

# Advanced and Indirect Mitigation (AIM) Platform

Meeting Minutes – July 31, 2024

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# The Advanced and Indirect Mitigation (AIM) Governing Committee

July 31, 2024 | 10:00AM – 12:00 PM US Eastern Time | GC Meeting #14

## **Attendees:**

### Governing Committee Members:

- Alexia Kelly (High Tide Foundation)
- Kai Nino Streicher (VCI/SustainCERT)
- Tim Juliani (WWF)
- Devon Lake (Meta)
- Peter Skovly (Maersk)

### Invited Observers:

- Brad Schallert (Winrock International)
- Candace Vinke (Verra)
- Laura Hutchinson (RMI)
- Mike Taptich (Amazon)
- Kristin Komives (ISEAL)

### AIM Organizers:

- Kim Carnahan (GMA)
- Owen Hewlett (GS)
- Verena Radulovic (C2ES)
- Clayton Gerber (GMA)
- Sam Pearl-Schwartz (GMA)

## **Notes/Substantive Discussion:**

### **Quick readout on the SBTi documents that were just published:**

- Discussion on how to contribute to an effective evidence base for SBTi
- Agreement within the GC that we need to create a review/update process with a clear feedback loop and improvement system

### **AIM Organizers then presented the feedback on AIM Criteria 2-6**

#### **Criterion 2:**

- Discussion around whether we need to clarify that there are different criteria for if you're using attributional vs consequential accounting?
  - o Resulted in a discussion by Kai, Owen, and Mike about how you can effectively integrate consequential accounting into an inventory, which could help solve this issue.
    - Need to come back to this, may make sense for Kai to present to the GC his work on this topics.
- General agreement that we could offer some worked examples in a hierarchy of pathways (e.g. minimum requirement, and recommendations).

#### **Criterion 3:**

- Most discussion focused on how to account for removals. General agreement that an emissions profile cannot go below zero, but you could have an emissions profile and removals together that go below zero.
  - o maybe instead of "can't account for negative emissions" we could frame it as "note removals separately in the context of an intervention profile"
    - this would align with GHGP LSRG
  - o Potentially clarifying around three concepts: net emissions, removals, emissions. interventions should come with all three numbers for transparency to facilitate accurate accounting and reporting.

#### **Criterion 4:**

- Discussion centered on whether we should change "ownership" to "right to report". General alignment to move towards this language, value in matching VCI language

#### **Criterion 5:**

- Limited discussion on this criterion. AIM organizers noted that they need to rewrite to make more clear, possibly by adopting more of VCIs language

**Criterion 6:**

- GC discussed whether there was a place for other additionality criteria. Some said yes, others no. Some said if yes, they should be applied at a program level
- GC did not come to complete alignment on how to approach non-enforced regulations. Preference within AIM organizers to only exclude regulations if they have no enforcement mechanism at all

**Next steps:**

- AIM organizers to continue going through comments for remaining criteria to discuss at next GC meeting