

Donor Council – Meeting Minutes

Date: 26 June 2025

Time: 10:00 am – 11:45 am ET / 3:00pm – 4:45 pm GMT

Location: Virtual / Generation Foundation office

Attendees

Members *(Representatives in brackets)*

Apple (*Chris Busch*)

Cargill (*Greg Downing*)

Constellation (*Katie Ott*)

Deloitte (*Kristen Sullivan*)

EY (*Velislava Ivanova*)

Generation Foundation (*Chun Man Chow*)

Google (*Vrushali Gaud*)

KPMG (*Roisin Murphy*)

Toyota (*Keiji Kaita*)

Guests

Takao Aiba, Hiroyuki Fukui (Toyota)

Craig Hanson (GHGP Steering Committee)

Tom Lorber (Children's Investment Fund Foundation)

Nadja Picard (PwC)

Ovais Sarmad (GHGP Steering Committee, Vice-Chair)

Dominic Waughray (GHGP Steering Committee)

GHG Protocol Secretariat

Maia Kutner (Global Co-Director)

Anna Stanley-Radière

Bryanna West

Agenda and Decisions

Item	Topic and Summary	Recommendations
1	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i> Representatives from the Steering Committee (SC) and the GHG Protocol (GHGP) Secretariat welcomed inaugural members of the Donor Council (DC), expressing thanks for their support and highlighting the role of the DC within the governance structure in helping shape the future of GHGP. They emphasized how committed GHGP was to ensuring transparency and integrity of engagement with donors.	<i>As this was the inaugural meeting of the DC, no decisions or recommendations to the SC were made</i>
2	<i>Housekeeping</i> Members were reminded that the DC Terms of Reference should be consulted for any questions on the DC and its processes. They were further informed that meeting minutes will be made publicly available to ensure full transparency and integrity.	
3	<i>Member Introductions</i>	

	<p>By way of introduction, representatives from member organizations provided a few words of explanation as to why their organization had chosen to support GHGP and to join the DC.</p> <p>Members in particular highlighted the importance of GHGP in enabling organizations to quantify emissions, the foundational role it plays in underpinning the decarbonization ecosystem (especially reporting and disclosure), and their hope that they could contribute to its long-term success.</p>	
4	<p><i>Onboarding</i></p> <p>Members were given a detailed overview of the GHGP governance structure, including roles and responsibilities of different bodies. It was explained that the DC was created to help channel engagement with donors in a transparent, high-integrity manner and to allow for the SC to have additional “ears on the ground” to elicit input from diverse sources.</p> <p>It was emphasized that the DC would be focused on providing recommendations to the SC on strategic topics only (e.g., funding, engagement with the ecosystem) and that the DC has no mandate to engage on topics linked to standard setting activities. It was explained that the DC will - as an additional guardrail - not be engaging directly with related governance bodies (Independent Standards Board, Technical Working Groups).</p> <p>It was shared that the DC will be overseen by a speaker, elected by DC representatives in accordance with the Terms of Reference and members were invited to express their interest in this role.</p>	
5	<p><i>Where GHGP Stands Today</i></p> <p>The Global Co-Director shared GHGP’s history, mission, and vision and provided an overview on recent progress made to evolve as an organization as well as an update on the five standards currently under revision.</p>	
6	<p><i>Open Discussion and Miscellaneous</i></p> <p>Members were asked to reflect on three questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are you hoping the DC will achieve? Why did you join? • What does success look like for GHGP and what is needed to get there? • What topics are particularly top of mind for you? <p>Several prominent themes emerged in the following discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Role of GHGP within ecosystem</u>: members indicated how important harmonization and alignment across the ecosystem is and that there needs to be more clarity on the (current and future) role of GHGP vs other organizations (e.g., SBTi). Members asked to understand more on how GHGP engages with its partners and policy makers. An overview of the Observing Entities sitting on the Independent Standards Board as well as information on which partners are represented within the Technical Working Groups was shared. It was agreed further details around partnerships would be provided at a future meeting. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Financial resilience</u>: members highlighted the importance of financial resilience for GHGP and asked to understand more about GHGP's plan to ensure other mechanisms beyond donor funding would be leveraged. It was indicated that GHGP is working on this and agreed that further details on this might be shared in a future meeting. • <u>Delivery of standards</u>: Many members highlighted the critical role the GHGP standards play in enabling investment to drive decarbonisation and that there continues to be a strong sense of urgency in today's very dynamic environment around this topic. In light of this, "success" for GHGP means that credible standards are delivered with speed (balancing "good enough" vs "perfection") and in particular reflecting user needs with regards implementation. In this context, the role of the governance structure and processes was discussed - as a critical mechanism to ensure high-integrity, balanced standards. • <u>Role of the DC</u>: Members shared how invested they were in seeing GHGP succeed and indicated that the DC could provide an important channel for insights, including on the reception of standards and on any needs for support around implementation, which were identified as key components of success of GHGP. The two-way nature of this channel was emphasized - Donor Council members can also act as ambassadors for GHGP in the ecosystem. The question was raised on what GHGP was expecting of the DC - with the objective of allowing members to understand how they can be most helpful. In response, it was highlighted that the discussion was providing an excellent outside-in perspective and that this would be incredibly valuable in supporting the decision-making of the Steering Committee. 	
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