

PV Climate – Approved Independent Experts

Plan Vivo currently authorises the following Independent Experts to conduct project validations and verifications:

Name of Independent Expert	Contact	Location	Experience/ expertise
Amade Martin Mario Real	amadereal@gmail.com	Mozambique	African forest researcher from Mozambique. Experience working with biomass and carbon quantification since 2014 in the Miombo Forest and Agroforestry system.
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Mr Commodious Nyirenda	Commodious.nyirenda@climatebalance.net (+265 995 134 936)	Sub-Saharan Africa	Led the design, delivery, and management of a Plan Vivo carbon project in Malawi under the Clinton Foundation for seven years seeing it through validation, verification, and certification as its Project Manager. Currently the Founder and Lead Consultant for a Carbon Management consulting firm called ClimateBalance registered and based in Malawi while also assisting another organisation, Self Help Africa in Malawi with its carbon projects.
Wahyu Fathurrahman Riva	wahyuriva@ideas-consultant.com	Indonesia and Malaysia	Expert on Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) certification system (FSC and IFCC/PEFC), High Conservation Value (HCV), Plan Vivo validation,

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Kebonyethata Dintwe	kebonye.dintwe@gmail.com	Sub-Saharan Africa	A seasoned ecologist with over 20 years of experience in Southern African ecosystems. Since 2020, Kebonye has been involved in several carbon projects in Botswana. He currently works as an Independent Expert in collaboration with Earthhood and Gazelle Ecosolutions.
Naven Hon	honnaiven@gmail.com	Australia	Expert in protected areas management, biodiversity research, conservation, environmental education, and community development in Cambodia for over 10 years. During this time, he also led two REDD+ projects, including leading Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) processes, collaborating with a private company to validate the Prey Lang REDD+ project, facilitating stakeholder consultations, and preparing minutes and technical reports.

Catherine Lessa	lessa.catherine@gmail.com	Vanuatu	She has over 15 years of experience working across different development sectors, including natural resources, infrastructure, and energy. Integral to her work is building strong connections and working closely with communities, stakeholders, and institutions to support the safeguarding, planning, and management of the physical and social environment.
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