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STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION REPORT

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This is a report template to be used for filling the information pertaining to Local Stakeholder Consultation and Stakeholder Feedback Round conducted in line with the Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements.

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Key Project Information

Grouped Consultation Information

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KEY PROJECT INFORMATION

GS ID of Project	GS12172
Title of Project	Grid-Connected Solar PV Project in Santo Domingo Este
Version number of this Report	1.0
Completion date of version	08/05/2023
Time of First Submission Date	08/05/2023
Start Date of the Project	22/05/2022
Date of Meeting (s)	15/04/2023
Project Cycle:	☐ Regular ☐ Retroactive

SECTION A. INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO STAKEHOLDERS

A.1. Preliminary agenda for the meeting

The topics discussed in the Local Stakeholder Consultation of April 15, 2023 are summarized in the table below.



A.2. A non-technical summary of the project

The *Grid-Connected Solar PV Project in Santo Domingo Este* aims to provide clean, affordable energy to the people of the Dominican Republic by constructing a 10 MWp solar PV plant. A vital component of the plan is a 5.3 km transmission line to connect the plant to the Maranatha 69 kV substation. Additionally, a 500m² solar hybrid greenhouse will showcase the benefits of solar power for agricultural and economic purposes. To ensure the project's success and adhere to stringent environmental and social standards, it seeks registration under the Gold Standard certification. This process involves engaging various stakeholders and open communication with the community. Based on the Dominican Republic's Renewable Energy Promotion Law of 2007, the government aims to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and foster private investment in renewable energies. The project, with a construction span of approximately one year, is anticipated to be commissioned into operation in the 4th quarter of 2023. The solar PV technology used comprises PV panels, mounting system, cabling and connections, inverters, and the transmission system. A remote monitoring system will be in place to aid efficiency and ensure proper functioning. The project assembles multiple

participants, including Maranatha Energy Investment SRL, Empresa Distribuidora de Electricidad del Este, S.A. (EDEEste), atmosfair gGmbH, and other financing partners who will collaborate for a successful outcome. Together, they strive to bring social, economic, and environmental benefits to the Dominican Republic through the Grid-Connected Solar PV Project. Clean, affordable energy access will result in job creation, bolstered livelihoods, decreased dependency on imported fossil fuels, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

A.3. Contact details to get further technical detail and project information

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atmosfair gGmbH

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A.4. Summary of economic, social and environmental impacts of the Project

Access to reliable and clean energy is limited in several regions of the Dominican Republic, resulting in a high dependence on polluting fossil fuels and energy importation. The Grid-Connected Solar PV Project in Santo Domingo Este aims to provide renewable solar energy, fostering sustainable development and self-reliance. By implementing clean energy solutions, the project will yield numerous benefits that extend beyond environmental advantages.

With respect to the economic aspect, the Grid-Connected Solar PV Project in Santo Domingo Este will reduce energy costs, attract foreign investment, and create job opportunities. Direct employment will arise through the development, construction, and maintenance of the solar PV plant, transmission line, and solar hybrid greenhouse. Additional indirect jobs may be generated through support and ancillary industries. Furthermore, energy independence will advance economic growth while decreasing vulnerability to fluctuations in fossil fuel prices.

Socially, this initiative will improve living conditions by supplying clean energy to local communities. This reliable energy source will empower individuals and industries, promoting educational, healthcare, and infrastructural advancements. As a consequent ripple effect, communities will benefit from increased economic opportunities and a higher quality of life.

Environmentally, the project will mitigate carbon emissions by increasing the country's reliance on solar power. With a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, air quality will improve, protecting human health, preserving ecosystems, and countering climate change. Less dependence on fossil fuels will also serve to conserve finite resources for future generations.

In accordance with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the project aligns with the following objectives:

- SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy: Ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services.
- SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth: Promoting inclusive economic growth, productive employment, and decent work for all.
- SDG 13 Climate Action: Taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Overall, the Grid-Connected Solar PV Project in Santo Domingo Este will stimulate economic growth, improve social well-being, and yield substantial environmental advantages by harnessing the power of renewable solar energy.

A.5. Other relevant information to help stakeholders understand the project





SECTION B. INVITATIONS MADE TO STAKEHOLDERS

B.1. Invitation tracking table

Cate gory Cod e	Stakeholder Type/Organisation (if relevant)	Name of invitee	Male/ Femal e	Metho d of invitat ion	Date of invitation (>30 days before Meeting)
	Community/ Local People	Alanna Esther Lopez Vicente	Female	Email	14.03.23
	Community/ Local People	Adolfina Mendez	Female	Email	14.03.23
	Community/ Local People	Nancy M. de Gracia	Female	Email	14.03.23
	Community/ Local People	Pedro J. Cedano	Male	Email	14.03.23
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	Community/ Local People	Julio Pimentel	Male	Email	14.03.23
	Community/ Local People	Wellington Almonte	Male	Email	14.03.23
	Community/ Local People	Wanda Paulino	Female	Email	14.03.23
	Community/ Local People	Yamelis Rodriguez	Female	Email	14.03.23
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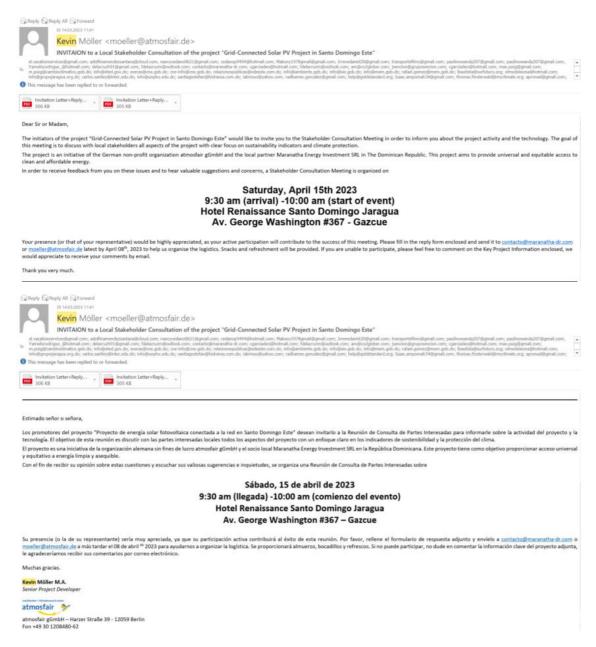
B.1.1. Appropriateness of methods

Email invitations were sent out before the Stakeholder Consultation Meeting to the community. The invitations were translated into the local language, they were sent out in both English and Spanish.

B.1.2. Gender Sensitivity

From the start of the project gender sensitivity have been taken into consideration. Community meetings with women leaders and stakeholders have been conducted by the project partner onsite. This was also taken consideration while sending invitations for the local stakeholder consultation, and they actively participated in the physical meeting of the LSC.

B.1.3. Evidence proving invites took place as stated



B.1.4. Sample content of invites (for each Method above)

See Section B 1.3. as sample of invitation via Email. Email invitations were sent with an invitation letter in both in English and Spanish, Key Project Information with non-technical summary of the project and reply form for stakeholders to confirm filling out (sample shown below(i)). In addition, it was announced in the newspaper (ii).

(i)



(ii)



B.1.5. Description of other Means and methods to provide feedback for those who are not able to join the consultation meeting

atmosfair gGmbH facilitated feedback by providing the Key Project Information and the email contact of the project manager for those who could not attend the physical meeting.

SECTION C. REPORT OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

C.1. Date of Meeting

Date & time 15/04/2023 @ 10am

Location Hotel Renaissance, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

C.1.1. Justification of why consultation took place after the project start date (retroactive projects only)

The project start date is the earliest date on which the project developer has committed to expenditures related to the implementation of the project. On May 22nd, 2022, the EPC contract was signed. This is considered the project start date. Although the project implementation started much later after that date. Nevertheless, prior to the official Gold Standard stakeholder consultation taking place the community has already been involved and consulted in the design of the project. The stakeholders' feedback during the LSC has been carefully considered but there were no comments that lead to changes in design or implementation.

C.1.1. List of participants



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C.1.2. Pictures from the physical meeting(s) (best practice)



Presentation of the project by the project partner



Participants giving their feedback



Some of the local stakeholders with the project partner

C.2. Minutes of physical meeting(s)

At the beginning of the meeting, the meeting agenda was shown and the key points to get out of this consultation were explained.

An introduction to atmosfair was then presented explaining the history of atmosfair as well as the way it works. An example was given that a flight from Berlin to Santo Domingo would emit 4 tonnes of CO2 per person, atmosfair would allow persons to compensate these emissions by them paying 92 USD, which would directly support climate protection projects using renewable energy technologies such as this Solar PV project. In addition, how the Gold Standard and how it certifies projects was also mentioned in simple terms.

Next an introduction to Maranatha was given and then the technologies used in the project was explained along with a timeline of the project and its phases along with the benefits of turning from fossil fuels as an energy source to renewable energies.

The floor was opened for questions and discussions.

Questions and Comments:

Esther Lopez (F)

1. What are the resources that will be used to mobilize the climate education that is going to be given to children during the construction process?

2. Was the educational community involved during the process?

Response (R):

The Nueva Jerusalén Community is already aware of the park's development. Mylan Rodríguez will be on the side of social development (May 2023 - August 2024). In the same way, printed informative material with high visual content will be produced during the development of the park. The learning process will be done in stages.

Maria Gomez (F)

- 1. To whom will the products received from the greenhouse be directed?
- 2. Will they be imported or exported?

R:

It is a pioneering project, so we will first evaluate by observation, and it will be decided if it goes to the planters or to the surrounding community, depending on the size of the harvest. These are 2 schemes available. Maranatha never thinks to export the products of the greenhouse, they will be for local use only.

Olmedo León (M)

Sociedad Ecológica del Cibao, Santiago. 47 years old.

He insists that production be organic, for the good of the consumer. He also wants to have an education not only for schools, but in more informal and extended segments (e.g., housewives, etc.).

R:

If you are part of the community or interested in the project, you can be a part of it. The point is that the DR complements each other at the ecological level.

In this section feedback was generated, likely impacts of the projects were discussed and the participants were asked according to their opinion which were the negative or positive impacts

María Gomez (F)

Positive impacts:

Water, climate, energy, environment.

Negative impacts:

Corruption is the most notable aspect.

Mylan's comments:

You're right María, I also consider that water, environment, rights, gender equality, climate, energy and economy are positive impacts of the project, and corruption is the most notable negative aspect because, sadly, we know that in developing countries

there is a higher presence of corruption, so we must fight every day to avoid it.

[break]

After the break, the likely contributions to SDGs were explained, indicating which SDGs will be monitored. Participants where shown all the SDGs and asked if they think any additional SDGs should be monitored. Then the grievance mechanism and contact details were explained. The participants were then asked if they have any more questions or comments

Remaining Questions & Comments:

Enrique de León (M)

Part of an organization that combats climate change. It currently sponsors the 100% renewable RD platform, in pursuit of bringing renewable energy to homes.

- 1. How does the community participate in the project?
- 2. What involvement will you have in aspects of remuneration and compensation?
- 3. How will you participate in employment?
- 4. Who are the owners and workers of the greenhouse?
- 5. What will be produced and for which market: local or international?
- 6. Does the solar farm have a contract?
- 7. When will the project be generating electricity?

R:

The community will be 100% involved in the project. Vacancies will be issued for the Nueva Jerusalén community and Ciudad Juan Bosch. The greenhouses will be associated with the labor sphere. The owner will be Maranatha and the workers will be people from the nearby communities. It will all be produced for the local market. Yes, the photovoltaic park has a PPA contract for 25 years. The first phase should be ready in September of the current year.

Maranatha will use 900 m2 of land for the photovoltaic greenhouses.

Esther Lopez (F)

The procedure of the grievance mechanism is good, however, I suggest including one section for suggestions so that all the stakeholders can bring new ideas, for positive feedback.

As a recent graduate in Education, I consider that it is very favorable to involve the school population from the beginning of the project, since it is a developing rural community. You can create, through education, some kind of free word-of-mouth

advertising to involve more people.

Maranatha Educational should start from the beginning of the project.

R:

Ms. Lopez, thank you so much for your participation and comments, we will take them into consideration concerning the suggestion section. We will of course involve all the school population of the zone, including the Ciudad Juan Bosch School and the schools in Nueva Jerusalén, considering all levels, primary, secondary school, and universities such as INTEC, whose representative is present, Mr. Miguel Aslan.

C.2.1. Minutes of other consultations

N/A (There's no other consultation).

C.3. Assessment of comments from all consultations above

Gende r of Stakeh older	Stakeholder comment	Was comment taken into account (Yes/ No)?	Explanation/ Justification (Why? How?)
F	What are the resources that will be used to mobilize the climate education that is going to be given to children during the construction process? Was the educational community involved during the process?	Yes	The Nueva Jerusalén Community is already aware of the park's development. Mylan Rodríguez will be on the side of social development (May 2023 - August 2024). In the same way, printed informative material with high visual content will be produced during the development of the park. The learning process will be done in stages.
F	The products from the solar green house will be directed to whom?	Yes	It is a pioneering project, so we will first evaluate by observation, and it will be decided if it goes to the planters or to the surrounding community, depending on the size of the harvest. They will be for local use only.

М	The education side of this project should not only be for schools but also for other segments of the community.	Yes	Anyone who is part of the community or interested in the project, can be a part of it. The point is that the Dominican Republic complements each other at the ecological level.
М	The production from the greenhouse should be organic, for the good of the consumer	No	As this is a pioneering project. The farming process will be under observation and trials before fixing on a certain source.
F	A negative impact of the project could be corruption	Yes	The possibility for corruption is there and therefore we must all fight it every day through monitoring and involving the community every step of the way.
F	The grievance mechanism should also include suggestions for stakeholders to bring new ideas	Yes	The grievance book and the contact info given will be open for all suggestions from the community not only grievances.
F	Schools should be involved in the project	Yes	Schools in the area will be involved including the Ciudad Juan Bosch School and the schools in Nueva Jerusalén, considering all levels, primary, secondary school, and universities such as INTEC

C.3.1. Evaluation forms (best practice)

Please find below 6 representative samples of written evaluation form in English. Evaluation forms have been translated into English. The original forms are in Spanish and can be found in the Annex I.

Name	Hector Gonzales
Gender - Male/Female:	Male
What is your impression of the	The meeting has been very educational; I think other
meeting?	projects should use this mechanism.
What do you like about the	The positive impacts on the environment and the
project?	community of neighbors.

What do you not like about the	I see the project as very positive, therefore I like it.
project?	
Signature	[signed]

Name	Jorge Acevedo
Gender – Male/Female:	Male
What is your impression of the	Quite Informative, I was impressed with the ideas
meeting?	presented.
What do you like about the	That will reduce the impact of co2 in the Dominican
project?	Republic.
What do you not like about the	-
project?	
Signature	[signed]

Name	Gilberto
Gender - Male/Female:	Male
What is your impression of the	Good project because it stops emitting co2 and creates
meeting?	benefits for the community.
What do you like about the	The benefits for the community and the planet.
project?	
What do you not like about the	That the benefits are not so extensive for the
project?	community could be better.
Signature	[signed]

Name	Esther Lopez
Gender – Male/Female:	Female
What is your impression of the	This meeting from my perspective was very constructive
meeting?	based on the interaction of the parties, especially the
	issues relevant to the development of the project. Very
	good!
What do you like about the	Apart from the ecological footprint that it promotes, I
project?	like that it involves the community and promotes the development of the entire area in different areas.

What do you not like about the	It has little publicity at the local level, a project of this
project?	magnitude cannot be left to colloquial dissemination
	alone.
Signature	[signed]

Name	Nancy
Gender – Male/Female:	Female
What is your impression of the	Interesting, well explained.
meeting?	
What do you like about the	There will be jobs.
project?	
What do you not like about the	We will not have green areas, but I understand that it is
project?	compensated by the greenhouses.
Signature	[signed]

Name	Maria Gomez
Gender – Male/Female:	Female
What is your impression of the	I found it informative, developed and very clear.
meeting?	
What do you like about the	The positive impacts, as a community, will be educational and environmentally satisfactory.
project?	and environmentally satisfactory.
What do you not like about the	Housewives who do not have a college degree should be considered.
project?	considered.
Signature	[signed]

C.1. Summary of alterations based on comments

N/A

SECTION D. CONTINUOUS INPUT / GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

	Method Chosen (include all known details e.g. location of the book, phone, number, identity of mediator)	Justification of Choice (best practice)
Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book (mandatory)	a book for grievance expression will be placed in the Maranatha office	made available at the Maranatha office, checked regularly by Maranatha and atmosfair
GS Contact (mandatory)	help@goldstandard.org	
Telephone access (optional)	Maranatha Energy Investment SRL: Mr. David Rodriguez Phone: +1 829 221 8383	comments received via phone calls will be registered in grievance expression book
Internet/email access (optional)	Maranatha Energy Investment SRL: Mr. David Rodriguez contacto@maranatha- dr.com atmosfair: Mr. Mohamed El Maghraby maghraby@atmosfair.de	comments received by email will be registered in grievance expression book
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Other	-	-

SECTION E. STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK ROUND

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with a physical meeting integrated into the SFR.	

E.1. Length of the Feedback Round

Stakeholder Feedback Round		Planned	Actual
Start Date	15/06/2023		
End Date	15/07/2023		

E.2. Summarise how all stakeholders were/will be invited to provide feedback

Attendees of the physical meeting as well as stakeholders who could not attend the meeting will be informed via email.

E.3. Summarise Feedback received, including if any changes in project design were made

N/A

Revision History

Version	Date	Remarks
1.2	5 May 2022	Addition of grouped consultation info, preliminary agenda and section to justify retroactive consultation took place. Minor edits to text.
1.1	14 October 2020	Inclusion of Key Project Information Restructure, new headings and reorder to better match the steps a developer will follow in consultations. Removal of some non-mandatory template tables (Blind Sustainable Development Assessment). Clarification of best practice steps that are non mandatory processes, clarification of mandatory discussion points. Clarification regarding publishing names and that original evaluation forms (optional) and attendance lists (mandatory) should be separate documents. Improved clarity on Stakeholder Feedback round section and procedures for retroactive projects Provision of an accompanying Guide to help the user understand detailed rules and requirements
1.0	14 August 2017	Initial adoption

ANNEX I – Evaluation Form (Original documents)

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