



## Policy Announcement from the VCS Association

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### Approval of VCS Tool VT0001 “Tool for the Demonstration and Assessment of Additionality in VCS AFOLU Project Activities”

#### Background

As an approved tool under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), the CDM A/R *Tool for the Demonstration and Assessment of Additionality in A/R CDM Project Activities* may be used to demonstrate the additionality of VCS afforestation, reforestation and revegetation (ARR) projects. However, the CDM tool does not explicitly handle the wider range of project categories covered by the VCS Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU) program, and includes a number of CDM requirements not applicable to VCS project activities.

#### Policy Announcement

The VCS Association provides the following to address the lack of an approved additionality tool applicable to all AFOLU project activities:

- 1) The VCS Association has adapted the CDM A/R additionality tool to be applicable to all AFOLU project categories and has replaced the CDM-specific requirements with those of the VCS, resulting in the *Tool for the Demonstration and Assessment of Additionality in VCS AFOLU Project Activities* (Version 1.0).
- 2) As a tool developed by the VCS Association, the tool has been approved by the VCS AFOLU Steering Committee.

The *Tool for the Demonstration and Assessment of Additionality in VCS AFOLU Project Activities* can be used in the development of new VCS methodologies.