Pathways for Strengthening Validation and Verification Body

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The report identifies structural bottlenecks such as shortages of qualified auditors, barriers to accreditation, weaknesses in MRV systems, policy uncertainty, and rising transaction costs that constrain Africa's ability to scale carbon markets efficiently and credibly. It also sets out nine priority actions to strengthen accreditation systems, workforce development, financing mechanisms, and digital MRV integration, providing a practical roadmap to build credible, competitive, and resilient carbon market VVB capacity across Africa.

As the Eastern African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance (EAA), we support and welcome this bold and practical approach to addressing the VVB capacity in Africa. The full report can be downloaded from here