

Terms of Reference (ToR) – SSI ESG Standard Working Group (2026 Revision)

1. PURPOSE

The SSI ESG Standard Working Group (ESG SWG) is convened by the SSI Secretariat to lead the 2026 revision of the SSI ESG Standard.

The SSI ESG SWG is responsible for reviewing the current standard, proposing updates, and incorporating stakeholder input, with the goal of maintaining a credible, relevant, and implementable ESG framework for the solar value chain.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

- Review the current SSI ESG Standard and identify areas for revision.
- Draft and revise standard content based on expert knowledge, benchmarking, stakeholder input, and implementation experience.
- Review and integrate feedback from public consultations.
- Recommend adjustments to improve clarity, feasibility, and alignment with international norms and SSI's mission.
- Contribute to associated documents such as guidance, tools, and interpretation notes.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION

The ESG SWG will be composed of 8–15 members selected by the SSI Secretariat. Members will be chosen to ensure:

- Technical expertise in ESG and/or solar supply chains
- Representation of different stakeholder groups (industry, civil society, academia, etc.)
- Regional and gender diversity
- Independence and impartiality (members serve in an individual capacity)

Members are expected to:

- Act in good faith, with professionalism and respect
- Avoid conflicts of interest and disclose any affiliations

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

- Participate in all scheduled meetings and reviews
- Provide expert input and written feedback on draft materials
- Support consensus-building by considering diverse views and trade-offs



- Review and comment on consultation feedback and proposed changes
- Assist in the development of supporting implementation tools where relevant

5. MODUS OPERANDI

- The ESG SWG will follow a structured workplan agreed at inception
- Meetings will be held virtually unless otherwise agreed
- Secretariat will facilitate meetings, prepare documents, and ensure process integrity
- Drafts and revisions will be reviewed and validated at key stages by the SWG
- The Secretariat retains final editorial authority to ensure alignment with SSI's objectives

6. DURATION AND TIMELINE

The ESG SWG will be active from Q1 2026 to approximately Q4 2026, or until completion of the SSI ESG Standard revision process. The expected workload includes:

- Monthly virtual meetings (1–2 hours)
- Review of draft documents and stakeholder input
- Participation in public consultation summary review

7. CONFIDENTIALITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- ESG SWG discussions and materials will be treated as confidential unless otherwise agreed
- Key decisions and draft standards will be published to ensure stakeholder transparency



Expression of Interest – SSI ESG Standard Working Group (2026 Revision)

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the revision of the Solar Stewardship Initiative (SSI) ESG Standard. Please complete the form below:

Full Name:	
Email Address:	
Organisation (if applicable):	
Job Title / Role:	
Location (Country/Region):	
Relevant Expertise or Experience (max 200 words):	
Why are you interested in joining this Working Group? (max 150 words):	
Are you able to commit to virtual monthly meetings and periodic document reviews between Q1 and Q4 2026?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe (please explain):
Upload your CV or short bio:	
Any additional comments or disclosures (e.g., potential conflicts of interest):	