

## Flowchart and documentation of C-sink creation

In order to increase the credibility of a project and thus enable the sale of its C-sinks, transparency is crucial. Therefore, certain documents for each C-sink will be available in the Global C-Sink Registry. The following process describes who creates these documents and when.

Registration

- operator: registers for service, e.g. "Global Biochar C-Sink", at Carbon Standards and CERES-CERT
- Carbon Standards: confirms the registration
- •CERES-CERT: confirms the registration

Project Design Document (PDD)

- operator: creates PDD and hands it in to Carbon Standards and CERES-CERT
- Carbon Standards: starts public consultation process
- •CERES-CERT: evaluates of PDD

Data collection

- •operator: enters data for C-sink potential calculation into Biochar Tool
- •operator: implements monitoring plan for all applicable data

Inspection

- CERES-CERT: validates the PDD
- CERES-CERT: verifies the monitored data
- •CERES-CERT: issues inspection report, finding report, validation report

- CERES-CERT: reviews inspection und finding report
- •CERES-CERT: sends verification report to operator
- •CERES-CERT: issues C-sink potential certificate (only for biochar producer)

Certification of

- First C-Sink Owner: uploads the whole set of project documentation in the Global C-Sink Tool
- •CERES-CERT: evaluates the documents
- •CERES-CERT: certifies the C-sink, sends URL to First C-Sink Owner

Registration C-sink • Carbon Standards: registers the C-sink in Global C-Sink Registry