

# **Assessment Readiness Form**

This form acts as a checklist to determine whether your project is ready for an assessment against the HS Standard or Tools (HESG, HSAP).

You are strongly encouraged to consult with an Accredited Assessor and review the <u>project</u> <u>scope and eligibility</u> before submitting this form to HS Secretariat at <u>sustainability@hydropower.org</u>.

The information in this form will only be shared with the HS Secretariat and the prospective Accredited Assessors. For any general enquiries, please email the HS Secretariat.

## A. Project Proponent details

Organisation name:

Developer/Owner:

Financier (if relevant):

Brief description of the organisation:

Brief overview of hydropower portfolio and project/facility of interest for assessment:

Organisation address:

Organisation website:

Contact person – Name and Surname:

Contact person – Job Title:

Contact person – Email:



# **B. Readiness checklist**

Please note that it is <u>not</u> recommended to proceed with the assessment until all of the below conditions are met

You have reviewed the HS Standard or Tools to understand the requirements that they assess

You have identified objectives for undertaking the assessment (tentatively)

You are the developer, owner or operator of a project pursuing an assessment at a preparation, implementation or operation stage

If you are not the project owner, developer or operator, you have their support for the assessment (note you may be asked to provide a written Letter of Support signed by the project proponent)

You have had an initial communication with an Accredited Assessor(s) to discuss scope and process for assessment

You have discussed the assessment with the key stakeholders in the project, e.g. these may include your Board, investors, or the environmental regulator

## C. Assessment details

You are aware of the assessment costs involved and have established sources of funding

You have access to and ability to share with the Assessor(s) key materials and information relating to the project/facility, for example:

- Institutional context, including investors, joint venture partners, regulators etc.
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, if exists
- Pre-feasibility and/or feasibility studies
- Number of project-affected people, including numbers of physically and economically displaced
- Number of staff
- Range of ethnicities in the vicinity of the facility, Indigenous Peoples affected, and languages spoken by local populations

Please put a check mark  $(\sqrt{})$  in the boxes

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- Location of national parks or other areas of biodiversity interest in the vicinity of the facility
- Key sites of interest for cultural heritage in the vicinity

You understand that the Assessor(s) will need to interview a diversity of stakeholders, including representatives from affected communities, the company, key government agencies and civil society organisations, including some who may have opposing views

You have considered timing, logistics and availability of information and interviewees (tentatively)

You have access to the site and ability to arrange transport logistics

#### **D. Additional comments**

If you have additional comments, please provide them in the box below.

Signature:

Date: