



International
Carbon
Registry

Program Advisory and Methodology
Approval Panel (PAMAP)

Summary

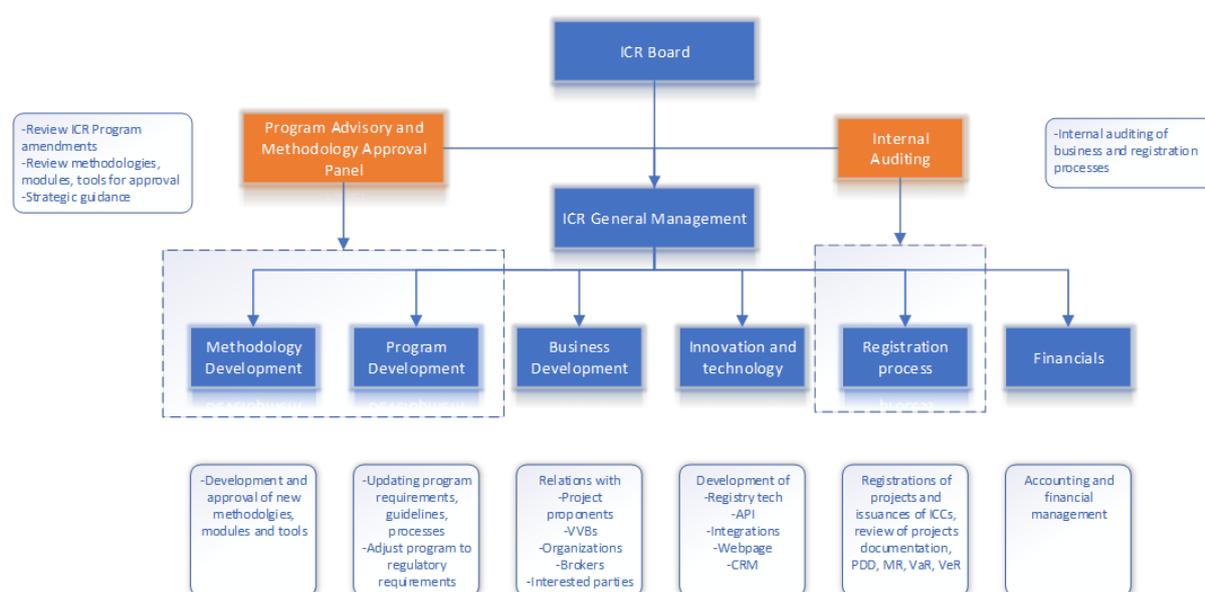
ICR serves as a framework for climate projects of any sizes where environmental integrity is promoted with credibility, consistency and transparency of quantification, monitoring, reporting, validation, and verification

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Introduction

The International Carbon Registry (ICR) is a voluntary climate action initiative promoting effectiveness in climate financing while safeguarding environmental integrity. ICR sets out requirements for climate action projects and delivers a platform for registration and issuances of tradable carbon credits, allowing organizations to offset or directly list carbon credits for sale on an exchange in a transparent and publicly accessible manner.

The purpose of this document is to structure how technical input from the members of the Program Advisory and Methodology Approval Panel (PAMAP) is delivered to the ICR Board, specify what task to be provided, governance the structure of work, as well as the set competence criteria for members of the PAMAP.



ICR Program Advisory and Methodology Approval Panel

The PAMAP is a group of carefully selected and highly competent technical experts on climate solutions and carbon markets which provide consultation and advisory to the ICR for its operations to ensure maintenance and operation of a transparent and trustworthy GHG Program that is effective and efficient for all users and stakeholders.

The PAMAP functions are to provide the ICR with guidance and recommendation through consultation on strategic direction and development of the ICR Program and provide the ICR Board with recommendations on approval of new methodologies, modules, and tools. The roles of the PAMAP are:

- Provide advice on enhancements and strategic direction of the ICR Program and its procedures.
- Review processes related to registration of climate projects and issuance of carbon credits.
- Review and provide advice to draft documentation regarding the establishment, revision, or withdrawal of requirements, operational guidelines, and clarifications for climate projects to register and issue carbon credits.
- Review and provide advice to draft documentation for revisions for methodological requirements for climate project activities;

- Provide advice and recommendations to ICR regarding need and priority areas for revisions and amendments to requirements, operational guidelines, procedures, etc., for the operation of the ICR Program.
- Provide insight into the needs of stakeholders.

Attributes of members of the PAMAP

The PAMAP consists of 3 – 5 technical experts, referred to as members. Members shall possess strong knowledge about the ISO 14060 family of standards, GHG program procedures, including the development of projects, application and development of methodologies, modules, and tools, and the responsibilities of validation/verification bodies. They shall be familiar with trends in carbon market dynamics, e.g., policies, organizational demand, and the market mechanism. Members can be project proponents, users of carbon credits, organizations, and auditors.

Procedures of the PAMAP

PAMAP operates under the guidance of the ICR Board. General management operates further under the guidance of the ICR Board regarding activities that are under the ICR Board's responsibility.

Membership to the PAMAP is open for application thereof, and members are selected from a roster of applications. The ICR Board is responsible for selecting members of the PAMAP and shall promote gender and regional balance. The ICR Board shall appoint members with a due account from a recommendation from ICR General management. Members of the PAMAP shall adhere to confidentiality and conflict of interest policy. Membership application for PAMAP is published on the ICR website.

The appointment of PAMAP members occurs triennial, and the term is three years. The term can be extended if consensus on extension is met within the PAMAP and the ICR Board.

The members of the PAMAP shall elect a chair. The chair is elected yearly.

The ICR General management assesses issues for review by the PAMAP and ensures that members are provided with documentation promptly for consideration. The PAMAP may nominate sectoral experts in which the ICR General management shall establish and maintain a roster. The sectoral experts may be invited to assess specific issues that may be disclosed to the PAMAP.

All PAMAP meetings are held quarterly electronically, which the general management arranges with a minimum of 2 weeks' notice in consultation with members. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, they may nominate a representative to participate in their absence, subject to approval from other members.

Members may be required to spend up to two hours preparing for conference calls, including, inter alia, reviewing proposed revisions and amendments to ICR Program, as well as 2-3 hours attending each meeting.

For methodology review, members may be required to spend 1-2 days reviewing proposals for approval of methodologies. Members may also be requested to review methodology concept notes.

General management is responsible for organizing and facilitating meetings, preparing and disseminating agendas and minutes, developing any draft updates to ICR Program requirements, processes, and operational guidelines, and managing for review by the PAMAP.

The chair shall organize and host each meeting of the PAMAP. Meeting agenda shall include:

1. Revisions to ICR Program
2. Methodologies, modules, tools, and revisions for review and assessment
3. Strategic direction
4. Updates on markets

Whenever possible, the PAMAP shall strive to reach a consensus on issues discussed, and members shall moderate discussions and facilitate consensus by doing so. If consensus is not reached, the differentiating opinions shall be reflected in minutes and/or reports.

All recommendations by the PAMAP shall be made publicly available unless the Board decides otherwise, e.g., due to confidentiality.

Recommendations by the PAMAP shall be disclosed to the ICR Board no less than two weeks before deliberation, and decisions regarding the respective proposition can be made by the Board.

All documentation and meetings of the PAMAP are to be written or held in English.

Considering the demand of the respective area of work, the ICR Board may place the panel in abeyance at any time.

Before providing any review or advisory concerning revisions of documentation or a proposal for new methodologies or revisions, members shall inform ICR that they have no conflict of interest with respect to the review.

Methodology Approval

The General management shall prepare all relevant documentation on the proposed new methodology to the PAMAP for which ICR has completed completeness review, taking into account the comments received from stakeholder consultation, using the ICR New Methodology Proposal form.

The PAMAP shall consider the proposal of new methodology, accompanying validation report for conformity to ISO 14064-2 and validated PDD if available, and prepare a draft recommendation to the ICR Board. The PAMAP shall assess conformity to the ICR Methodology Requirements and the Principles outlined in section 2 in the ICR Methodology Requirements following the ICR Methodology Process. The PAMAP shall make every effort to conclude its consideration and finalize the recommendation as soon as practically possible. The recommendation to the Board shall be to:

- Approve the proposed new methodology; or
- Reject the proposed new methodology.

Revisions to ICR Program

The General management shall prepare and provide all relevant documentation concerning the drafted amendments and proposed revisions of the ICR Programs operational documentation to the PAMAP.

The PAMAP shall consider the proposal for conformity to the Principles and consistency within carbon markets and prepare comments and recommendations to the ICR Board. The PAMAP shall make every effort to conclude its consideration and finalize comments and recommendations as soon as practically possible.