

VCS and CORSIA

VCS eligibility and host-country considerations
for CORSIA

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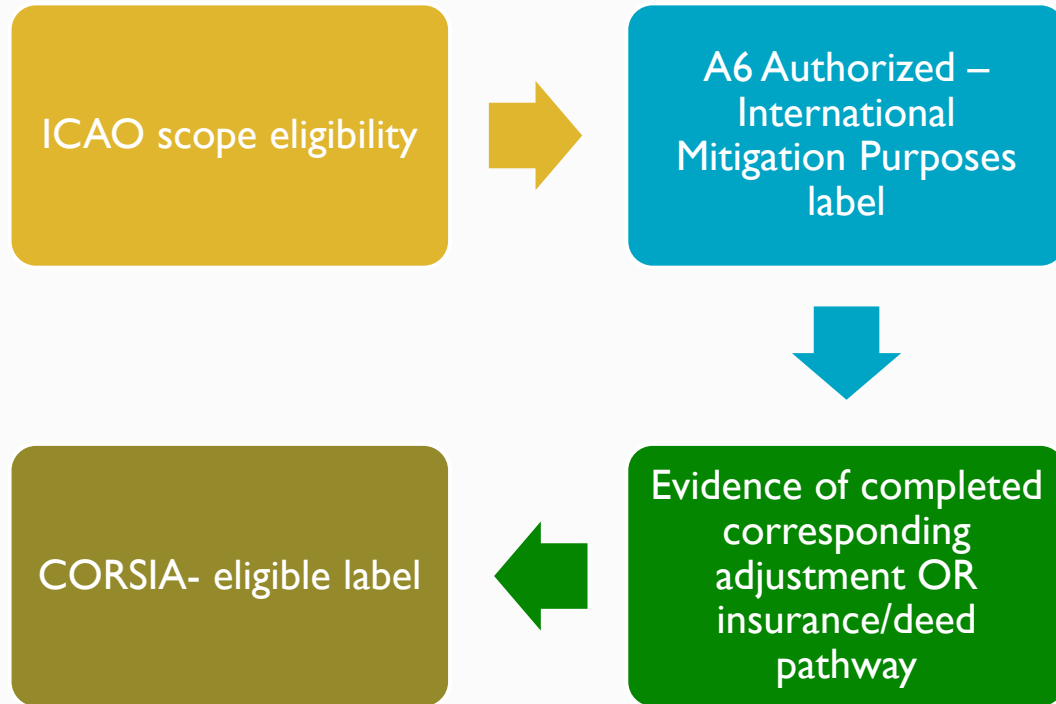
Introduction to Verra

- Verra is a **nonprofit** organization that develops and manages standards for climate action and sustainable development.
- The Verified Carbon Standard (**VCS**) is Verra's carbon-crediting program.
- The VCS Program is **approved by ICAO** to supply eligible emissions units for CORSIA, subject to applicable eligibility requirements.

CORSIA Eligibility under the VCS

- The VCS Program is approved for all three CORSIA periods: Pilot Phase (2021–2023), First Phase (2024–2026), and Second Phase (2027–2029).
- Not every VCU is automatically CORSIA-eligible: eligibility depends on the applicable CORSIA phase, vintage, project activity/methodology, and ICAO requirements.
- For 2021+ vintages, CORSIA use also requires host-country authorization and assurance against double claiming.

Verra's A6 and CORSIA labeling framework



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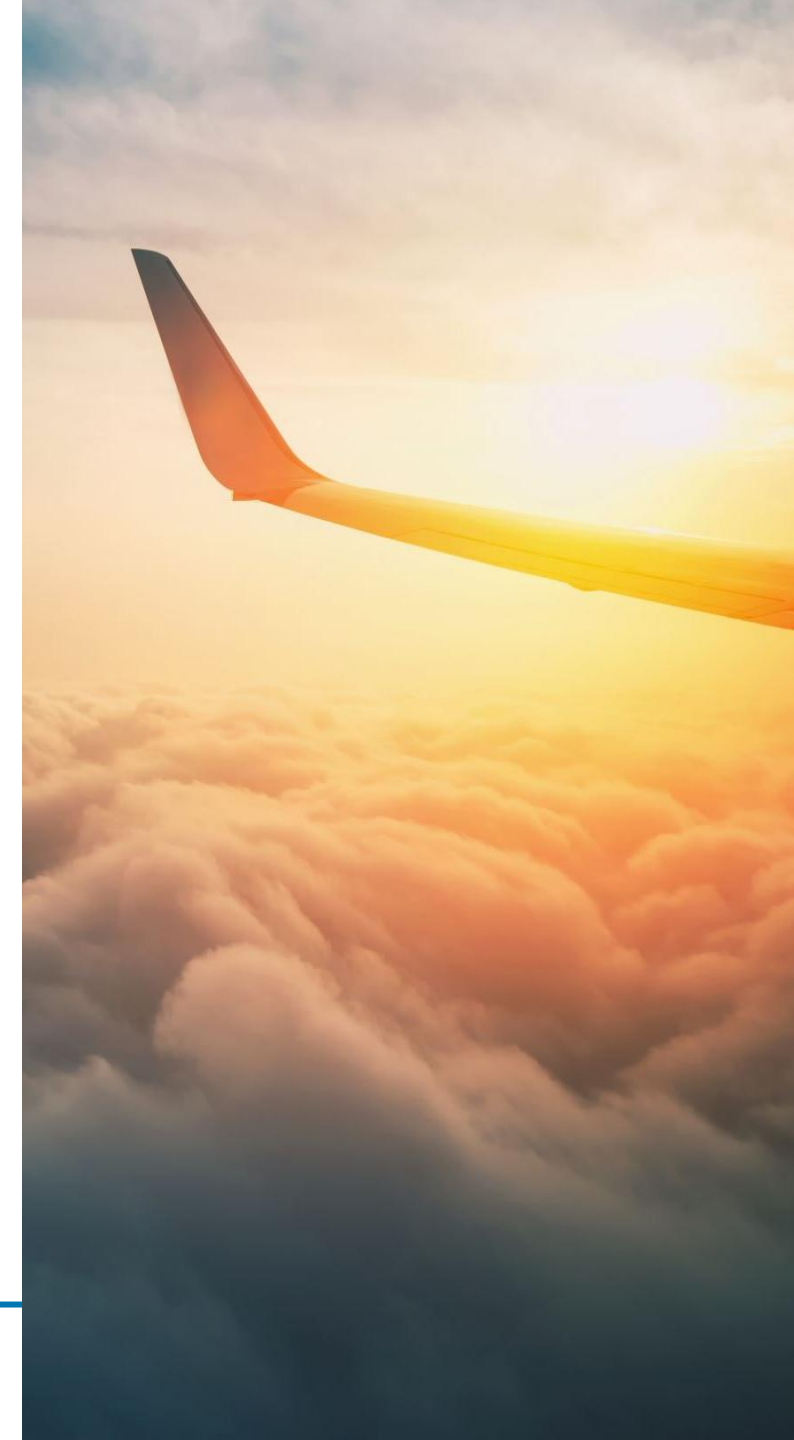
Two types of CORSIA labels

CORSIA scope - does not mean that the VCU is eligible for CORSIA

- Indicates VCU is within ICAO's scope of eligibility for stated phase
- Based on project type, methodology, vintage, and SD reporting
- For vintages from 2021 onward: scope label does NOT make a VCU eligible for CORSIA use

CORSIA-eligible

- Confirms full eligibility for CORSIA retirement
- For 2021+ vintages:
 - Article 6 authorization
 - No-double-claiming assurance.
 - Evidence of a completed corresponding adjustment through the applicable A6 reporting pathway, or the insurance/deed pathway
- Must be in place before VCU can be retired for CORSIA



What host countries need to enable CORSIA supply

- 1 Establish a clear process for requesting and issuing **A6** authorizations
- 2 Ensure authorizations clearly cover **CORSIA**/international mitigation purposes and define the applicable first transfer
- 3 Coordinate the authorities responsible for **A6** and **CORSIA**
- 4 Establish the reporting and accounting processes needed to apply and report corresponding adjustments

Opportunities and challenges for the NACC region



CORSIA can create an additional pathway for qualifying mitigation activities in the region to access international demand.



Existing and future **VCS** activities may contribute to **CORSIA** supply where all applicable **ICAO** and host-country requirements are met.



Program and methodology eligibility must be combined with host-country authorization.



Countries are at different stages in developing **Article 6** authorization and reporting frameworks.



Clear and predictable government processes allow projects to assess and plan potential **CORSIA** participation.

Practical takeaways for governments

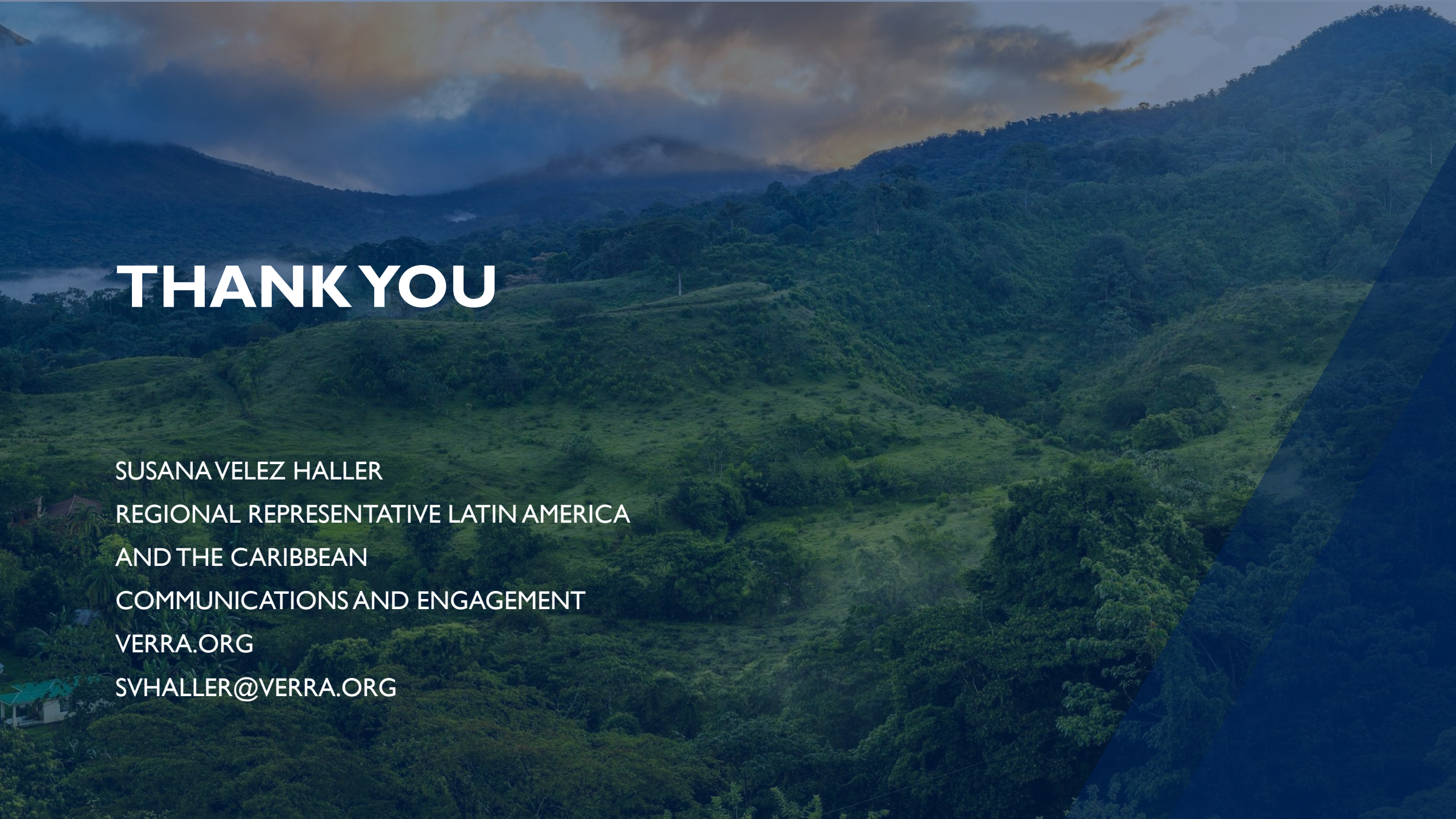
VCS registration and VCU issuance do not by themselves make a unit eligible for CORSIA.

Host-country authorization is a central element for post-2020 CORSIA supply.

Clear authorization and Article 6 reporting processes can facilitate access to CORSIA.

Verra's labeling framework provides a mechanism for reflecting these requirements at the unit level.

Verra engages with governments to support understanding of how national Article 6 processes interface with VCS and CORSIA requirements.



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