Double-Counting Policy

1. Context

The W+ Standard may be applied in a wide variety of project types. Projects may have multiple W+ domain application opportunities. Projects may have different activities over different time-frames (crediting periods). The application of the W+ Standard may result in the generation of W+ Units or W+ labelling. This policy strives to provide flexibility and clarity to project implementers while preventing the double-counting and thus the double-monitization of W+ activity outcomes.

2. Policy

Project implementers may not count W+ activity outcomes for monetization, as either W+ units or as W+ labeled units, more than once per crediting period. W+ Units shall be separate and distinct from W+ labeled units. Project implementers shall describe in the PIN and PDD documents:

a) Their intention to generate either W+ Units, or
b) W+ labeling of other units or project outcomes,
c) For each W+ domain being applied, and
d) For what crediting period.

Project implementers shall describe in their Monitoring and Evaluation Report(s) the specific methods employed to prevent double counting, including but not limited to:

a) Describing scopes and boundaries of W+ project activities
b) Describing attribution criteria for W+ activities that have multiple benefits to ensure that outcomes are attributed to only one project activity.
c) Which W+ domain(s) are being applied, for either W+ Unit generation or W+ labeling of other types of units, for each crediting period.