

Invitation – Grouped Local Stakeholder Consultation (LSC)

Project “Transforming Coffee Production Systems with Agroforestry to Store Carbon, Regenerate Ecosystems, and Improve Farmer Livelihoods in Mantiqueira de Minas, Brazil” under the PoA “Global Syntropic Agroforestry Program” (GS 13053)

Dear stakeholder,

GrowGrounds ApS (GG) – a Danish impact-driven start-up focused on reducing the negative CO₂ impact of coffee and supporting farmers in transitioning away from coffee monoculture toward syntropic agroforestry systems – would like to invite all stakeholders to a Local Stakeholder Consultation (LSC) for the project “Transforming Coffee Production Systems with Agroforestry to Store Carbon, Regenerate Ecosystems, and Improve Farmer Livelihoods in Mantiqueira de Minas, Brazil”.

The project aims to support coffee farmers in transitioning from full-sun monoculture coffee systems to diversified syntropic agroforestry systems, promoting:

- carbon sequestration and the generation of Gold Standard certified carbon credits;
- improvement of soil health and water regulation;
- strengthening of biodiversity and habitat connectivity;
- increased climate resilience and improved farmer livelihoods.

The project will be certified as a Carbon Project under the Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG), within the framework of a Programme of Activities (PoA). This grouped local consultation is valid both for the first project (real case VPA) and for future VPAs that may be developed in these municipalities under the same PoA, in accordance with Gold Standard requirements.

We invite all stakeholders, including coffee farmers, cooperatives, civil society organizations, women’s groups, research institutions, public authorities and other members of the local community, to participate in the consultation.

 Date: 12 March 2026

 Time: 14:30 to 18:00

 Location: Cocarive Café – Regional Cooperative of Coffee Growers of the Rio Verde Valley, Rua João Nogueira, 92 - Novo Horizonte, Carmo de Minas - MG, ZIP Code: 37472-000

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 Online participation: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/33238780570921?p=0vDogpBg27IXaDFoLS>

Meeting ID: 332 387 805 709 21

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Attached you will find a Non-Technical Summary of the project. If you have any questions or would like further details and information about the project before the consultation, please send an email to Christina Singh, Chief Operations Officer of GrowGrounds, at christina@growgrounds.org, or call / send a WhatsApp message to +45 41760744.

Please also use these contact details to submit your comments if you are unable to attend the stakeholder meeting. The LSC agenda can be found below.

AGENDA

- Reception – Participant registration (14:30)
- Introduction and project presentation (15:00)
- Questions and comments on the project (15:45)
- Project safeguarding principles (16:30)
- Project sustainability assessment (16:45)
- Discussion on the grievance mechanism and monitoring of sustainable development impacts (17:30)
- Evaluation forms and closing of the meeting (18:00)

Christina Singh

Sincerely,