

## **SUMMARY OF THE LOCAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING IN NIGERIA CONDUCTED BETWEEN 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 AND 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Effective Climate Solutions 1 FZCO ("ECCS1") and its affiliates are inviting stakeholders to review the outcomes of the Local Stakeholder Consultations that took place from 14<sup>th</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025 in Oyo, Kwara and Osun states - Nigeria. During the stakeholder meetings, Effective Climate Solutions 1 FZCO ("ECCS1") and its affiliates introduced its clean cookstove Voluntary Carbon Project Activities which entails dissemination of highly efficient improved cookstoves in Federal Republic of Nigeria. The Voluntary Project Activities (VPAs) are included under the Gold Standard Programme of Activities (PoA), 'Effective Clean Cooking Biomass Solutions Program for Africa'

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS:**

#### **Registration:**

Participants arrived and were asked to sign the attendance list. Participants attending through Zoom Link for the Meeting registered online to access the meeting.

#### **Welcome Remarks:**

Participants in person were welcomed by Effective Climate Solutions 1 FZCO ("ECCS1") team leaders, for all the meetings. Introductions of the present participants were done for both the physical Meetings and the those who had joined online. The purpose of the meeting and the agenda were explained to the audience.

#### **Project Presentation:**

Effective Climate Solutions 1 FZCO ("ECCS1") and its affiliates started the presentation by explaining the project in detail; they presented the main goals of the program and its benefits for the local communities, as well as the ICS technology involved in the project. They also took time to remind the stakeholders about climate change and its causes, and they briefly explained the theory of the carbon credits, carbon markets and the development of carbon projects. ECCS1 and its appointed affiliates took some time to explain carefully to the stakeholders that the transfer of rights to the carbon credits generated using the stoves would be transferred to ECCS1 as the Coordinating Management Entity of the entire project. The carbon waiver was demonstrated to be on the strap that wraps the stove box, and the Paper Strip on the Opening of the Stove Box and by the end

user cutting this strap/strip, they would be waiving their claims to any Verified Emission reductions generated using that stove. The purpose for this and the way in which ECCS1 would use the revenues from the sale of the carbon credits was explained clearly in the presentation during the LSC meeting.

### **Questions and answers session:**

Stakeholders raised many questions about the price of the ICS and its quality, as well as the expected timeline for the project and the distribution plans. They expressed a lot of interest in the involvement of the communities and more particularly the involvement of women. Stakeholders also highlighted the importance of ensuring the stoves reach the Urban Parts of Nigeria at an affordable price and how to reach to organized Women Groups in the Urban Parts and how they can pay in small amounts on monthly basis. All these questions and comments were fully and satisfactorily answered by the project proponents.

### **Presentation of the Safeguarding Principles and Sustainability assessment of the project:**

ECCS1 and its appointed affiliates explained the project's Safeguarding Principles and their assessment. The stakeholders were continuously consulted for feedback and comments, as an open discussion. The meeting continued with a presentation of the SDGs, and on the positive impacts of the project on a few specific SDGs. Participants agreed with the assessment and did not have further comments. ECCS1 and its appointed affiliates presented the grievance mechanism as well as how the sustainable development impacts will be monitored.

### **Closure of the meeting:**

The evaluation forms were then distributed to the participants. The team expressed its appreciation to all participants who attended the meeting and who offered many constructive suggestions. The meeting closed with a demonstration with the Ecoa stoves.

### **COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

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| Gender of Stakeholder | Stakeholder comment  | Was comment taken into account (Yes/ No)? | Explanation (Why? How?)   |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| F                     | Do you offer repairs, and will the customer pay for the repair services? | Yes                                       | Repairs for damaged stoves will be offered by Ecoa Climate Capital. Stoves within Warranty will get free repair service while out of warranty repairs are done at a low cost.   |
| M                     | How can become a distributor?  | YES                                       | Yes,  |
| M                     | Are you going to supply Charcoal to the End users?                       | YES                                       | No, the stoves will be provided at a subsidized price, enabling the user to save some cash to acquire the fuel. The annual savings are very great since the stove uses half the charcoal as compared to traditional charcoal stoves.  |
| M                     | How will the Community benefit from the sale of Carbon Credits.          | Yes                                       | There are a number of community benefits from this project as discussed in the Sustainable development goals section of this meeting. The top 3 benefits would be but not limited to: (1) Savings on charcoal expenditure by use of a more fuel-efficient stove (2) more affordable cookstove (3) There are employment opportunities from the sales and marketing of the stoves |

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| M                            | Ecoa stoves uses charcoal and firewood which means that trees are cut down and this contributes to deforestation. How is Project different from other methods in terms of impacts on the environment? | Yes  | The purpose of the project is to reduce the use of woody biomass for cooking. The Ecoa stoves were not designed to eliminate the use of woody biomass for cooking but meant to reduce the amount of woody biomass for cooking. This is still a big environmental benefit when you compare the highly inefficient charcoal stoves commonly used in Nigeria (Traditional firewood stove and three stone fire) that consume a lot more firewood for similar cooking events as the Ecoa wood stove. |
| F                            | Do you have commercial and institutional stoves?  | Yes  | Although Effective Climate Solutions will be focusing on the Domestic stoves for Carbon project. Commercial and institutional stoves are currently not part of this project. If introduced in future this will be communicated.   |
| M                            | Do you have plans to partner with other Organizations like Ministry of Environment?   | Yes  | Yes, Effective Climate Solutions and Ecoa climate Capital do partner with other Organizations and would be much willing to do to ensure Households have access to clean cooking solutions.  |

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| M                            | Will the stoves be available on credit? | YES  | Ecoa Char for the AIM project will be available at Cash sales only, However the customer can purchase from our approved distributors with Nigeria under B2B sales channel and these will not be under Carbon project.   |
| M                            | How do you clean it?                    | YES  | To clean Ecoa Stove, Use a damp piece of clothe to wipe immediately after cooking. Do not use scotch broth , steel wool or dip in running tap water.  |
| F                            | How do you light the stove?             | YES  | To light Ecoa Char stove, remove the ash tray, place small pieces of Charcoal on the grate, then use a piece of paper folded into strip like, put it on the ash tray door, light it from there, add more paper if the first one is finished. Once the first charcoal is lit, add more charcoal till the stove is $\frac{3}{4}$ full, allow it light by itself, In 3 minutes the whole charcoal will be red hot, place your cooking pot, return the ash tray into place and start cooking. |

**SUMMARY OF THE ASSESSMENT OF SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES**

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It was explained during the meeting that the aim of the project is to disseminate highly efficient clean cookstoves that would reduce the amount of charcoal and firewood used by households. By this, the project would have positive social, economic, and environmental impacts. The project will follow all safeguarding principles as described in the table below

| <b>Safeguarding Principle</b>   | <b>Assessment</b>   |
|---|---|
| <b>Human Rights</b>   | The Project respects internationally proclaimed human rights and is not complicit in violence or human rights abuses of any kind as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The project will not discriminate with regards to participation and inclusion.  |
| <b>Gender Equality and Women's Rights</b>                                   | The project activity does not endorse any form of discrimination based on gender. The project will take into account gender roles and the abilities of women and men to participate in the decision/design of the project activity. It will be ensured that both women/women association and men will be invited to the stakeholder consultation so that a representative number of stakeholders of both genders will be present at the local stakeholder consultation meeting. |
| <b>Community Health, Safety and Working Conditions</b>                      | The project will not expose the community to increased health risks and is not adversely affecting the health of the workers and the community.   |
| <b>Cultural Heritage, Indigenous Peoples, Displacement and Resettlement</b> | The project activity will not have any negative impact on cultural heritage, indigenous people nor will it displace or resettle people.   |
| <b>Corruption</b>   | The Project doesn't involve, be complicit in or inadvertently   |

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|  | contribute to or reinforce corruption or corrupt Projects.  |
| <b>Economic Impacts</b>                  | The project will respect all labour rights. No negative economic consequences are expected from the project activity. On the contrary, it is expected that the project contributes to sustainable economic growth.  |
| <b>Climate and Energy</b>                | The project will reduce GHG emissions as will be monitored and verified in line with the carbon standard requirements   |
| <b>Water</b>                             | The project will not affect natural water patterns/flows or cause any additional erosion and/or water body instability.   |
| <b>Environment, ecology and land use</b> | The project will not have any negative impact on the environment and ecology and will not involve the use of land and soil for production of crops or other products. The release of particulate matters and carbon monoxide are significantly reduced by the introduction of improved (more efficient) cookstoves. |




The assessment process was interactive and participative. In the, stakeholders fully agreed with the assessment done by ECCS1 and its appointed affiliates.

### **SUMMARY OF SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT**

This Project is to contribute to different Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the following way:

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| SDGs  | Targets   | Proposed monitoring Indicator   |
|---|---|---|
|    | <p>1.4 By 2030, ensure that all men and women, the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance.</p> | <p>Monetary savings related to the purchase of charcoal</p> <p>Surveys will be carried out to check on the money spent for purchasing charcoal in the project scenario compared to the baseline scenario.</p>                         |
|   | <p>3.9 By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination.</p>   | <p>Perceived air quality</p> <p>Surveys will be carried out to check on the pollution-related inconveniences (such as smoke levels, itchy eyes and breathing problems) in the project scenario compared to the baseline scenario.</p> |
|  | <p>4.3 By 2030, substantially increase opportunities to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</p>  | <p>Number of people receiving skill development training</p>  |




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|  <p><b>5 GENDER EQUALITY</b></p>               | <p>5.4 By 2030, Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</p>   | <p>The design efficiencies of improved cookstoves allow for shorter mealtimes and reduce the frequency of fuel purchases. This then creates time savings, particularly for women and girls, who provide unrecognized labor associated with fuel collection and meal preparation, creating time that can be used for constructive activities of this group of beneficences training, or community engagement.</p> |
|  <p><b>7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</b></p> | <p>7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services.<br/>7.B By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, least developed countries, small island developing States, and land-locked developing countries, in accordance with their respective programmes of support</p> | <p>Number of sold/distributed ICS in use<br/>The total number of ICS sold/distributed is summed up in the database</p>   |

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| SDGs  | Targets   | Proposed monitoring Indicator   |
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|    | 8.5 By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.                 | Number of jobs created  |
|    | 13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.  | CO2 emission reductions achieved by the project activity  |
|  | 15.3 By 2030, Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss | <b>Reduction in firewood and charcoal.</b><br>Surveys and monitoring of firewood consumption trends in project households compared to baseline households to assess impact on forest resources. |

Stakeholders' sustainable development assessment was fully in line with ECCS1 assessment. In terms of the monitoring of the sustainable development indicators, the stakeholders did not have other comments or suggestions related to the monitoring of the sustainable development indicators. They agreed to proceed with the indicators selected by ECCS1.

## CONTACT US:

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|   | <b>Method Chosen (include all known details e.g. location of book, phone, number, identity of mediator)</b>       | <b>Justification of Choice (best practice)</b>  |
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| <b>Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book (mandatory)</b> | BURN STOVES NIGERIA LIMITED, Suite 10B JBS Plaza No. 375 Civic Centre Road, Opp. Yan Siminti, Kano State, Nigeria | The stakeholders were pleased to have an input book opened at the office in Kano. Complaints or any other concerns can be stated and will be filed directly at the head office. |
| <b>GS Contact (mandatory)</b>   | help@goldstandard.org   | Mandatory for Gold Standard Projects  |
| <b>Telephone access (optional)</b>                                      | +2347025006000  | The phone number of Nigerian office will be made known to all project beneficiaries   |
| <b>Internet/email access (optional)</b>                                 | BURN: info@burnmfg.com<br>Customercare.ng@burnmfg.com   | BURN's email address will be made known to all project beneficiaries  |

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