



# 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:

- A **GAP Validation report template** was made available on the FCPF website and FCPF Microsite to VVBs and Programs that are currently involved in a GAP Validation assessment.
- A new version of the **Validation and Verification Guidelines** was published (version 2.7) to include references to the GAP Validation assessment and to add provisions and guidance on material or non-material misstatements found by the ER Programs after the issuance of the validation/verification statements (a.k.a methodological deviations). This version is applicable to all ongoing Validations and Verifications. No actions are expected from any of the ER Programs that have not reported a Methodological Deviation at this time.
- A new version of the **Glossary of Terms** was published (version 2.3). In this version the term “pooled reversal buffer” was updated to reflect the latest version of the Buffer Guidelines. Also, the term “reversal buffer” was removed.
- The **Process Guidelines** were also updated to reflect the following changes/additions (Version 6.2):
  - Section 7.5.2 has been updated to align the buffer related dispositions with the latest version of the Buffer Guidelines.
  - Paragraph 53 has been added to include provisions that allow ER Programs report updates to their validated monitoring approach,
  - Paragraphs 60 and 66 were added to reflect the process for separately labelling removals.
  - Paragraph 20 was added to clarify the applicability of different versions of Templates and FCPF Guidelines. This section clarifies that versions of Templates and Guidelines use an x.y.z format. Major revisions (x) need CFP approval and apply to all ER Programs including those with undergoing Verifications. Minor revisions (y) do not require CFP approval but are also mandatory to all ER Programs including undergoing Verifications. Specific revisions (z) are for particular ER Programs and their use is voluntary for on-gong Verifications. *For example, Version 3.1.1 of the Monitoring Report Template includes a specific revision tailored for a particular ER Program. This revision is voluntary for other ER programs with undergoing assessments.*



- A new version of the **Monitoring Report Template** was published (version 3.1.1). This version has been revised to reflect the following provisions:
  - The frontpage table and Sections 7 and 8 have been revised to reflect the provisions of the Buffer Guidelines version 4.2
  - Section 1.3 has been included to allow the reporting of approved material or non-material methodological deviations
  - Section 2.2 has been included to allow ER Programs to report any updates to the validated monitoring plan
- A new version of the **Verification Report Template** (Version 1.4.1) was published to allow VVB report on their assessment of Methodological Deviations.

Finally, a new notification system has been implemented on the FCPF website to automatically inform ER Programs, VVBs, and other relevant stakeholders about updates to the FCPF Requirements and Guidance. Stakeholders will also receive notifications whenever a Program Announcement is published on the website, or when there are events or critical information that needs to be shared with interested parties. If you wish to be part of the notification system, please contact Catalina Becerra ( [m.becerraleal@worldbank.org](mailto:m.becerraleal@worldbank.org) )

Thank you  
**The FMT**