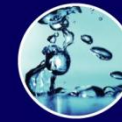




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Gold Standard and Sustainable Development: Role of NGO Supporters

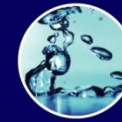
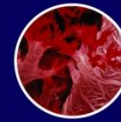


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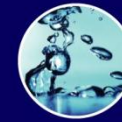
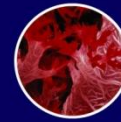
The Spirit of Kyoto is The Gold Standard

“The purpose of the CDM shall be to assist Parties not included in Annex I in ***achieving sustainable development*** and in ***contributing to the ultimate objective of the Convention***, and to assist Parties included in Annex I in achieving compliance with their quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments...”

-- Kyoto protocol, Article 12.2



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What, Why, How

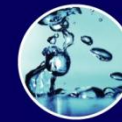
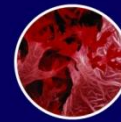
What is the Gold Standard Foundation?

- An independent **Non Profit Foundation** (under Swiss Law) endorsed by 60 NGOs worldwide
- A tool for promoting outstanding projects with a proven contribution to both sustainable development and climate change mitigation, in the compliance (CDM) and voluntary (VER) markets

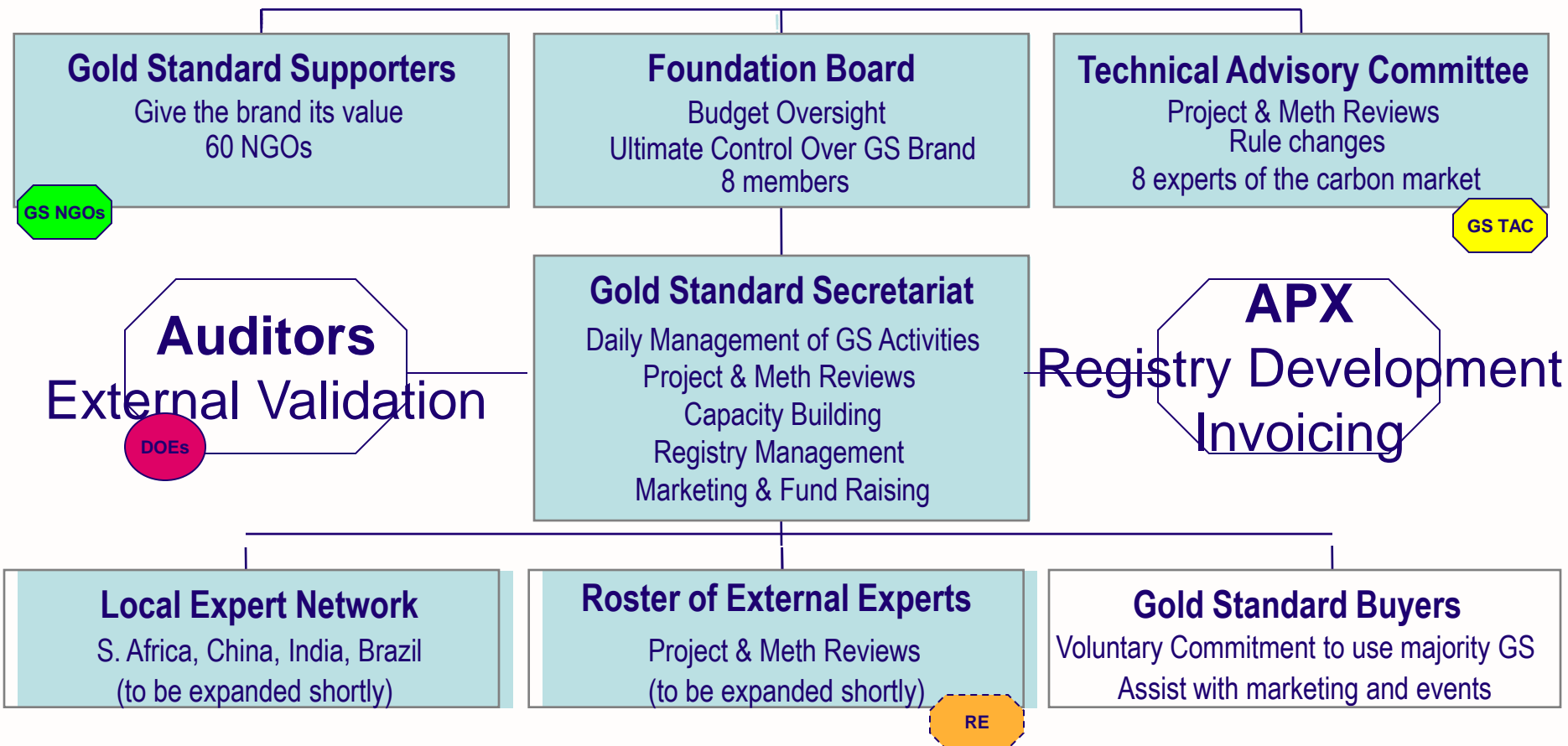
Why the Gold Standard Label?

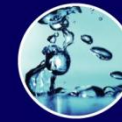
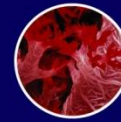
- Reinstates the balance between the two objectives of the CDM
 - Ensure credibility and transparency
- ➡ Provide a quality assurance label for generating premium quality carbon credits

(controlled risk, inc. stakeholder acceptance, enhanced reputation, premium prices, market visibility, contribution to SD)



GS Structure & Governance





Sustainable Development Assessment

Do-No Harm Assessment Tool

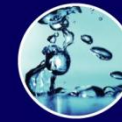
- Assessment of harmful risks from a project activity
- Safeguarding principles from UNDP lead the assessment tool: Human Rights, Labour Standards, Environmental Protection, Anti-Corruption, etc.
- Principles are derived from Millennium Development Goals, which 189 nations have pledged to achieve by 2015

Sustainable Development Assessment Matrix

- 12 Sustainable Development Indicators to be scored individually.
- Scores range from -1 to +1
- Negative scores have to be neutralized by a mitigation measure
- All non neutral scores are required to be a part of the monitoring plan.
- Monitoring Plan verified by an Independent Agency (DOE)

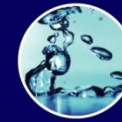
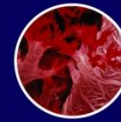
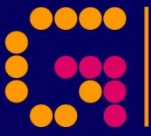
Micro-Scale Project Category

- For projects upto 5000 tCO₂e/annum
- Validation and Verification Fund



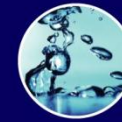
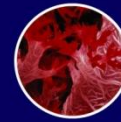
Micro-Scale Projects: Promoting Sustainable Development

- GS created a special category for very small scale community based projects which face high transaction costs in CDM cycle.
- Gold Standard voluntary projects are micro-scale if they generate less than 5000 tCO₂e/annum in any year of the crediting period.
- Micro-scale projects can be validated/verified by two ways:
 - By contracting DOE like any other project
 - Opting for a Gold Standard Internal Validation/verification Fund
 - The use of Fund requires a payment of flat fee through which the entire cost of validation/verification is covered up.



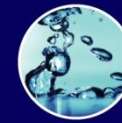
Purpose of GS NGO Supporter Network

- Projects supported by NGOs active in the host country help reflect the concerns and the conditions in the country.
 - Example: localized MDGs
- The more NGOs that support the Gold Standard, the stronger the brand becomes.
 - Stronger financial incentive for project developers
- NGO support strengthens the statement that the carbon market should foster transparency, environmental rigor and sustainable development.
- NGO supporters can take an active part in the project development process, offering their expertise, thereby lending further credibility to local sustainable development initiatives.



Role played by GS NGO Supporters

- **Macro or global level inputs**
 - Strategic amendments to the Gold Standard certification scheme require the approval of a majority of supporters and the Gold Standard Foundation Board.
 - Example: adoption of a forestry standard
 - At least 50% of Gold Standard Foundation Board members and members of the Technical Advisory Committee are recruited from supporter organizations.

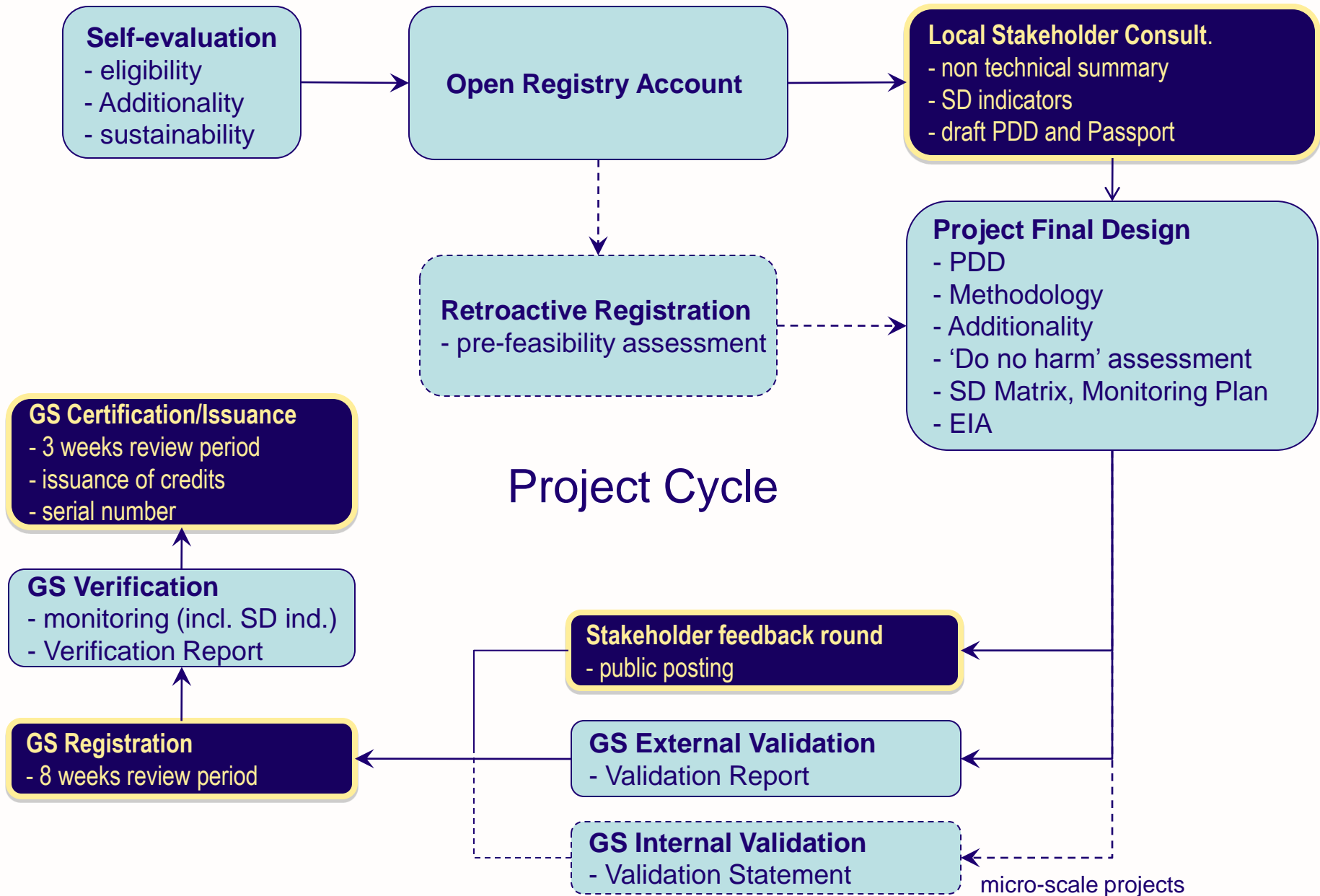
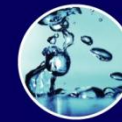
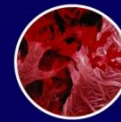


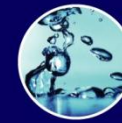
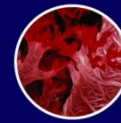
Role played by GS NGO Supporters

- **Micro or local level inputs**
 - **Project Design Phase**
 - Participation (physically or electronically) in Local Stakeholder Consultation
 - **Project Validation Phase**
 - Participation (usually electronically) in the Stakeholder Feedback Round
 - **Project Registration Phase**
 - Alerted to review the validation reports and final PDDs of projects applying for GS registration
 - **Credit Issuance Phase**
 - Alerted to review the verification reports of projects applying for GS credit issuance (VERs and CERs)



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GS NGO Supporter

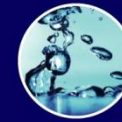
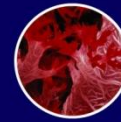
- Becoming a supporter is a statement of recognition that Gold Standard is an effective tool for climate change mitigation through the development of quality offset projects in the CDM/JI and volur



- Becoming a Gold Standard supporter does not:
 - require any financial commitment,
 - commit a supporter to the purchase of Gold Standard credits.
 - preclude a supporter from recognizing another standard or project type not encompassed within The Gold Standard methodology.

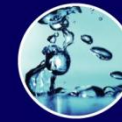
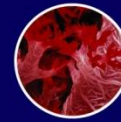


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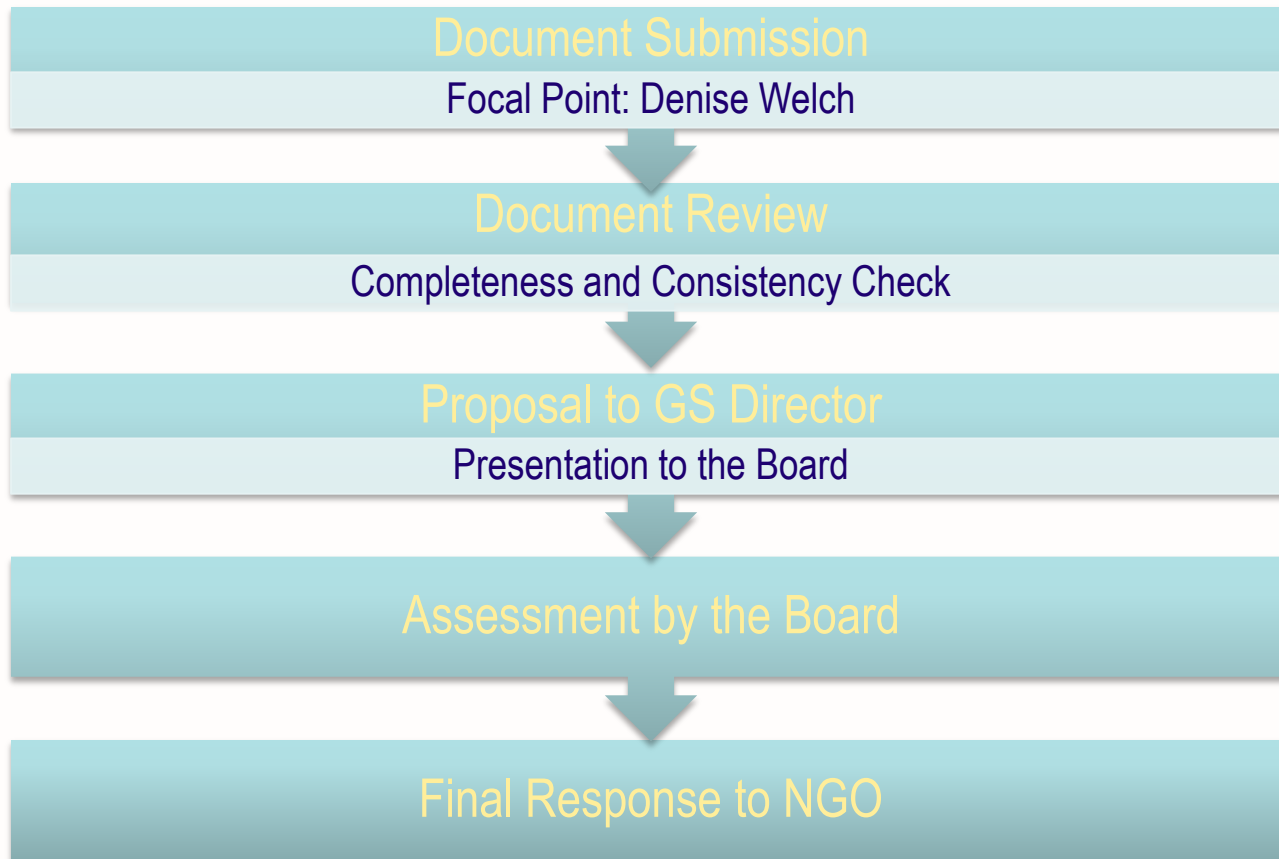


Requirements to Become a GS Supporter Organization

- General and Specific Objectives of the Organization
- Description of the Operations and Procedures
- Number of Active Members
- Who Stands Behind the Organization
- What Kind of Support can be Expected
- Statement on Possible Conflict of Interests
- Signed T&C, ToU
- Filled Supporter Form
- Proof of Non-Profit

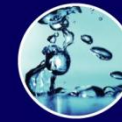


Assessment of Supporting NGO Candidates





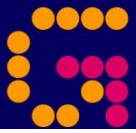
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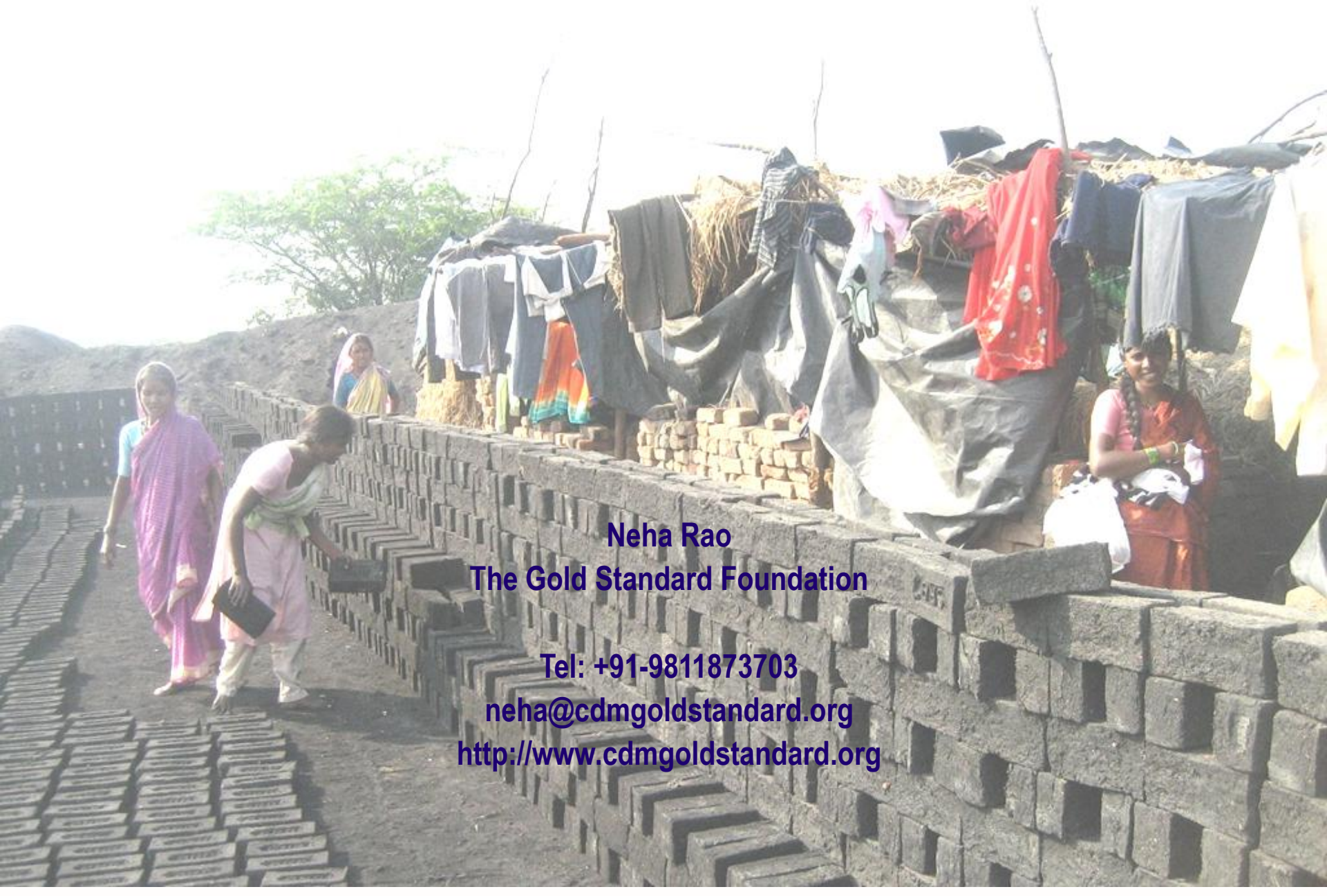
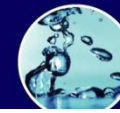
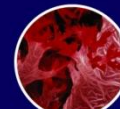
GS Supporter Organizations

- Appropriate Technology Association (ATA)
- Atmosfair
- Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies
- BASE
- Climate Action Network South Africa
- Carbon Watch
- CASA
- CDM Forum
- Clean Air–Cool Planet
- Clean Energy Nepal
- The Climate Group
- David Suzuki Foundation
- Development Alternatives
- Dhammanart Foundation
- E&Co
- EnerGHG India
- European Business Council For Sustainable Energy e5
- Fundacion Ecologia y Desarrollo
- Germanwatch
- Greenpeace International
- Grian
- Helio International
- Indonesia Forum for Environment (WALHI)
- Indonesian Climate Action Network
- Kiko Network
- King Mahendra Trust For Nature Conservation (KMTNC)
- KLIMA
- Legambiente
- Mercy Corps
- Miriam-PEACE
- Myclimate
- National Center for Appropriate Technologies
- NOE21
- Pelangi
- Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development
- Philippine Network on Climate Change
- Philippine Solar Energy Society
- PURE the Clean Planet Trust
- REEEP
- Renewable Energy Institute of Thailand, REIT
- Sibol ng Agham at Teknolohiya
- SouthSouthNorth
- The Environmental Investigation Agency
- Winrock International Nepal
- Winrock International India
- WWF International
- Zero: Regional Environment Organisation
- Sustainable Travel International (STI)

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