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Analysis of governance, land tenure and legal representation of collectively owned territories in REDD+ projects

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From: **Cercarbono's Voluntary Carbon Certification Programme.**

To: **REDD+ project developers.
Authorised Validation and Verification Bodies in Cercarbono.**

The Cercarbono voluntary carbon certification programme informs developers of REDD+ programmes and projects (CCMPs) to be implemented or in the formulation or validation stages (independent or joint) and VVBs authorised in our programme that REDD+ CCMPs aiming to register and validate climate change mitigation actions in collectively owned territories under our programme that, regardless of the Cercarbono's Protocol for Voluntary Carbon Certification and Cercarbono's REDD+ methodology in force, shall submit an analysis of governance, land tenure and legal representation of the collectively owned territories in which mitigation activities will take place.

This analysis shall be developed in an additional document and shall detail, with due support, the ownership of the territories, the governance structure that governs them, the scope and validity of the legal representation with respect to the community and the territories, as well as the scope of the mandate contract that may exist between the community(ies) involved and the CCMP developer. This document must be uploaded to the EcoRegistry platform along with the other documents of the formulation or validation (if the CCMP is already formulated).

This requirement shall be indispensable for the approval of REDD+ CCMPs on community lands at the formulation stage and beyond.

Thank you for your attention and compliance.

Yours sincerely,



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