

Our Principles

Cultivating trust, building integrity

At Cefetra Carbon Services we are deeply committed to scaling Voluntary Carbon Markets (VCM) by engaging in a code of conduct to build integrity, transparency, and trust in the VCM. For this reason, we have developed a set of strict guidelines and principles in line with the International Carbon Reduction and Offsetting Alliance (ICROA) Code of Best Practice. We believe that before businesses compensate their residual emissions (offsetting), they should foremost reduce their internal emissions by implementing the necessary structural changes in their operations for high integrity in setting.

Commitment to Quality

Our credit portfolio is carefully curated to reflect the market drive towards high integrity offsets. These are primarily based on carbon removals, either through technological solutions or nature-based activities. We are directly involved in nature-based removal projects.

Additionality

The carbon offsets procured by Cefetra must demonstrate that they are additional to what would have occurred in the absence of the project. Projects must go beyond business as usual practices. Additionality enables the mobilization of private sector capital towards carbon removal/avoidance projects and provides financial incentives to project developers who have traditionally faced funding difficulties to achieve the much-needed emissions removals.

Third-Party Verification

To safeguard market integrity, all credits in our portfolio have been verified by independent third-party verification and validation bodies (VVB). Verification is a crucial step of the carbon credit life cycle which guarantees that voluntary carbon projects achieve real and measurable emissions reductions.

Permanence

Carbon offset projects must ensure that carbon reductions are permanent and will not be reversed in the future. For this reason, we assess projects on an individual basis to determine the risk of reversal. Our view is that engineered removals have the lowest reversal risk.

Co-Benefits

Carbon offset projects that provide additional benefits beyond carbon removal/reduction, such as social and economic benefits to local communities and stakeholders are favored. Nonetheless, the inherent nature of certain project categories such as engineered removals (e.g., biochar) hinder the attainment of co-benefits. An absence of co-benefits is not necessary an indication of lower quality as a project may perform better in other regards (e.g., permanence)

Facilitating Project Transparency

Transparency has been and continues to be an impediment for VCM scalability. The carbon offsets procured by Cefetra Carbon Services must not only be transparent in their methodology of their carbon reduction activities but must have a clear ownership structure and a well-defined revenue model that benefits local communities and other stakeholders.