# U.S. HEMP SUSTAINABILITY FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

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# **Stated Objectives of the USHSF**

1. Be the **leader in global climate change** by carbon reduction and water management

2. Create a **new major US manufacturing** industry underpinned by diversity and equality

3. Deliver a new large scale commodity crop to US farmers

# **High Level Framework**

## Infrastructure to create clarity

- Document technical classification 1 x PhD
- Develop sustainability classification 1 x PhD
  - Measures that are important today (Carbon)
  - What are the measures that are important tomorrow (water, soil regeneration, ??)

#### **Compliance and registrations**

- Carbon credit registration
- Establish infrastructure to certify sustainability classifications for hemp crops and genetics
- Farmers certify crops via USHSF program

USHSF Certification Program

#### **Build commitment to achieve USHSF outcomes**

- USHSF Certification Program supported by key stakeholders (manufacturers, brands) to ensure climate outcomes are delivered
- USHSF certification validates carbon credits – creates a 'dual crop' for farmers to increase value / acre to make hemp competitive

# **Outcomes and Key Events for CY22**

#### Q1 2022

- Develop Technical classification system based on cotton classification
- Sustainability classification system Draft v1.0

## Q3 2022

- Sustainability classification system draft v3.0
- Establish infrastructure to validate USHSF certificate
- Build commitment for USHSF Certification concept with key stakeholders
- USDA engagement on certification

## Q2 2022

- Technical classification system complete
- Sustainability classification system draft v2.0
- Data collection for carbon credit certification

### Q4 2022

- USHSF Certification final version
- PR event to launch USHSF Certification program
  - Corporate partners signed up
  - Farmers aligned
  - Education program / marketing