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## Carbon Credit Seller Readiness Self-Assessment Guide

This Seller Readiness Self-Assessment Guide is designed to help carbon project developers evaluate their project's maturity, verification readiness, and financial structuring. By using this guide, developers can assess their preparedness to enter carbon markets, reduce delays during validation, and attract buyers seeking verified, high-integrity carbon credits.

### 1. Project Maturity

- Has the project boundary and location been clearly defined and mapped?
- Is the baseline scenario supported by credible data and aligned with approved methodologies?
- Have stakeholders, including local communities, been consulted and engaged?
- Are land tenure and resource use rights clearly documented and conflict-free?
- Does the project align with at least three UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

### 2. Verification Readiness

- Has a Project Design Document (PDD) been drafted according to the selected registry's guidelines (e.g., Verra, Gold Standard)?
- Is a third-party verifier (DOE) identified or contracted?
- Has a Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) plan been created and reviewed internally?
- Are baseline and monitoring data collection tools in place and validated?
- Is the project prepared for a public stakeholder consultation and registry listing?

### 3. Financial Structuring & Market Access

- Has a project financing plan been developed (grant, equity, debt)?
- Have credit pricing benchmarks and issuance volume forecasts been created?
- Is a distribution strategy in place (direct sales, brokers, platforms like Xpansiv or ACX)?

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- Have forward purchase agreements or Letters of Intent been explored with buyers?
- Are buffer pool contributions and risk insurance options evaluated?

## 4. Legal & Regulatory Compliance

- Are host country approvals (including Letter of Authorization under Article 6) in place or being pursued?
- Have legal risks (land rights, benefit-sharing agreements, carbon ownership) been reviewed by counsel?
- Are there contractual safeguards in place for disputes, underdelivery, or force majeure?
- Is the project compliant with applicable domestic and international environmental laws?

## 5. Benefit-Sharing and Community Inclusion

- Has a benefit-sharing mechanism been documented and budgeted?
- Are agreements in place with Indigenous or local groups if applicable?
- Does the project include gender equity, food security, or educational components?
- Are grievance mechanisms accessible to affected stakeholders?

## 6. Registry & Tokenization Readiness

- Has a registry account been opened (e.g., Verra, Gold Standard, Plan Vivo)?
- Has the project applied for listing or received a Project ID?
- Are carbon credits structured to be tokenized or integrated with digital platforms (e.g., Toucan, KlimaDAO)?
- Is metadata structured for blockchain registry compatibility?

## 7. Transparency & Claims Integrity

- Are you aligned with any recognized integrity standards (ICVCM Core Carbon Principles, VCM Claims Code)?

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- Have credit claims been reviewed to ensure alignment with buyers' net-zero strategies?
- Are project communications clear, accurate, and compliant with anti-greenwashing laws?
- Has an ESG or sustainability report been prepared that references the project?

## 8. Post-Issuance Monitoring & Buyer Communication

- Is there a communications plan for buyers post-purchase (impact updates, co-benefit reporting)?
- Will the project report on co-benefit KPIs annually?
- Is a digital dashboard or visual project tracker available for buyers?
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