



As of July 21, 2025, ERS has rebranded to Equitable Earth.

All references to “ERS” refer to the standard body now operating under the Equitable Earth name.





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TEMPLATE

TAB Meeting n°6

SUMMARY

This report summarises the sixth meeting of the ERS Technical Advisory Board. During this meeting, the Secretariat presented updates and milestones achieved by ERS in Q2 2025, and outlined the next steps and timeline for the release of Version 1.2 of the Standard and forest restoration methodology, as well as the forthcoming conservation methodology.



Introduction *Meeting*

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: 12/06/2024

TAB Participants:

- ☒ Nathalie Flores
- ☒ Eduard Müller
- ☐ Amy Bann
- ☒ Sara Löfqvist
- ☐ Fidel Chiriboga
- ☒ Robin Cole

ERS Participants:

- ☒ Hannah Robinson, Director of Secretariat
- ☒ Judith Simon, COO
- ☒ Corentin Jeanrot, Secretariat Agent
- ☒ Daniel Rondouin, Secretariat Associate
- ☐ Anna MacDonald, Secretariat Agent



MEETING NOTES

1. Secretariat Presentation

Formal introduction of new members of the **ERS Secretariat and Leadership Team**:

- Judith Simon (Chief Operating Officer);
- Corentin Jeanrot (Secretariat Agent);
- Anna MacDonald (Secretariat Agent).

Recap of **Q1 and Q2 2025 milestones**.

Secretariat updates included a walkthrough of **key priorities**:

- Accreditation progress.
 - **ICVCM**: preparation to submit methodologies for assessment.
 - **ICROA**: Secretariat awaiting Version 1.2 of the documentation to resubmit an application.
- Methodology pipeline updates: ERS officially registered its **first project** under the ERS Programme.
- Updates on Validation and Verification Bodies (VVBs).
- Recent Secretariat hirings to support growth.

2. Comments from Secretariat & TAB Members

Daniel (ERS Secretariat): Confirmed that responses to TAB comments on RP005 will be shared with the TAB this week.

Nathalie Flores (TAB member): Informed the group of her recent engagement with IETA. She encouraged the Secretariat to provide precise responses to any feedback or clarification requests received. Nathalie offered her support for 1-on-1 discussions to assist in this process.

3. Project Pipeline and Future Direction



The Secretariat shared a major update on ERS's strategic direction:

- Following the public announcement on LinkedIn, the ERS Secretariat formally confirmed the expansion of the Programme into **conservation**.
- To support this transition and avoid starting from scratch, ERS has **acquired all Equitable Earth assets**, including a REDD+ conservation methodology that will be reviewed and adapted.
- This is not a merger; rather, ERS is integrating select assets into its own architecture, ensuring full alignment with the ERS Programme.

A high-level overview was provided on the most important assets and implications of this decision for the future of ERS (note: certain details remain confidential at this stage).

4. TAB Member Comments on Conservation Expansion

Eduard Müller (TAB member): Emphasised that in regions like Costa Rica, forests may still have tree cover but lack critical biodiversity due to up to **95% biodiversity loss**. He urged the Secretariat to focus this expansion not only on carbon but also on **ecological function**, such as restoring wildlife and regenerating landscapes. Eduard advocated for a **Horizon 3 approach**, calling for ERS to move beyond a reactive, market-driven mindset. To be relevant in the future, ERS must confront ecological tipping points and invest in systemic regeneration. He stressed the importance of using this current opportunity to drive meaningful landscape transformation.

Sara Löfqvist (TAB member): Requested clarification on:

- The **timeline** for the release of the conservation methodology.
- The expected **role of the TAB** in shaping the methodology.

Response from Hannah (ERS Secretariat):

- **Timeline:** ERS is currently defining detailed milestones. Preliminary elements have been shared with TAB members as part of ongoing internal discussions



- **TAB Role:** Given the importance and novelty of this development, the Secretariat will explore options such as:
 - Targeted **working groups**.
 - More **ad hoc TAB meetings**.
 - External expert inputs in collaboration with the TAB.

Eduard Müller (TAB member): Encouraged ERS to adopt a broad vision, incorporating **regenerative agriculture, landscape-scale interventions**, and more generally, approaches that actively support wildlife return and ecological restoration. He highlighted that this is a rare opportunity to design a methodology that delivers true impacts, not only in terms of carbon, but also in restoring the ecological integrity of and protecting wildlife in threatened biomes.

5. Next Steps for ERS Secretariat

Q3 2025

- Finalisation and public release of **Version 1.2** of the ERS Standard and Terrestrial Forest Restoration Methodology (M001).
- Launch of new working groups and public consultations focused on the conservation methodology.

Q4 2025

- Official announcement of:
 - Pilot projects for conservation.
 - The updated version of the ERS Standard and Programme.
 - Conservation Methodology Version 1.0.



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