



Business case: BAFU-230.2-60197/3/53/2/3/5/1

**AUTHORIZATION STATEMENT
BY THE FEDERAL OFFICE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION**

Authorization statement reference number: 5001, 11.11.2022

Acting as the authorized entity of the Swiss Government, the Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)¹ hereby authorizes per Article 6.3 of the *Paris Agreement* and per Article 5.1 of the *Cooperation Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the Republic of Ghana 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. The provisions of the *Cooperation Agreement* apply.

- I. **Date of authorization (date of signature of this authorization statement):** 11.11.2022
- II. **Entity authorized (to transfer):** UNDP Country Office Ghana
- III. **ITMO uses authorized:** ITMOs are authorized for use towards NDC, other international mitigation purposes and other purposes, including the voluntary offsetting, as specified in the authorization statement by the Republic of Ghana.
- IV. **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 *Cooperation Agreement* (Article 8).
- V. **Authorized mitigation activity:** "Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana" (project ID number 5001) as determined below and in the annexed Mitigation Activity Design Document (MADD). 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
Total cumulative maximum amount of Mitigation Outcomes for which international transfer and use is authorized: 1'125'655 of t CO₂eq
- VI. **Authorized crediting period:** 1 June 2022 – 31 December 2030
- VII. **NDC period(s) during which the Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) are authorized for use, as appropriate:** 2021 – 2030

¹ According to Article 14.2 of the Implementing Agreement.



- VIII. **Corresponding Authorization from the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) of the Republic of Ghana², where applicable: *reference to be completed***
- IX. **The following method for corresponding adjustment will be applied by the Swiss Confederation pursuant to X/CMA.3 paragraph 7 of the Annex (Art 6.2 guidance): trajectory approach as defined in paragraph 7.a.i for the single year target of Switzerland's NDC (minus 50 percent in 2030 compared to 1990) and 7.b for the multi-year target of Switzerland's NDC (minus 35 percent over the period 2021-30 compared to 1990)**

Pursuant 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 fulfillment of positive examination statements pursuant to Article 7 of the Cooperation Agreement issued by FOEN and MESTI of the Republic of Ghana.

Pursuant to Article 5.4 of the Cooperation Agreement, this Authorization Statement enters into force thirty calendar days after its date of signature. In case of issuance of a statement of inconsistency by MESTI of the Republic of Ghana during this period of thirty calendar days, this Authorization Statement remains invalid pursuant to Article 5.4 of the Cooperation Agreement.

Pursuant to Article 5.6 of the Cooperation Agreement the Authorization Statement may be updated or changed. Such changes or updates can only be made upon request of the entity authorized to transfer, specified in the Authorization Statement of MESTI of the Republic of Ghana. Updates or changes of Authorization Statements become valid within 30 calendar days after their date of issuance, unless the other Party to the Cooperation Agreement issues a notification of inconsistency per Article 5.4 of the Cooperation Agreement.

The authorization statement is signed by Reto Burkard, head of climate division of FOEN



Reto Burkard
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Annex: MADD "Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana" (project ID number 5001)

² According to Article 14.1 of the Implementing Agreement.