

Steering Committee – Meeting Minutes

Date: 24 March 2026

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm ET / 14.00-18.00 CET

Location: Virtual

Attendees

Members

Wataru Baba (WB)
Craig Hanson (CH)
Richard Manley (RM)
Julia Maris (JM)
Geraldine Matchett (GM), Chair
Katie McGinty (KM)
Ovais Sarmad (OS), Vice-Chair
Ann Tracy (AT)
Dominic Waughray (DW)
Yongping Zhai (YZ)

Not present

Yamide Dagnet (YD)

Guests

Alexander Bassen (Independent Standards Board, Chair)
Tim Mohin (BCG)

GHG Protocol Secretariat

Pankaj Bhatia (PB)
David Burns (DB)
Maia Kutner (MK)
Michael Macrae (MM) (*for Agenda item 6*)
Ralf Pfitzner (RP)
David Rich (DR) (*for Agenda item 5-6*)
Amir Safaei (AM) (*for Agenda 5*)
Anna Stanley-Radière (AS) (*for Agenda item 3-7*)

Agenda and Decisions

Item	Topic and Summary	Decisions
1	<p><i>Welcome and Objectives of the meeting</i></p> <p>The Chair thanked all participants for their commitment, presented objectives of the meeting and the three main blocks of the meeting: Governance evolution, Secretariat and ISB technical updates and the external environment.</p>	The SC was not asked to make any decisions.
2	<p><i>Governance: Status, decisions today</i></p> <p>The Vice Chair presented the compliance and antitrust rules as well as topics that are due for initial or final approval today: decisions on the ISO observer status and recommendations on content sharing with ISO from Land Sector & Removals (LSR) standard.</p> <p>The Chair informed about an independent review currently being carried out in the context of the Forest Carbon Accounting (FCA) process.</p>	The SC was not asked to make any decisions at this point.
3	<p><i>Governance II: Organizational Development</i></p> <p>Members of the SC and BCG gave an update on recent changes to the governance structure and the way forward. They furthermore informed about the search for an Executive Director/CEO, among others to lead on the "Belem Mandate" from COP 30 presidency.</p>	The SC was not asked to make any decisions.

4	<p><i>Updates from the Secretariat</i></p> <p>The Secretariat informed about key priorities for 2026 and the funding status. Funding situation has grown compared to previous year.</p>	<p>The SC was not asked to make any decisions.</p>
5	<p><i>ISO Partnership</i></p> <p>The Secretariat provided an update on the landmark partnership signed with ISO in September 2025, which aims to create a "big tent" for global carbon accounting and presented a plan to engage with ISO on Land Sector and Removals (LSR) Standard content, without reopening LSR Standard as such.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Secretariat presented the decision proposal to approve ISO as an observing entity (OE) to ISB and to approve Benoit Desforges as ISO observer.</p>	<p>Decision: The SC unanimously approved ISO as an observing entity to ISB and Benoit Desforges as an observer.</p>
6	<p><i>ISB Update</i></p> <p>The Chair of the Independent Standards Board (ISB) presented an overview of topics covered in recent ISB meetings and emphasized the role of observing entities (OE).</p> <p>Secretariat members presented considerations of changes to general GHG P Standard structures and discussed implications of the ISO cooperation and Belem Mandate on Standard Development Plans.</p>	<p>Decision: The SC was not asked to make any decisions at this point in time. An e-vote on Standard Development Plans will follow in May.</p>
7	<p><i>External environment</i></p> <p>The Secretariat informed about ecosystem updates, new initiatives and shared insights from recent conferences (Davos, Aspen).</p>	<p>Decision: The SC did not take any decision.</p>
8	<p><i>Any other business</i></p> <p>The Secretariat informed about the upcoming launch of a Request for Information on Phase 1 outcomes of the Actions and Market Instruments (AMI) standard work, planned for end of March.</p> <p>The Chair informed about the next meeting during London Climate Action Week, thanked all participants and closed the meeting.</p>	