**Local Stakeholder Engagement**

January 16, 2023.

The Climate Action Reserve (Reserve) is developing a greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction protocol for Forest projects in **Panama**. This protocol will build off an existing protocol currently used in Mexico for adapted use in **Panama**. The Panama Forest Protocol will provide a standardized approach for quantifying and monitoring the GHG reductions from Forest projects**.** You can find information about the existing protocol used in Mexico here:

* <https://www.climateactionreserve.org/how/protocols/ncs/mexico-forest/>

The Reserve is seeking interested stakeholders to participate in engagement opportunities to identify and incorporate applicable laws, norms, and conditions from Panama as well as specific improvements and changes to the existing Mexico Forest Protocol to ensure its successful implementation.

Your involvement in this process will be a critical component of our success. You are invited to participate in this process by completing the **Local Stakeholder Engagement Form**, where you will express your interest and preferred level of involvement in this process. Filling out this form will help us ensure you receive the appropriate notifications for public engagement opportunities during protocol development.

We strive to create well-balanced stakeholder technical workgroups with representation from industry, government, project developers, academia, verifiers, environmental advocacy organizations, and affected local community members. If you wish to join the technical workgroup, please complete the Statement of Interest.

Please email the completed **Local Stakeholder Engagement Form** to **policy@climateactionreserve.org**

Thank you for your interest. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact cjurado@climateactionreserve.org

**Local Stakeholder Engagement Form**

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| Areas of expertise (select all that apply):[ ]  Local jurisdiction community member/resident [ ]  Government Representative [ ]  GHG accounting  [ ]  GHG project development  [ ]  GHG/Environmental markets[ ]  Environmental advocacy [ ]  Academic research [ ]  Industry/Commercial Producer [ ]  Other (please specify)       |

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

Preferred form of contact:

Please explain why you would like to be included in the local stakeholder engagement process and how the process would benefit from your participation.

Please indicate the local engagement opportunities in which you are most interested (select all that apply)

[ ]  Email updates about protocol development

[ ]  Providing public comment/ written feedback on protocol drafts

[ ]  Participation in workshops and/or webinars

[ ]  Other (please specify)

Please describe your organization’s or community’s perceived impacts, positive or negative, from the adoption of this protocol in this jurisdiction (i.e., environmental, social, and economic impacts).

Please describe any challenges or barriers associated with the adoption of this protocol in this jurisdiction.

Please identify any regulations, laws, ordinances, norms, and conditions you think may be relevant to this project activity.

Please identify any additional local stakeholders that should be included in this engagement process.

**Tentative Protocol Adaptation Timeline**

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|  | **Panama Forest Protocol** |
| **Protocol Drafting Begins** | January 2023 |
| **Workgroup Meetings** | January – May 2023 |
| **Public Comment Period** | June-July 2023 |
| **Duration of Protocol Drafting** | January- June2023 |
| **Consideration by Reserve Board for Adoption** | October 2023 |