

AUTHORIZATION STATEMENT

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

Authorization statement reference number: 111122UNDPAWD1001

1. As the authorized entity of the Government of the Republic of Ghana, the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology, and Innovation (MESTI)¹ here now authorizes per Article 6.3 of the *Paris Agreement* and Article 5.1 of the *Cooperation Agreement between the Republic of Ghana and Swiss Confederation towards the Implementation of the Paris Agreement* signed on 23rd November 2020 (hereafter referred to as the *Cooperation Agreement*) the international transfer and use of Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) specified in this Statement.
2. All the relevant provisions regarding the Authorization of transfer and use of ITMOs as specified in Article 5 and Article 6 of the *Cooperation Agreement* apply.
3. The quantity of authorized ITMOs covered under this Statement and the Letter of Authorisation (LOA) concurrently issued to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as the authorized participant shall originate from the Mitigation Activity "*Promotion of climate-smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana*" as provided in the Mitigation Activity Design Document (MADD) in Annex 1.
4. Per Article 6.1 of the *Cooperation Agreement*, the conditions in the table below apply to this Authorization:

Authorization element	Notes
Date of the authorization statement	11 th November 2022
Authorized participant	UNDP Country Office, Ghana
ITMO uses authorized	ITMOs are authorized for use towards NDC, other international mitigation purposes and other purposes, including voluntary offsetting, as specified in the authorization statement by the Republic of Ghana and letter of authorization granted to the UNDP Country Office, Ghana
Definition of first transfer	The first transfer, triggering corresponding adjustments by the host Party, is defined by the recognition of the occurred international transfer of an ITMO under the <i>Cooperation Agreement</i> (Article 8)
Authorized mitigation activity	"Promotion of climate-smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana". Applied standards and baseline methodologies, as well as requirements for monitoring and verification, including for contributions to sustainable development, apply as specified in the MADD
Authorized crediting period	1 st June 2022 – 31 st December 2030

¹ According to Article 14.2 of the Implementing Agreement.

NDC period, which the ITMOs are authorized for use, as appropriate	2021 – 2030
The total cumulative maximum amount of Mitigation Outcomes for which international transfer and use are authorized	1,125,655 tCO ₂ eq
The following method for the corresponding adjustment will be applied by the Swiss Confederation pursuant to X/CMA.3 paragraph 7 of the Annex (Art 6.2 guidance)	Single target year accounting of Ghana's NDC (64 MtCO ₂ eq absolute mitigation target)
Corresponding Authorization from the Federal Office for the Environment ² :	5001,11.11.2020

5. According to Article 1.4 of the Cooperation Agreement, this Authorization Statement guarantees the recognition of the international transfer of Mitigation Outcomes specified in this Statement, pending the fulfilment of positive examination statements under Article 7 of the Cooperation Agreement issued by MESTI of the Republic of Ghana and Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN).
6. Under Article 5.4 of the Cooperation Agreement, this Authorization Statement enters into force thirty calendar days after its date of signature.
7. In case of issuance of a statement of inconsistency by FOEN of the Swiss Confederation during this thirty calendar days, this Authorization Statement remains invalid pursuant to Article 5.4 of the Cooperation Agreement.
8. Under Articles 5.4 and 5.6 of the Cooperation Agreement, the Authorization Statement may be updated or changed with entry into force 30 calendar days after the signature date of the update or change.
9. By this Statement, the Republic of Ghana submits the Article 6 paragraph 2 initial report covering the Mitigation Activity "Promotion of climate-smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana" as per the requirements in Paragraph 18 of Decision 2/CMA.3 of UNFCCC as Annex 2.

Under the hand and seal of the Authorizing Entity:



HON. DR. KWAKU AFRIYIE (MP)
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

² According to Article 14.1 of the Implementing Agreement.

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Annex 1

MADD "Promotion of climate-smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana"
(Mitigation Activity ID number: 12022UNDP1002AWD062220020)

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