

# Steering Committee – Meeting Minutes

Date: 25 November 2025

Time: 8:00 am – 12:00 am ET / 14.00-18.00 CET

Location: Virtual

## Attendees

### Members

Wataru Baba  
Yamide Dagnet  
Craig Hanson  
Richard Manley  
Julia Maris  
Geraldine Matchett, Chair  
Katie McGinty  
Ovais Sarmad, Vice-Chair  
Ann Tracy  
Dominic Waughray  
Yongping Zhai

### Guests

Alexander Bassen (Independent Standards Board, Chair)

### GHG Protocol Secretariat

Pankaj Bhatia  
David Burns  
Maia Kutner  
Michael Macrae (*for Agenda item 4*)  
Ralf Pfitzner  
David Rich  
Amir Safaei (*for Agenda 3*)  
Anna Stanley-Radière (*for Agenda item 3-7*)

## Agenda and Decisions

Item	Topic and Summary	Decisions
1	<b><i>Welcome and Objectives of the meeting</i></b> The Chair thanked all participants for their commitment, presented objectives of the meeting and referred to the mandate of the Steering Committee (SC).	The SC was not asked to make any decisions.
2	<b><i>Governance: Status, decisions today</i></b> The Vice Chair presented the compliance and antitrust rules as well as topics that are due for initial or final approval today: Extension of Scope 2 public consultation period and call for evidence on Forest Carbon Accounting in the context of LSR Standard	The SC was not asked to make any decisions at this point.
3	<b><i>Updates from the Secretariat</i></b> The Secretariat informed about the funding status and results of recent team surveys. Furthermore, an update on the ISO cooperation was given, including debrief from the ISO Environmental Management Plenary in Toronto.	The SC was not asked to make any decisions.
4	<b><i>ISB update</i></b> The Chair of the Independent Standards Board (ISB) presented an overview of topics covered in recent ISB meetings, including the ongoing Scope 2 public consultation and Forest Carbon Accounting related to Land Sector and Removals (LSR) Standard. Furthermore, an	The SC was not asked to make any decisions.

	overview of concerns and complaints received since the introduction of the concerns and complaints procedure was given by the Secretariat.	
5	<p><b><i>Governance decisions</i></b></p> <p>The SC discussed requests by various stakeholders calling for an extension of Scope 2 public consultation timeline. Following the ISB discussion on Nov 24, the SC unanimously approved the extension of Scope 2 public consultation to end of January 2026.</p> <p>In addition, the SC discussed and approved an amendment to the Standard Development and Revision (SDR) Procedure. The new text allows to set an initial consultation period longer than 60 days at the start of a process.</p> <p>Furthermore, the SC approved to launch a call for evidence on Forest Carbon Accounting, following ISB’s prior decision on this topic.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b> The SC unanimously approved the extension of Scope 2 public consultation to end of January 2026.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> The SC unanimously approved the proposed amendment to the <i>Standard Development and Revision (SDR) Procedure</i>.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> The SC unanimously approved the launch for a call for evidence on Forest Carbon Accounting.</p>
6, 7	<p><b><i>Ecosystem update/Strategy – strategic positioning</i></b></p> <p>The Secretariat informed about ecosystem updates and new initiatives. It was highlighted that GHG Protocol together with ISO has received a mandate within the COP30 Presidency Action Agenda to lead global harmonization of carbon accounting.</p> <p>The vice-Chair provided a summary of COP30 outcomes, including the focus on adaptation finance and the global implementation accelerator.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b> The SC did not take any decision.</p>
8	<p><b><i>Learning Session: Actions and Market Instruments (AMI)</i></b></p> <p>The Secretariat presented the provisional outcomes of the AMI Standard work, including a multi statement reporting framework. The Secretariat furthermore informed about an in-person TWG workshop at WRI premises in November and the forthcoming AMI White Paper.</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b> The SC did not take any decision.</p>
9	<p><b><i>Any other business</i></b></p> <p>Participants were requested to complete the poll for 2026 meetings. The Chair thanked all participants and closed the meeting.</p>	