mobilize the full the potential of the VCM to help meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement.

**Participate in the Global Consultations on the VCM Global Dialogue**

Before finalizing and launching the narrative and Action Agenda, the VCM Global Dialogue is now hosting a public consultation process with global VCM stakeholders to validate, enrich, and socialize the findings of the VCM Global Dialogue. We invite you to read and reflect on the draft narrative and Action Agenda, discuss the narrative and action points with your peers, and provide your feedback and suggestions on the draft text.

*How to participate?*

Take the following steps to contribute to the Global Consultations on the narrative and Action Agenda:

1. Access the draft narrative and Action Agenda on our website [here](https://vcm-gd.org/action_agenda/).
2. Download this [Consultation Form](https://vcm-gd.org/action_agenda/) on your computer so that you can include your inputs directly into the Word document.
3. Respond to the consultation questions starting on the next page. Please provide a response to all questions marked with an **\*** to enable the VCM Global Dialogue team to process your feedback. Responses to other questions are optional: you can choose to reflect on one, a few, or all sections of the narrative and Action Agenda.
4. Return your completed Global Consultation Form by e-mail to vcmgd@climatefocus.com by **Monday 11 October 2021, 10:00 am UTC.**

*What will happen with your inputs?*

The VCM Global Dialogue Secretariat will collect, analyze and organize all inputs. If you prefer, your inputs will be treated anonymously. To do so, please do not fill out your name in Section 1 of the Consultation Form. We will review the inputs, and finalize the text incorporating the feedback.

The finalized narrative and Action Agenda will be launched at the end of October, ahead of COP26 in Glasgow.

Thank you for your contribution,

The VCM Global Dialogue Team

**Global Consultations Form for the VCM Global Dialogue**

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| **Section 0. Personal details**  |
| Last name |  |
| First name |  |
| Job title |  |
| Professional affiliation  |  |
| Country of work\* |  |
| Role in the VCM\* | [ ]  Project developer [ ]  Corporate buyer [ ]  Government representative[ ]  NGO/civil society [ ]  Other, namely .. |
| Why are you contributing to the VCM Global Dialogue?  |  |

**Please read and reflect on the complete text of the** [**draft narrative and Action Agenda**](https://vcm-gd.org/action_agenda/) **to answer the following consultation questions.**

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| **Section 1. Promote strategic engagement of governments with the VCM**  |
| Observation 1: For the VCM to make meaningful contributions towards the achievement of national climate ambition and the temperature goals of the Paris Agreement, governments need to engage proactively with the opportunities the market offers […].  | How does this observation align with or differ from your experience?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 1.1: Collect information and create a VCM database. […]  | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 1.2: Select and promote priority project types. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 1.3: Proactively promote VCM foreign investments. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Is there any element or recommendation missing from this section that you would like us to consider?  | *Please include your feedback here* |

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| **Section 2. Support coordination and cooperation among public and private entities**  |
| Observation 2: The positive impact of the VCM can be further enhanced if governments, companies, and civil society cooperate in scaling up mitigation action and targeting particular sectors or mitigation opportunities in a concerted manner. […]  | How does this observation align with or differ from your experience?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 2.1: Promote regional or sectoral VCM dialogues. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 2.2: Create national multi-stakeholder platforms of engagement. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 2.3: Forge partnerships and support carbon market development. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Is there any element or recommendation missing from this section that you would like us to consider?  | *Please include your feedback here* |

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| **Section 3. Clarify the relationship of the VCM with the Paris Agreement**   |
| Observation 3: To mobilize the full mitigation potential of the VCM, it is important to establish a common understanding of when and how activities that generate carbon credits under the VCM contribute to host countries’ Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and company goals. This requires full transparency in the accounting of VCM activities and NDC coverage. […] | How does this observation align with or differ from your experience?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 3.1: Establish a common understanding on accounting approaches. […]  | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 3.2: Clarify the context of different accounting approaches. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 3.3: Clarify and confirm rules on additionality and baseline setting. […]  | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
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| **Section 4. Value broader development benefits and SDG contributions in the VCM**   |
| Observation 4: The VCM has the potential to support sustainable development in host countries through project benefits such as access to clean energy or clean water, reduced air pollution, improvement in health infrastructure, job creation, technical training, water and soil retention, and the protection of biodiversity. […] | How does this observation align with or differ from your experience?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 4.1: Promote the use of standards that certify the SGD impacts of projects. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 4.2: Quantify and compare SDG impacts. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 4.3: Facilitate up-front investment into projects with high sustainable development benefits. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
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| **Section 5. Promote VCM transactions at sectoral or jurisdictional scales**   |
| Observation 5: The larger a VCM program is, the broader is its impact. Successful sectoral or jurisdictional programs can yield millions of tons of GHG emission reductions. If backed by governments, such programs can also facilitate the transition to long-term sustainable development and GHG mitigation policies. […]  | How does this observation align with or differ from your experience?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 5.1: Develop programmatic and sectoral initiatives. […]  | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 5.2: Support ‘nesting’ beyond REDD+ as a strategy to integrate different accounting frameworks. […]  | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 5.3: Develop sectoral crediting standards. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
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| **Section 6. Empower local communities to engage and benefit from the VCM**   |
| Observation 6: The VCM can strengthen the position and rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) and enhance their agency. A rights-based approach to the VCM can empower IPLCs through recognizing their good stewardship of natural resources. […]  | How does this observation align with or differ from your experience?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 6.1: Use the VCM to channel finance to IPLCs. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 6.2: Ensure fair benefit-sharing. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Recommendation 6.3: Promote IPLC and carbon rights. […] | Do you agree with this recommendation? Why (not)? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Is there any element or recommendation missing from this section that you would like us to consider?  | *Please include your feedback here* |

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| **Section 7. Overall feedback**  |
| Which of the observations and related recommendations is the most urgent, in your opinion? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Is there any observation you think is missing in the narrative?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Is there any recommendation you think is missing from the Action Agenda? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Is there any element in the narrative that you think should be removed, and if yes, why?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Is there any recommendation in the Action Agenda that you think should be removed, and if yes, why? | *Please include your feedback here* |
| Is there anything else you would like to share? | *Please include your feedback here* |

**Please read and reflect on the five** [**discussion papers**](https://vcm-gd.org/stakeholder-consultation/) **to answer the following consultation question.**

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| **Section 8. Discussion papers**   |
| Do you have any comments or feedback on one or more of the discussion papers?  | *Please include your feedback here* |
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