

Grouped Local Stakeholder Consultation for the certification of the project “Syntropic Agroforestry Coffee Project in São Francisco de Paula and Camacho municipalities, Minas Gerais, Brazil” under the PoA “Global Syntropic Agroforestry Program”

Dear stakeholder,

GrowGrounds ApS (GG) – a Danish-based impact-driven start-up that is focused to decrease coffee’s negative CO₂ impact and helps farmers to move away from monoculture coffee farming to syntropic agroforestry systems - would like to invite all interested stakeholders to the a Local Stakeholder Consultation (LSC) for the project **“Syntropic Agroforestry Coffee Project in São Francisco de Paula, Camacho and Candeias municipalities, Minas Gerais, Brazil”**¹. The project converts up to 500 ha in total area of full-sun monoculture coffee plantations with different coffee farmers scattered across the 3 municipalities into diverse agroforestry systems following syntropic farming principles. In this context a Local Stakeholder Public Consultation will be carried out for all local, affected and interested stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, women groups, research institutes and organizations/individuals working on topics related to the project activity, policy makers on a national and district level, coffee farmers as well as in general for local people, communities and or representatives who are directly or indirectly affected by the project.

The project will be certified as Gold Standard carbon project under a broader framework, known in the carbon market as ‘Programme of Activities (PoA)’. This grouped stakeholder consultation is valid for the first project (real case Voluntary Project Activity, abbreviated as VPA) and other corresponding follow-up projects (regular VPAs) within the three municipalities to be included in the Programme of Activities **“Global Syntropic Agroforestry Program”** within two years of the LSC.

GrowGrounds invites all interested parties to attend the Local Stakeholder Consultation on **Monday, September 23rd, 2024, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in São Francisco de Paula.**

Venue: Sindicato dos Produtores Rurais de São Francisco de Paula, Rua Nicolau Vilano, 93

Stakeholders who cannot physically attend the meeting, have the possibility to participate online through **Microsoft Teams**. The login details are the following: [Join the meeting now](#) (Meeting ID: 365 979 530 155 Passcode: Pz5Rms)

Please find attached a Non-Technical Summary of the project. In case of any questions or if you want further details and project information prior to the consultation, please write an Email to Christina Singh, Email: christina@growgrounds.org, Chief Operations Officer at GrowGrounds or give a call/send a what’s app message to +454176744

Please use these contact details also for providing your feedback in case you are not able to participate in the stakeholder meeting.

The agenda of the LSC you find below.

AGENDA

- Reception - Signing participants list (8:00 am)
- Introduction & Project presentation (8:30 am)
- Questions and comments on the project (9:30 am)
- Coffee break (10:30 am)
- Safeguarding Principles Assessment of the project (11:00 am)
- Sustainability assessment of the project (11:30 am)
- Discussion on grievance mechanism and monitoring of sustainable development impacts (12:00 pm)
- Evaluation forms and closure of meeting (12:30 pm)
- Lunch (13:00 pm)

Best regards, Christina Singh

¹ The project is also communicated under the title „Cultivating Syntropic Agroforestry on Coffee Farms in Brazil for Resilient Futures”