

**SDG Proposal Template**

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The purpose of this document is to provide a template for CO2 Removal Suppliers and other relevant parties to propose a new project-level indicator, demonstrating positive impacts on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The proposal consists of two parts: the proposed indicator along with its requirements, and a self-assessment of the proposal. Both parts must be completed for the proposal to be considered complete. The list of valid SDG indicators is available in Table 1 of the [SDG Assessment Requirements](https://7518557.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/7518557/Supplier%20Documents/Puro_SDG_Assess_Req.pdf).

Detailed requirements for submission and the approval process can be found in Chapter 3 of the [SDG Assessment Requirements](https://7518557.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/7518557/Supplier%20Documents/Puro_SDG_Assess_Req.pdf).

1. Project-level SDG indicator proposal

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| **[Copy here the target that you are referring to from the** [**official SDG list**](https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/indicators-list/)**. The list includes also official SDG indicators, which can be used in interpreting the targets.]** |
| [Proposed name for the project-level indicator] |
| Methodology | **[List here all applicable methodologies]** |
| Quantitative metric | [Proposed metric] |
| Req. 1 | [Proposed requirements for eligibility. Minimum number is one, but can be multiple] |
| Req. 2 | [Optional] |
| Req. 3 | [Optional] |
| Req. 4 | [Optional] |
| Category | [Puro SDG Attribute or Puro SDG Descriptor? See Rules 2.13-2.1.5 in the requirements] |
| Information to be provided | [Proposed documentation requirements. Assumed non-public if not repeated below.] |
| Information to be published | [Proposed public reporting requirements] |

1. Self-assessment of the project-level SDG indicator proposal

The table below includes the criteria required for self-assessment of the proposal. For additional context on criteria i-vi, please see section “4.3 Determining criteria for effective indicators” from Day and colleagues (65-68) [[1]](#footnote-2) as those criteria are adapted from their work.

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| **No** | **Criteria and assessment** |
| o | ***Relevance to the proposed SDG and SDG target:*** describe how the proposed project-level indicator aligns with the SDG, SDG target and official SDG indicators |
| [Answer, max. 200 words] |
| i | ***Specific individual outcome:*** *must refer to a specific individual outcome rather than being overly broad or abstract.* Consider here in particular the proposed Quantitative metric. Is it something that allows a comparison between different projects? Overly broad would include indicators referring to e.g. ‘progress towards gender equality’ without a defined metric for the progress.  |
| **How does the proposal align with the criteria?** |
| [Answer] |
| ii | ***Cause-and-effect relationship:*** *must establish a direct and inherently clear cause and-effect relationship between the carbon removal activity and the impact, i.e., the impact should be additional and attributable to the CO2 Removal activity.*Is it possible that the positive development would take place even without the carbon removal activity? How is the baseline for the indicator defined? |
| **How does the proposal align with the criteria?** |
| [Answer] |
| iii | ***Quantitative metric:*** *Numeric measurement allows for objective assessment and comparison.* Simply, can the outcome be quantified? |
| **How does the proposal align with the criteria?** |
| [Answer] |
| iv | ***Accuracy:*** *can be determined without relying heavily on input assumptions.*Are the required measurements reliable? Does the indicator require input assumptions? How reliable are they? |
| **How does the proposal align with the criteria?** |
| [Answer] |
| v | ***Manageable monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV):*** *Pragmatic MRV processes limit the costs of data collection.*How complicated will it be for the CO2 Removal Suppliers to monitor and report the indicator? And how difficult will it be for the auditor to verify the evidence? |
| **How does the proposal align with the criteria?** |
| [Answer] |
| vi | ***Internally monitored:*** *The CO2 Removal Supplier can monitor the metric with own information and data.*Does the data need to be sourced from elsewhere? Or is it already needed for monitoring the carbon removal? |
| **How does the proposal align with the criteria?** |
| [Answer] |
| + | Is there already a project-level SDG indicator in the Puro framework applicable to the methodology for the same SDG? If yes, please explain the added value of the proposed indicator. Table 1 of the [SDG Assessment Requirements](https://7518557.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/7518557/Supplier%20Documents/Puro_SDG_Assess_Req.pdf) lists all approved project-level SDG indicators. |
| [Answer] |  |

1. [Day, T., Schiefer T., Tewari R., Kachi, A., Warnecke C., Mooldijk S., Dransfeld B., Wehner S., and Brauhardt L. (2020). Indicators for the promotion of sustainable development in carbon market mechanisms. Final report. No. FB000345/1. Umweltbundesamt.](https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/sites/default/files/medien/5750/publikationen/2020_11_25_cc_46-2020_indicators_carbon_market_pt_1.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)