



ART Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2025

ART Board members: W. Bumpers, C. Nobre, J. Verdieck, L. Ruiz, P. Dolma Sherpa, P. Umunay, R. Fosuah Adjei, C. Voigt (virtual)

ART Secretariat: C. Magerkurth, M. Grady, J. Paltseva, L. Madrid, M. Weisse (virtual)

ART Board members held an annual in-person meeting in September 2025. Topics discussed included: ART Participant updates; ART operations updates; TREES 3.0 revision timeline; TREES Validation and Verification Standard review process; Beyond Carbon Benefits review timeline; and Board meeting schedule.

1. Welcome and Agenda

INFORMATION

The Board Chair welcomed the Board members and the Secretariat to the meeting, and the Secretariat previewed the meeting agenda.

2. ART Participants Updates

INFORMATION

The Secretariat provided a comprehensive overview of the pipeline of Programs registered under ART, and shared updates on progress from various Participants.

DISCUSSION

- The Board asked clarifying questions about some of the Participant updates in the Board Book and in the presentation.
- The Board discussed current trends among Participants, including international social and political changes and their effects on TREES participation; national vs. subnational accounting; IPLC-led vs. government-led stakeholder consultations; nesting frameworks; forest data interpolation; demand for JREDD+ credits; and the spread of misinformation.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Action item: The Secretariat will create a separate section in future Board Books for the participants that are under active validation and verification; and separate remaining participants by where they are in the pipeline.

3. ART Operations Updates

INFORMATION

The Secretariat shared staffing and communications updates, and showcased efforts to implement new standard operating procedures, streamline the validation and verification process, and provide TREES trainings for VVBs and TA providers. The Secretariat presented updates on relevant market initiatives such as FCPF, ISFL, ICVCM, and TFFF. Lastly, the Secretariat provided an update on its current finances and funding outlook.

DISCUSSION

- The Board requested clarification on how FCPF credits would be reissued on the ART Registry.
- The Board asked clarifying questions regarding CORSIA's Phase 2 approval process.
- The Board discussed double counting between JREDD and TFFF, and whether the two frameworks are complementary or duplicative.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Action item: The Secretariat will develop communications in the lead-up to COP on the benefits of JREDD as a complement to the TFFF.

4. TREES 3.0 Update

INFORMATION

The Secretariat provided an update on the TREES 3.0 public comment period and the proposed TREES Validation and Verification Standard review process.

DISCUSSION

- The Board discussed whether the TREES 3.0 public comment period should be extended.
- The Board asked questions on the revisions process for the TREES Validation and Verification Standard.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Action item: The Secretariat will extend the TREES 3.0 public comment period to October 1st.

5. Beyond Carbon Benefits Certification Update

INFORMATION

The Secretariat presented an overview of the public comments received for the Beyond Carbon Benefits Certification and reviewed the timeline for finalizing and publicizing the Certification.



DISCUSSION

- The Board asked clarifying questions regarding how BCB would be reflected on the Registry for the certified TREES credits, and discussed their perceptions of how this label would affect the demand for and price of those credits.
- The Board discussed whether to change the level of effort required by the BCB certification, and if so, how best to do so.

6. ART Board Succession Planning and Meeting Scheduling

INFORMATION

The Secretariat requested suggestions for future Board members and rotations for current Board members.

DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Action item: The Secretariat will send a Doodle poll to the Board to help determine the date of the next meeting.

7. Wrap up and Next Steps

INFORMATION

The Board Chair thanked the Secretariat and concluded the meeting.