Markit Environmental Registry - W+ Standard

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About WOCAN

- The W+ Standard is a unique certification label developed by WOCAN (Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management) that endorses projects that create increased social and economic benefits for women participating in economic development or environment projects, including those that provide renewable energy technologies, time and labor saving devices, forest and agriculture activities, and employment opportunities.

- The W+ offers a unique mechanism to value women’s contributions to unpaid care work, climate change mitigation and development initiatives and spur their empowerment by sharing revenues from the sales of W+ units with women and their groups.
About IHS Markit

• The role of the Environmental Registry is to track W+ environmental projects and issue, transact, and retire serialized credits.
• Largest global voluntary registry for carbon, water, and biodiversity
• 25+ standards/programs
• 250 Million+ carbon credits listed
• Best Registry Provider for the 9th year (Environmental Finance)
W+ Standard Account Registration Workflow

Complete online application

Submit organizational documents

Account request reviewed by the W+ Admin

Account reviewed and activated by Markit Operations team

Markit Environmental Registry Application: https://mer.markit.com/br-reg/public/customer-registration.jsp
Creating a Registry Account

• Navigate to the [Environmental Registry: Registration Process](#) website
• Click on the link: [online Environmental Registry Application](#)
• Complete the New Account Form with pertinent Organization, Contact, Billing, Account Manager, Identification, and Preferences details
• In the Preferences section select the [W+ Standard for Women's Empowerment](#)
• Agree to the Markit Environmental Registry Terms and Conditions by clicking the Checkbox and Click [Submit](#)
• After the Regulator (WOCAN) approves your account, you will receive two emails from the Markit Operations team:
  > The first is a “Welcome” email from [support@markit.com](mailto:support@markit.com) which will detail your login credentials
  > The second is an email from the Registry requesting you to upload identification documentation
Logging into the Registry

- Navigate to the IHS Markit website and use the LOGIN button in the upper right hand corner
- Type “Environmental Registry” into the search box or scroll to the bottom of the page for a list of all options
- A login box will be displayed where you should enter your unique username and password into the designated fields, then click Submit
- Once signed in, a product selection page will be displayed where you should select Registry, then select Agree
- The first time you login you will be directed to “Generate Session Code” which will be sent via email
Logging into the Registry

• Once you have successfully logged into the Registry, the **My Account Summary** page will be displayed

• New users are required to upload a Government issued photo ID in order to gain full access to the Registry application

• Click on the Username displayed under the title Current User to view user information and contact details

• Click on the **Documents** button to upload a Photo ID, a scan of a Passport, or a Driver’s License

• Click the **Add Documents** button to upload photo identification. Click the **Browse** button to search for the file containing your photo ID and then click Upload

  > Don’t forget to click Save and Submit!

• Once the Markit Operations team has reviewed the ID, user credentials will be activated.
Navigating the Registry

- Review user details.
- Download a User Guide.
- Open the Public View.
- Review Accounts available.
W+ Standard Project Registration Workflow

- Project Developer creates new project in Registry
- Project Developer uploads required documents
- Project reviewed and approved by W+ Admin
- Project reviewed and activated by Markit Operations team

Required documents: Project Idea Note (PIN), Project Design Document (PDD)
W+ Project Registration

- Go to the “My Projects and Issuances” menu
- Select your account from the “Projects” window on the left side of the page
- Click on the New button and select New Project to display the Project Details window
- All documents will be stored together in the single project
- Workflow status can be changed as soon as the individual project is ready
W+ Project Registration

• Enter project name and project description, then click **Add Activity**. A row will be added to your project activity.

• Select the Category: **Social** and the Standard: **W+ Standard for Women's Empowerment** from the drop down menus. Then choose a W+ Project Type.

• Enter the Start Date of Implementation and Start and End Dates for the crediting period.

• Selected **Social Audit Network (SAN)** as the Validator

• Once that information has been entered, select and complete both the **Additional Info** and **Site Detail** forms. **Save** all work.
W+ Project Registration

• Click on **Save as Draft** before uploading documents.
• To upload documents, select **Document** and a list of required documents will be displayed.
• You can choose a Document Tag by using the drop down arrow to select an option.
• When all documents have been uploaded click on the **Save** button.
• You can add both the required documents and additional documents by clicking **Add Document** and remove any document that has been uploaded by clicking **Remove Document**.

• When complete and submitted, the project is passed on to the Regulator to review and accept or reject. If rejected, comments will be passed on to the Project Developer.
W+ Standard Issuance Workflow

Project Developer creates new issuance in Registry

Project Developer uploads required documents

Issuance reviewed and approved by W+ Admin

Units issued to Project Developer

Required documents:
Monitoring and Results Report
Verification Report (VR)
W+ Issuances

- Go to the “My Projects and Issuances” menu
- Select your account and project from the “Projects” window on the left side of the page
- Click on the **Create Issuance** button to display the Issuance Details window
- Enter the State and End Dates for the monitoring period and click **Add Monitoring Period**
- Select “Unit” as the Class and “WEM” (Women’s Empowerment Unit) as the Measurement
- **Save as Draft** then **Submit**
Managing Units

Overview

- Functionalities:
  > Transfer or Retire Units
  > List units on the Request-for-Information (RFI) Platform
  > Export data to Excel or PDF
  > Search through PIUs and WEMs using the search engine
  > Sort data by Project, Account, Vintage, Country, Holdings, Measurement, Public Visibility, or Status
Transfers

• WEM units can be transferred across accounts on the Registry

• Before requesting a transfer, ask the destination account holder to provide their 15 digit Registry account number:
  > Enter the 15 digit numeric account ID provided by your counterparty
  > Click the Search button and select the box stating the account number
  > Edit the amount of credits to be transferred if needed

Retirements

• Verified WEMs can be Retired on behalf of the Project Developer or on behalf of the buyer

• Provide “Beneficial Owner” and “Domicile of Beneficial Owner” details in the Retirement form

  > Note: Beneficial Owner is the individual or corporation claiming the ultimate environmental benefit from the retirement of a unit.

• Remarks may be included at the time of assignment or retirement which indicates the individual or company that has purchased the units
Managing Units

Transfer Procedures

- Navigate to the “Manage My Units” tab
- Select the project’s units you are transferring and click the **Transfer** button
- The “Transfer Details” form will be displayed where you can transfer units into another one of your own accounts or into the buyer’s account by entering their 15-digit account ID
- In the “Manage My Units” tab, the credits will automatically changed to “Pending Transfer (Customer)” and the buyer will receive an email notification
- The buyer can then login to their account and review and approve or reject the credits
Managing Units

Retirement Procedures

- Navigate to the “Manage My Units” tab
- Select the project’s units you are retiring and click the Retire button
- Complete the Retire Units form that is displayed. In the form, edit the Quantity and Remarks fields
  > Example remarks: “Retired on behalf of ABC Company for period January to June 2016”.
- Use the “Beneficial Owner” and “Domicile of Beneficial Owner” fields to explain who and where the credits have been retired on behalf of
- The credits will be automatically retired.
Request-for-Information (RFI) Platform

- The RFI Platform is an anonymous online platform for the over-the-counter (OTC) voluntary carbon market that displays credits available for sale or purchase including indicative quantities and price.
- These credits are searchable and viewable by registered sellers and buyers.
- Upon interest in any credits the sellers or buyers can send an "Expression of Interest" to the counterparty, whereby the counterparty can permission the interaction.
- Introduction through the IHS Markit RFI Platform enables the two parties to discuss the terms of a potential bilateral transaction.
Registry Public View

- All approved information regarding accounts, projects, issuances, holdings, retired credits and assigned credits can be displayed on the Markit Registry Public View.
- The Public View is searchable by standard type.
  - W+ projects will be grouped and displayed together labeled with the W+ logo.
Registry Contact Information

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