EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM
THIRTIETH MEETING

Report

**Date of meeting:** 21 – 23 March 2007

**Location:** Bonn, Germany

**Attendance:** The names of members and alternate members present at the thirtieth meeting are in bold print below. Where only the name of an alternate member is in bold print, the alternate participated as a member.

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1 Term: Two years (elected at COP/MOP 1 in 2005)
2 Term: Two years (elected at COP/MOP 2 in 2006)

**Quorum** (in parenthesis required numbers): 10 (7) members or alternate members acting as members present of which 4 (3) from Annex I Parties and 6 (4) from non-Annex I Parties.

**WWW broadcasting:** <http://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/Meetings>.
Agenda item 1. Membership issues (including disclosure of possible conflict of interest)

1. The Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) (hereinafter referred to as the Board) Chair of the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met. No conflict of interest was identified by any member or alternate member of the Board present at the meeting.

2. The Board noted that the secretariat was informed that Ms. Desna Solofa was unable to attend the meeting and had provided proper justification for his absence.

Agenda item 2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The Board adopted the agenda as proposed and agreed to the programme of work.

Agenda item 3. Work plan

Agenda sub-item 3 (a): Accreditation of operational entities

4. The Board took note of the seventeenth progress report on the work of the CDM accreditation panel (CDM-AP), and an oral report by its Chair, Mr. Hernan Carlino, on the work of the CDM-AP. The report summarized information relating to the work of the CDM-AP including the status of applications and developments with respect to desk reviews, on-site assessments, witnessing activities and other accreditation related issues.

Case specific

5. The Board agreed, pursuant to decisions 3/CMP.1, to accredit and provisionally designate, the entity JACO CDM Ltd. (JACO) (VAL: 1, 2 & 3 / VER: none) for verification functions for sectoral scopes:

   (a) 1. Energy industries (renewable - / non-renewable sources)
   (b) 2. Energy distribution
   (c) 3. Energy demand

General guidance

6. The Board took note of the initial consideration of the accreditation procedure, in particular the procedures for “unscheduled surveillance” under the CDM accreditation process by the CDM-AP and its decision to keep the CDM accreditation procedure under review. The Board further took note of the consideration by the CDM-AP of issues relating to quality management systems of the DOEs at its accredited premises and use of technical resources from non-accredited premises as well as of the option of multi-site accreditation system for DOEs. The Board requested the CDM-AP to further explore the option and submit to the Board a proposal at its next meeting.

7. The Board took note that the CDM-AP considered the request from the DOE/AE Coordination Forum on the possibility for DOEs or other units of the DOE or its parent companies to provide services, such as calibration and/or laboratory services as required by some approved baseline and monitoring methodologies. The Board, taking into consideration the potential risks highlighted by the CDM-AP, requested the CDM-AP to further consider the matter and prepare a guidance note for the consideration of the Board at its next meeting.

8. The Board took note of the difficulties highlighted by the Chair of the CDM-AP in availability of experts to undertake assessment work for the accreditation process. The Board considered the proposal presented by the Chair to strengthen the role of the secretariat in undertaking the assessment work for the
accreditation of operational entities. The Board agreed with the proposal by the Chair of the CDM-AP and requested the secretariat to explore the implications in terms of procedural changes and resource requirements to operationalize the proposal for its consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

9. The Board took a serious note that the DOE ‘KPMG Sustainability B.V.’ had not submitted its annual activity report due on 30 September 2006. The Board agreed to instruct the DOE to submit its annual activity report by Friday, 30 March 2007. The Board, in this context, also agreed to consider appropriate actions for DOEs in such situations. The Board requested the CDM-AP to submit a proposal for the consideration of the Board at its next meeting.

Spot-checks

10. The Board considered the recommendation of the CDM-AP on the assessment of the closure of non-conformities and the implementation of the corrective actions by one DOE. The Board took note that the DOE has undertaken a significant work in response to the non-conformities and agreed not to suspend the accreditation status of the DOE. The Board also agreed with the recommendation of the CDM-AP that the DOE shall undertake work on three project activities under the observation of the CDM-AP. The Board also noted that it will follow this case carefully and requested the DOE to ensure that it continues to meet the quality standards and expectations of the Board in carrying out its validation and verification work.

11. The Board took note of the progress on the assessment of the closure of non-conformities and the implementation of the corrective actions by one DOE. The Board requested the CDM-AP to submit its recommendation to the Board at its next meeting.

12. The Board, in relation to the hearing of the DOE under spot-check, agreed to provide the opportunity for hearing to the DOE at its next meeting.

Further schedule

13. The Board noted that twenty-eighth meeting of the CDM-AP is scheduled to take place from 19 to 21 April 2007.

Agenda sub-item 3 (b): Methodologies for baselines and monitoring plans

General guidance

14. The Board considered the methodological tool for addressing double counting for CDM project activities that seek to claim certified emissions reduction (CERs) from the substitution of fossil fuels by biofuels and agreed not to approve it. The Board further clarified to the guidance provided in annex 12 of its twenty-sixth report that project activities claiming CERs from the production of biofuels only, while not taking into account consumers (end-users) of these biofuels, are not eligible as CDM project activities.

15. The Board commended the Meth Panel for its excellent work in preparing the draft tool, which enabled the Board to conduct an informed discussion on the matter and further encouraged to the Meth Panel to continue its work in the development of methodological tools.

16. The Board considered a proposal to assist project participants in ascertaining when to request a revision, clarification to an approved methodology or deviation and agreed to the text, as contained in annex 1. It requested the secretariat to prepare a proposal for guidance with regard to revisions of approved PDDs and of approved monitoring plans for consideration at its next meeting.

17. The Board clarified the effective date of the revision of the approved "tool for assessment and demonstration of additionality", "combined tool for identification of baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality" and all approved methodological tools, as per changes contained in annex 2 of this report.
18. The Board agreed to the revised the terms of reference for the Methodologies Panel, with immediate effect, to align it with the term of membership of the SSC and A/R working groups, as contained in annex 3 of this report.

19. In accordance with the request by COP/MOP.2, the Board considered the oral report by the secretariat on its first experiences of the new service of enhanced dialogue with project participants on issues concerning the consideration of methodologies and requested the secretariat report orally at the thirty-second meeting of the Board.

**Case specific**

20. Taking into consideration the inputs by experts (desk reviewers) and the public, the Board agreed to:

   (a) Possibly reconsider the case: **NM0199** subject to:
        
        (i) Required changes being made by the project participants, taking into account issues raised by the Board, recommendations made by the Meth Panel, and re-submission of a duly revised proposal. The secretariat shall make the revised proposal publicly available upon receipt;
        
        (ii) Reconsideration of the revised proposal directly by the Meth Panel, without further review by desk reviewers;
        
        (iii) A recommendation by the Meth Panel being made to the Executive Board.
        
        (iv) If project participants wish to have the revised proposals considered at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Meth Panel (28 April - 1 June), they shall exceptionally submit them by 16 April 2007 (9:00 GMT).

   (b) Request the Meth Panel to consider the expert report and revise, as appropriate **NM0186** for consideration by the Board at its next meeting;

   (c) **Not to approve** the cases **NM0108-rev** and **NM0129-rev**, which were held pending by the Board since its twenty-sixth meeting, as they are proposed for project activities claiming CERs from the production of biofuels only, while not taking into account consumers of these biofuels. If revised taking into account the comments, the methodology can be resubmitted but will require new expert review and public inputs.

21. The Board requested the Meth Panel to review the approved methodology AM0009 to consider whether a method for forecasting the baseline oil production levels and volumes of gas recovered from the oil field during the crediting period should be stipulated to provide greater accuracy to the ex-ante emission reductions estimations.

**Further schedule**

22. The Board took note that the twenty-seventh meeting of the Meth Panel is to take place on 28 May to 1 June 2007.

**Agenda sub-item 3 (c): Issues relating to afforestation and reforestation project activities**

23. The Board agreed to consider the report on the work of the thirteenth meeting of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG) at the next meeting of the Board, due to the late availability of the report of the meeting, which finished on the first day of to the Board meeting.


**Further schedule**

24. The Board took note that the fourteenth meeting of the A/R WG is to take place on 4 to 6 June 2007.

**Agenda sub-item 3 (d): Matters relating to the registration of CDM project activities**

25. The Board took note that 565 CDM project activities have been registered by 23 March 2007. The status of requests for registration of project activities can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website at <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/>.

**Case specific**

26. In accordance with the procedures for review as referred to in paragraph 41 of the CDM modalities and procedures, the Board considered a request for review of seven (7) requests for registration by DOEs.

27. The Board agreed to register the project activities:

   (a) “Durgun Hydropower Project in Mongolia” (0786) taking note of the initial comments provided by the project participant and the DOE (KEMCO) in response to the request for review.

   (b) “Korea South-East Power Co. (KOSEP) small scale hydroelectric power plants project (The Samchonpo Thermal Power Plant and Younghung Thermal Power plant small scale hydroelectric power plants construction project)” (0788) taking note of the initial comments provided by the project participant and the DOE (KEMCO) in response to the request for review.

28. The Board agreed to register with corrections the project activities:

   (a) “Omnia Fertilizer Limited Nitrous Oxide (N2O) Reduction Project” (0752) if the project participant provide a justification for making certain data confidential in the PDD submitted for registration by the DOE (DNVCert);

   (b) “Ecofren Power 8 MW Renewable Sources Biomass Power Project” (0726) if the DOE (RWTUV) and the project participant submit a further revised PDD, which includes a justification of why the dispatch data analysis had not been chosen for the calculation of OM emission factor, and a corresponding revised validation report;

   (c) “Al-Shaheen Oil Field Gas Recovery and Utilization Project” (0763) if the DOE (DNVCert) submits a letter from Maersk Oil stating that it is not a project participant of the proposed project activity, and a corresponding revised validation report;

   (d) “HFC23 Decomposition Project at Zhonghao Chenguang Research Institute of Chemical Industry, Zigong, SiChuan Province, China” (0767) if the DOE (JQA) and the project participant submit a revised PDD that explicitly states whether it is possible to transport/destroy HFC23 from unit B in the destruction facility at present, or in future, and includes a piping and instrumentation (P&I) diagram indicating the exact position of the three flow meters and the details of the lines carrying waste from unit A and a corresponding validation report.

29. After the submission of the specified documentation, the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, will check the revised documentation before the activity is displayed as registered.
30. The Board agreed to undertake a review of the project activity “Chilatán Hydroelectric Project” (0785), submitted for registration by the DOE (DNVCert), and that the scope of this review is relating to issues associated with validation requirements, as contained in annex 4 to this report.\(^1\)

31. The Board agreed on the nomination of the members of the review team for the above. The review teams may call on outside expertise in consultation with the Chair of the Board, as appropriate.

32. In accordance with the procedures for review as referred to in paragraph 41 of the CDM modalities and procedures, the Board considered the recommendations of the review teams for the five (5) project activities which were placed “Under review” at the twenty-ninth meeting of the Board.

33. In accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 17 and 18 (b) of the above mentioned procedures, the Board agreed to register with corrections the project activities:

   (a) “The Godavari Sugar Mills Ltd (TGSML)’s 24 MW Bagasse Based Co-generation Power Project at Sameerwadi” (0577) if the DOE (BVC Holding S.A\(^2\)) and the project participant submit a revised PDD, in which the monitoring plan includes a requirement to report on the availability of surplus biomass in the region, and a corresponding validation report;

   (b) “Modification of clinker cooler for energy efficiency improvement in cement manufacturing at Binani Cement Limited” (0685) if the DOE (SGS) and the project participant ensure the correctness of the baseline and emission reduction calculations and submit a revised PDD and validation report reflecting these corrected calculations, as necessary.

34. In accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 17 and 18 (c) of the above mentioned procedures, the Board agreed to reject the project activity:

   (a) “Power generation from the proposed 11.2 MW waste heat recovery boiler at the ISA Smelt furnace of the Copper Smelter, Sterlite Industries India Limited (SIIL), Tuticorin” (0683), submitted for registration by the DOE (TÜV Rheinland), considering that:

      (i) The information provided by the DOE and project participant regarding barriers was not convincing since reference to barriers based on the argument using downtime data is incomplete and since it was not sufficiently demonstrated that the proposed activity differs from being common practice based on the fuel use. Therefore the project activity did not meet the additionality requirements as stipulated in paragraphs 43 to 52 of the CDM modalities and procedures; and

      (ii) ACM0004 version 2 was incorrectly applied to the proposed project activity and the DOE did not request a deviation from the methodology, and therefore the project activity did not meet the requirements stipulated in paragraph 54 of the CDM modalities and procedures.

   (b) “Blended Cement Project with Fly Ash – Lafarge India Private Limited” (0715) submitted for registration by the DOE (DNVCert), considering that the DOE and the project participant failed to substantiate significant and additional technological and market acceptability barriers to increasing the level of additives in the production of blended cement above the baseline level while also not elaborating on cost and benefits, therefore the project activity did not meet the additionality requirements as stipulated in paragraphs 43 to 52 of the CDM modalities and procedures.

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\(^1\) Changes will have to be made to the project documentation to ensure compliance with the approved baseline methodology AMS-ID version 9 if the Board ultimately decides to register this project activity.

\(^2\) Bureau Veritas Certification Holding S.A. (BVC Holding S.A.) former Bureau Veritas Quality International Holding S.A. (BVQI).
The Board noted with concern that project participants propose and DOEs accept PDDs which apply the same barriers facing the baseline to the proposed project activity without demonstrating any additional barriers above and beyond those faced by the baseline. This is not sufficient to demonstrate additionality.

(c) “Uruba Renewable Irrigation Project” (0761) submitted for registration by the DOE (DNVCert), considering that the PDD used the approved small scale methodology AMS-I.B which is meant for the direct provision of mechanical energy to a user and as such is not applicable to the project activity providing electricity to multiple users, therefore the project activity did not comply with the requirements stipulated in paragraph 37 (e) of the CDM modalities and procedures.

35. The Board noted that in accordance with paragraph 42 of the CDM modalities and procedures the proposed project activities listed above that have not been accepted may be reconsidered for validation and subsequent registration, after appropriate revisions, provided that they follow the procedures and meet the requirements for validation and registration, including those relating to public comments.

36. In accordance with paragraph 67 of the report of its twenty-ninth meeting the Board considered responses from the DOE (TÜV-Rheinland) and project participant regarding the rejection of “Cogeneration system based on biomass (rice-husk) replacing oil fired boiler for process steam and generating power for partly replacement of grid power supply to the plant at M/s Indian Acrylics Ltd., District Sangrur, Punjab, India” (0348) submitted for registration by the DOE (TÜV-Rheinland). The Board noted that the exclusion of the electricity generation component of this project would address the issue of debundling. Therefore the Board agreed to register the project activity, in accordance with the decision taken at its twenty-fifth meeting.

37. The Board agreed that in cases where a DOE has, in assessing the possibility that a small scale project is a debundled component of a large scale project activity, determined that two or more project activities are taking place within one kilometer of each other and with the same project participants:

(a) The DOE shall ensure that these projects are described in the PDD and that the validation report contains specific details on how it has been determined that the project activities are not a debundled component of a large scale project activity;

(b) The DOE shall consider the project activities to be a debundled component of a large scale project activity even in cases where they are taking place in different project categories, if the project activities are type 1 project activities providing energy to the same user and are registered, or submitted for registration, with 2 years of each other.

Registration procedure

38. The Board selected the following experts as members of the Registration and Issuance Team (RIT) for a term of one year: Ms. Branca Bastos Americano, Ms. Flordeliza Militante Andres, Mr. Nitin Arora, Mr. Aliou Ba, Ms. Clementine Chikomba, Mr. Luis Alberto De la Torre, Mr. Vinay M Deodhar, Mr. Martin Enderlin, Mr. A. Ricardo Jacintho Esparta, Ms. Suanne Luzia Haefeli-Hestvik, Mr. Shinichi Iioka, Mr. Paata Janelidze, Mr. Sergio Jauregui, Ms. Mila J Jude, Mr. Jamidu Katima, Mr. John Shaibu Kilani, Mr. Deshun Liu, Ms. Carolyn Anne Luce, Mr. Axel Michaelowa, Mr. Joseph Nowarski, Mr. Narendra Paruchuri, Mr. Divaldo Jose Costa Rezende, Ms. Marina Jacob Shvangiradze, Mr. Govinda R. Timilsina, Mr. Francesco Nicola Tubiello, Mr. Sk Noim Uddin, Ms. Simone Ullrich, and Mr. Frank Werner.

39. The Board recalled to open a second call for experts starting on 26 March 2007 and ending on 20 April 2007, 17:00 GMT with a view to prepare a shortlist of experts for consideration by the Board at its thirty-first meeting in order to appoint additional RIT members.
General guidance

40. The Board took note of an oral report by the secretariat on progress of work regarding the issue of withdrawal of project participants from registered project activities and the effects of this on the rights of Parties involved and agreed to request the secretariat to prepare a more comprehensive assessment of issues related to authorization and participation for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

41. The Board agreed that where a project participant listed in the PDD published at validation is not included in the PDD submitted for registration, the DOE shall provide a letter from the withdrawn project participant confirming its voluntary withdrawal from the proposed project activity, and address this issue in its validation report.

Agenda sub-item 3 (e): Matters relating to the issuance of CERs and the CDM registry

42. The Board took note that 39,816,840 CERs have been issued as at 23 March 2007, and that the secretariat, in its capacity as the CDM registry administrator, continues to process requests for opening of holding accounts and for forwarding of CERs. The status of requests for issuance of CERs can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website at <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance>.

Case specific issues

43. In accordance with the procedures for review as referred to in paragraph 65 of the CDM modalities and procedures, the Board considered a request for review of three (3) requests for issuance.

44. In accordance with paragraph 10 of these procedures the Board agreed to instruct the CDM registry administrator to issue 12,600 CERs for “5 MW Wind Power Project at Baramsar and Soda Mada, district Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, India” (0267), taking note of the initial comments from the DOE (BVC Holding S.A) and project participant in response to the request for review.

45. In accordance with the clarifications to paragraph 10 of these procedures the Board agreed to instruct the CDM registry administrator to issue CERs for “AWMS GHG Mitigation Project, MX05-B-02, Sonora, México” (0105), following the submission by the DOE (DNVCert) and the project participant of a revised monitoring report and verification report that exclude electricity production as one of the parameters to be monitored for this monitoring period.

46. After the submission of the specified documentation, the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, will check the revised documentation before the CDM registry administrator is instructed to issue any CERs.

47. In accordance with the clarifications to paragraph 10 of these procedures the Board agreed to instruct the CDM registry administrator to issue CERs for “Bagasse based power project at Jamkhandi Sugars Limited, Bagalkot, Karnataka” (0282), following the submission of a revised monitoring report by the project participant and the DOE (BVC Holding S.A) which confirms that there is no co-firing of fossil fuels with biomass in the project activity, and a corresponding revised verification report.

48. After the submission of the specified documentation, the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, will check the revised documentation before the CDM registry administrator is instructed to issue any CERs.

49. The Board considered one (1) revised request for issuance in accordance with the clarifications to paragraph 18 (b) of the “Procedures for review as referred to in paragraph 65 of the modalities and procedures for a clean development mechanism” and agreed to instruct the CDM registry administrator to issue 1,150,144 CERs for “Bandeirantes Landfill Gas to Energy Project (BLFGE)” (0164) for the monitoring period 23 Dec 2003 - 28 Feb 2006, on the basis of the revised verification and certification reports supplied by the DOE (TÜV-SÜD), following the uploading of the revised request for issuance on the UNFCCC CDM website.
50. The Board considered one (1) request for deviation related to monitoring reports undergoing verification, agreed to answer it and requested the secretariat to inform the DOE accordingly.

**Agenda item 4. CDM management plan and resources for the work on the CDM**

**CDM-MAP**

51. In accordance, with decision 1/CMP.2 in relation to the Management plan (CDM-MAP), the Board agreed to continue to keep the CDM MAP under review and make adjustments as necessary to continue ensuring the efficient, cost-effective, transparent and consistent functioning of the clean development mechanism.

52. The Board took note of a presentation by the secretariat on the status of income and expenditure, the recent increase in expenditures due to intensive recruitment, a general outlook for the period covering 2006-2007 and the need for the conversion of pledges by Parties for 2006 and 2007 against the background of possibly reaching the level of operating cushion by the end of the second Quarter 2007. The Board noted that the proposed budget document for the secretariat for the biennium 2008-2009 has been published which contains a proposed shifting of cost items related to CDM from core resources to the share of proceeds based resources for CDM. As a result it is expected that more MAP resources will be needed in 2008 and thereafter which will also have an impact on the level of the operating cushion. The Board requested the secretariat to provide a short presentation of the potential implications for the CDM-MAP.

**Resources**

53. The Board took note of information provided by the secretariat on the status of resources received as reflected in table 1 of annex 5.

54. The Board expressed its appreciation to the European Commission (USD 311,284) and the Governments of Luxembourg (USD 13,291) and Spain (USD 150,000) which have generously contributed resources for the work of the CDM and, in light of the recommendation contained in paragraph above, invited Parties which have pledged resources to convert them into contributions in the very near future. The current status of pledges is contained in table 2 of annex 5 to this report.

**Agenda item 5. Other matters**

55. The Board noted that the secretariat has arranged a side event during the Subsidiary Body session in May on methodologies that propose the switch from non-renewable biomass to renewable biomass, addressing issues related to leakage, differentiation between renewable and non-renewable biomass and consistency with paragraph 7 (a) of decisions 17/CP.7, as requested by the Board at its twenty-eighth meeting. The Board requested the secretariat to provide a briefing of this event at the thirty-second meeting of the Board.

**Agenda sub-item 5 (a): Programme of activities**

56. The Board considered the “procedures for registration of a programme of activities as a single CDM project activity and issuance of certified emission reductions for a programme of activities”, a draft programme of activities design document and a draft CDM programme activity design document and requested the secretariat to prepare as soon as possible, based on the comments from members, a revised version of the documents for consideration at its thirty-first meeting.
Agenda sub-item 5 (b): Relations with Designated National Authorities

57. The Board took note of the oral update by the secretariat on the preparations of the second DNA Forum meeting (26-27 March 2007) which will be held in conjunction with the joint coordination workshop of the Board.

Agenda sub-item 5 (c): Regional distribution of project activities

58. The Board took note of the update by the secretariat on the current status of the distribution of project activities (see distribution of registered activities at http://cdm.unfccc.int/Statistics) and on the on-going work with regard to the Nairobi Framework and the CDM Bazaar.

59. The Board requested the secretariat to prepare a paper, which includes an analysis of how the barriers identified by the Board in its recommendations to COP/MOP.2 could be addressed and an analysis of type of projects and methodologies that could be more suitable for regions with limited participation in the CDM, particularly in Africa, SIDS and LDCs. The Board will consider this paper at its thirty-second meeting with a view to developing possible tools, such as manuals, to help these countries to stimulate more CDM project activities.

Agenda sub-item 5 (d): Relations with Designated Operational and Applicant Entities

60. The Board acknowledged receipt of submissions received from the DOE/AE Forum and informed that, taking into consideration the nature of these issues, the issues shall be forwarded to the respective panels and working groups.

61. The Board took note of the oral report by Mr. Werner Betzenbichler, Chair of the DOE/AE coordination forum. The Chair of the Forum raised, inter alia, the following points for the consideration of the Board:

   (a) In view of some observed discrepancy in consistent use of approved methodology by project participants from the same region/country and its acceptance by the DOEs, it was requested that the DOEs could be provided with an opportunity to request a review of project activities where they notice such inconsistency.

   (b) In cases where the Board has asked secretariat to provide draft guidance on certain issues, and where this draft guidance is available well before the meeting, the DOE/AE forum would request that they would appreciate an opportunity to comment on these draft guidance prepared by the Secretariat prior to the meeting as an input to the Board.

62. The Board took note of the issues raised by Mr. Betzenbichler and considered the interaction useful.

Agenda sub-item 5 (e): Relationship with stakeholders, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (registered accredited observers)

63. The Board met with registered observers for an informal interaction on 23 March 2007 and agreed to continue with such meetings in the afternoon of the last day of its future meetings, unless otherwise indicated. These meetings are available on webcast.

64. The Board further agreed to continue to meet with the same type of arrangement at its thirtieth meeting, with space being made available for 70 observers, and to reconsider the issue when necessary. Observers to the thirty-first meeting of the Executive Board shall have registered with the secretariat by 11 April 2007, no later than 17:00 GMT. In order to ensure proper security and logistical arrangements, the Board emphasized that this deadline will be strictly enforced by the secretariat.

65. The Board acknowledged the (unsolicited) submissions received.
66. The Board considered the communication submitted by the Ozone Secretariat and the decision XVIII/12 “Future work following the Ozone Secretariat workshop on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change/Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) special report” in which Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) to provide information on current and future demand for, and supply of, hydrochlorofluorocarbons, giving full consideration to the influence of the Clean Development Mechanism on hydrochlorofluorocarbon-22 production, as well as on the availability of alternatives to hydrochlorofluorocarbons. In this regard the Board agreed to respond formally by letter to the TEAP.

67. The Board agreed on the provisional agenda for its thirty-first meeting (2 - 4 May 2007) as contained in annex 6 to this report, with an open session on the afternoon of 3 to 4 May 2007.

68. The Board met with the Registration and Issuance Team (RIT) members for an informal interaction on 23 March 2007. The Board took note of the issues raised by RIT members and considered the interaction useful. The Board agreed to consider to repeat such meetings in future.

69. The Chair summarized the main conclusions.

70. Any decisions taken by the Board shall be made publicly available in accordance with paragraph 17 of the CDM modalities and procedures and with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board.

71. The Chair closed the meeting.
Annexes to the report

Methodologies
Annex 1 - Clarification for project participants on when to request a revision, clarification to an approved methodology or deviation
Annex 2 - Revised procedures for the revision of an approved baseline or monitoring methodology by the Executive Board
Annex 3 - Revised terms of reference for the Methodologies Panel

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Annex 4 - Scope of review (registration) - Project 0785

Resources
Annex 5 - Status of resources and pledges to support 2007 CDM activities

Other business
Annex 6 - Provisional agenda for EB31