



# FCPF Program announcement

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Issue: Updates to the several FCPF normative documents and requirements

The FMT would like to announce the following revisions that were incorporated after socializing them with all FCPF ER Programs during a series of [webinars](#) that took place on August 25<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025:

- An **ER-MR template tool** was produced, socialized and made available on the FCPF website. The use of this tool is mandatory for all ER Programs, and it shall be used when preparing their monitoring reports.
- Based on the above, a new version of the **Monitoring Report template** (ER-MR) was published for non-High Forest Low Deforestation (HFLD) countries ([v 3.2](#)) and for HFLD countries ([v 3.2.1](#)). The use of this version is not required for ER Programs that have already submitted their ER-MR to the FMT for completeness check or for ER Programs currently ongoing validation/verification. Its use is mandatory for all other ER Programs.
- A new version of the **Buffer Guidelines** was published ([version 4.3](#)) to reflect the feedback received from ER Programs about the adjusted requirements for assessing risks of reversals. The six-month grace period granted to ER Programs for using previous versions of the Buffer Guidelines has officially ended. The use of version 4.3 is now mandatory for all ER Programs.
- A **Reversal Risk Assessment tool** was produced, socialized and made available on the FCPF [website](#). This tool shall be used when preparing the ER-MR. The use of this tool is not required for ER Programs that have already submitted their ER-MR to the FMT for completeness check or for ER Programs currently ongoing validation/verification. Its use is mandatory for all other ER Programs and the justifications and data sources shall be included in Annex 5 of the ER-MR.
- A new version of the **Validation and Verification Guidelines** was published ([version 2.8](#)). The updates reflect the latest ISO requirements. This version reflects the latest updates to the ISO requirements for Validation and Verification.
- A new version of the **Process Guidelines** was published ([version 6.4](#)). This version reflects the latest updates to the ISO requirements for Validation and Verification: ISO 14065:2020, ISO/IEC, 17029:2019, ISO 14064-3:2019, ISO 14066:2023, and IAF MD6:2024.

Thank you  
**The FMT**