

Donor Council – Meeting Minutes

Date: 27 October 2025

Time: 9:30 – 11:30am ET

Location: Virtual

Attendees

Members *(Representatives in brackets)*

Apple (*Chris Busch*)

Cargill (*Greg Downing*)

Constellation (*Katie Ott*)

Deloitte (*Kristen Sullivan*)

Generation Foundation (*Chun Man Chow*)

Google (*Vrushali Gaud*)

KPMG (*Roisin Murphy*)

Meta (*Devon Lake*)

Toyota (*Keiji Kaita*)

Guests

Takao Aiba (Toyota)

Tom Lorber (Children’s Investment Fund Foundation)

Nadja Picard (PwC)

Geraldine Matchett (GHGP Steering Committee, Vice-Chair)

Ovais Sarmad (GHGP Steering Committee, Vice-Chair)

GHG Protocol Secretariat

Maia Kutner (Global Co-Director)

Pankaj Bhatia (Global Co-Director)

Ralf Pfitzner (Senior Advisor, Climate Imperative)

Anna Stanley-Radière

Bryanna West

Agenda and Decisions

Item	Topic and Summary	Recommendations
1	<p><i>Welcome and Introductions</i></p> <p>Representatives from the Steering Committee (SC) and the GHG Protocol (GHGP) Secretariat welcomed members of the Donor Council (DC), expressing thanks for their continued support and reiterating the success of the first meeting. They expressed their excitement for the second congregation, this time virtual, and re-emphasized the DC as a body built on exchange of information and insights, with GHGP’s success as the shared goal.</p>	
2	<p><i>Housekeeping</i></p> <p>Members were reminded that it is important to remember the core tenants of the DC: credibility and transparency, in pursuit of maintaining GHGP and member organizations’ integrity and reputations. Another</p>	

	<p>gentle suggestion to avoid sensitive topics was voiced, along with the need to respect the DC Terms of Reference, and to declare any conflicts of interest. GHGP confirmed that all meeting minutes are posted publicly but unattributed. The newest DC member was also welcomed at this time: Meta.</p>	
3	<p><i>Insights and Discussion</i></p> <p>Members of the GHGP Secretariat provided their takeaways from a very busy New York Climate Week (NYCW).</p> <p>The launch of GHGP’s partnership with ISO was highlighted, a relationship that will pave the way for ecosystem alignment through collaboration and action. Overall, the announcement received good media coverage and was received well.</p> <p>Members then shared their takeaways from the same time period. Several prominent themes emerged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Shared momentum:</u> Many members suggested that NYCW felt energized and focused, with a shared mentality that felt encouraging. There is lots of noise in the ecosystem now, with support for climate action as strong as ever. Many groups seem focused on how to maintain this forward momentum through direct action. • <u>Focus on practicality:</u> Several members noted that we are at a key point in climate action. There is a need to cut through the noise to achieve our goals, the debate of compliance has passed, now replaced with the question of ‘how’ to be successful, which requires more detailed work and collaboration. • <u>The GHGP-ISO Partnership:</u> Many members expressed their support for the new partnership, citing their hopes that it will inspire further ecosystem alignment at a crucial time. <p>The GHGP Secretariat ended with a reminder that we need our DC members to promote unity and collaboration through all regions and sectors, as they can help influence the direction of the ecosystem at a critical time.</p>	
4	<p><i>Secretariat Updates</i></p> <p>GHGP Secretariat members announced the new Product Accounting Standard, which will be developed in collaboration with ISO. Given the scope of both organizations, creating this standard together will ensure an avoidance of fragmentation across the market - for which many members signalled support.</p> <p>GHGP Secretariat members then provided an update regarding the two parallel public consultations currently in progress: the Scope 2 inventory accounting update, and the electricity-sector consequential methods topic, which will advise the Actions and Market Instruments Technical Working Group.</p>	
5	<p><i>Outlook to 2026</i></p> <p>GHGP Secretariat members provided a brief update on the current status of each GHGP Standard, and an overview of their future trajectory.</p> <p>The new lead of the AMI workstream, Ralf Pfitzner, was introduced.</p>	

	<p>DC Members provided their feedback regarding how these updates affect the ecosystem, citing considerations for GHGP to keep in mind. One key theme emerged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Thinking: Members voiced their recommendation to ensure that GHGP is focusing on ensuring that the complexity around implementation is addressed. Accuracy is important, but not to the extent of being a detriment, because as complexity increases, so does the cost of implementation. <p>The discussion was appreciated by members of the Secretariat, who re-affirmed that the key focus of their work includes ensuring standards are usable, relevant, purposeful, and implementable.</p>	
6	<p><i>Other Business and Closing Remarks</i></p> <p>No other business was raised so the meeting was closed.</p>	