

REPORT OF THE CDM ACCREDITATION PANEL (CDM-AP)

Forty-Eighth Meeting of the CDM-AP

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I. Introduction

1. This report of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP) covers the period from 4 March 2010 to 30 April 2010, including its forty-eighth meeting (28-30 April 2010).

II. Status of applications

2. The total number of entities currently under consideration by the CDM-AP is forty (40), including twenty-six (26) designated operational entities (DOEs)¹ and fourteen (14) applicant entities (AEs). A total of nine (9) entities have withdrawn their applications, accreditation of one (1) entity has expired and three (3) applications have been rejected by the Executive Board.

3. In terms of geographical distribution, out of the forty (40) entities currently under consideration, the highest number of entities, twenty-three (23), are from the Asia and Pacific region, followed by fifteen (15) from the Western Europe and Other regions. One (1) entity is from Africa and one (1) from the Latin America and Caribbean region.

4. A total of fifteen (15) entities are from Non-Annex I Parties, including thirteen (13) entities from the Asia and Pacific region, one (1) from India and one (1) from the Latin America and Caribbean region. With respect to individual countries, five (5) entities are from China, five (5) from Republic of Korea, two (2) from India, one (1) from Colombia, one (1) from Malaysia and one (1) from South Africa.

III. Update on work of the CDM-AP

5. The CDM-AP continued its deliberations on the revision of the CDM Accreditation Standard, taking into consideration guidance provided by the CMP and the Board, as well as inputs provided by the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum. The work of the CDM-AP focused on the following main areas:

- (a) Competence requirements, including definition of technical areas;
- (b) Measures to safeguard impartiality.

6. The CDM-AP will continue its work with a view to presenting a draft revision of the Standard to the Board for its adoption at a future meeting.

7. The CDM-AP considered an updated information from the secretariat on its on-going work to develop a procedure regarding excess issuance of certified emission reductions (CERs) responding to the request from the Board. The CDM-AP agreed to consider a draft procedure in this regard at its future meeting.

8. The CDM-AP continued the information and experience sharing process with the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel, aimed at exploring ways for further collaboration on common issues.

IV. Case specific issues and recommendations for accreditation of entities

9. The CDM-AP considered six (6) applications for initial accreditation, one (1) application for re-accreditation and three (3) performance assessments. Recommendations and notifications on seven (7) cases will be submitted for consideration by the Board under confidentiality.

10. The CDM-AP considered one (1) spot-check case. A recommendation on the outcome of the case will be submitted for consideration by the Board under confidentiality.

¹ Includes entities accredited and provisionally designated by the Executive Board.

11. The CDM-AP also considered a communication received from an entity regarding its accreditation status. The notification on this communication will be submitted to the Board under confidentiality.

V. Expert Resources

12. The CDM-AP considered an updated assessment plan for each DOE/AE, which presented specific assessment resources allocated for each assessment activity in 2010. The CDM-AP agreed to review these resources at each future meeting based on the actual assessment activities.

13. The CDM-AP decided that secretariat human resources that are or will be used in assessments must be qualified against the same terms of reference used to qualify those on the roster of experts. The CDM-AP requested the secretariat to report the results of the monitoring of assessors' performance in future meetings.

14. The CDM-AP requested the secretariat to train everyone on the roster of experts 2010. Further, the CDM-AP requested the secretariat to inform them of the areas that need the training for and/or the re-qualification of individuals on the roster when reporting the results of performance monitoring referred to in paragraph 13 above.

15. The CDM-AP requested the secretariat to develop an online training course on CDM accreditation for everyone on the roster of experts using as a base the online training course on JI accreditation.

VI. Key issues under consideration

16. The following key issues are under consideration by the CDM-AP, in line with its work plan for 2010:

- (a) Regular review and preparation for revision of the core accreditation documents, including the CDM Accreditation Procedure, the CDM Accreditation Standard and the Validation and Verification Manual;
- (b) Measures to ensure impartiality, independence and technical competence of DOEs;
- (c) Measures to protect project activities from undue prejudice by a suspension or withdrawal of accreditation status of a DOE doing its validation or verification;
- (d) Additional enabling sanctions to those that already available in the accreditation process;
- (e) The development of an "ABC guidance" document to enhance consistency of the accreditation process;
- (f) The development and application of a system for continuous monitoring of the performance of DOEs, including its use within the accreditation process.

VII. Further schedule of the CDM-AP

17. The Board may wish to note that the forty-ninth meeting of the CDM-AP is tentatively scheduled for 23-25 June 2010, in Bonn, Germany.
