

EB 72 SUMMARY



ABSTRACT

The CDM Executive Board (the Board) held its [seventy-second meeting](#) (4 - 8 March 2013) in Bonn, Germany. The meeting focused on [possible changes in the modalities and procedures of the CDM](#) and agreed upon [22 recommendations](#). The progress on Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) initiative was considered. Revised drafts for the DOE performance monitoring, accreditation procedure and accreditation standards were considered. The Board announced that processing of requests for registration or issuance returned to a first-come first-served basis. The Board issued the [2013 work plan for 4 panels and working groups](#). This plan announced “top down” efforts to simplify and streamline existing methodologies while requesting the development of a standardized methodology for the building sector.

Matters related to Governance

Highlights: The Board considered [inputs on possible changes to the mechanism’s modalities and procedures](#) aimed at making the CDM a more efficient and effective tool. A total of [22 recommendations were agreed upon](#). These recommendations include: (a) elaborating the host party role over the whole project and programme lifetime; (b) defining the content of letters of approval (LoAs) and

conditions under which LoAs can be withdrawn; (c) improving the consideration of input in local stakeholder consultations; (d) reviewing the defined length of crediting periods; (e) establishing a better CDM methodology submission process which would no longer require a PDD to be attached. The Board took note of an update on the status of implementation and operation of the following five Regional

Collaboration Centers (RCCs): Lome, Togo; Kampala, Uganda; Manila, the Philippines; Bogota, Colombia; St George's, Grenada. The Board noted that the processing of submissions of requests for registration and issuance resumed on first-come-first serve basis as of March 2013

Impacts for stakeholders: A range of improvements aimed at making the CDM more efficient could be adopted at the end of 2013. Current efforts are aimed at enhancing direct CDM support in the areas covered by their respective RCC. Following the peak in submissions at the end of 2012 and resulting delays, the processing of requests for registration and issuance is expected to go back to normal.



Matters related to Procedures

Highlights: The Board considered a concept note on the remaining issues for the revision of the “Procedure for accrediting operational entities by the Executive Board of the CDM” and made good progress. For the DOE performance monitoring, the Board considered a draft revised procedure as well as a concept note on proposed thresholds for indicators used

Impacts for stakeholders: The proposed revisions, still to be implemented, are expected to reduce cost and increase transparency, predictability and

consistency in DOE decision-making.

Matters related to Standards, Tools and Guidelines

Highlights: The Board requested the Meth Panel to develop, where suitable, standardized parameters or approaches that can be applied at the global level in the form of a methodological tool, for its consideration at its seventy-fifth meeting. The Board in its [work plan for panels](#) requested improvement and simplification of methodologies and tools as well as the development of a methodology using standardized approaches for energy efficiency in buildings.

Impacts for stakeholders: Thanks to “top down” efforts, the development of CDM projects is expected to become more simple. The associated monitoring cost and effort is expected to decrease. Finally, a simple and widely-applicable methodology for the building sector could unlock the large untapped emission reduction potential from the building sector.



Matters related to Policy issues

Highlights: The Board asked the secretariat to analyse operational changes that could be considered permanent and within the control of project participants for its consideration at a future meeting. The Board issued a [clarification on the Implementation of the prior](#)

[consideration of the CDM requirement in the absence of the host Party DNA](#). The Board also issued a [clarification on Removal of a methodology from a programme of activities or a project activity applying multiple methodologies after global stakeholder consultation](#).

Impacts for stakeholders: For projects in a host Party where no DNA has been established at the time of the start date of the proposed project activity or within 180 days of that start date, project participants only need to send a prior consideration of the CDM to the UNFCCC secretariat. The second clarification allows project developers to remove methodologies from their project or programme at validation as long as no change in design has occurred; in which case, documents shall be republished for global stakeholder consultation.



Relation with forums and other stakeholders

The Board took note of **(i)** the DNA Forum held in Doha, Qatar on 24-25 November 2012 in Doha, Qatar, **(ii)** the 13th and 14th teleconference with DOEs on 18 December 2012 and 26 February 2013, **(iii)** the regional training and workshop for African DNAs focused on standardized baselines and PoAs expected to take place in Cote d'Ivoire during the first week of July 2013 in conjunction with the [African Carbon Forum](#); **(iv)** CDM

roundtables aimed at providing a platform for inputs and exchange with the Board scheduled for 20 April, 17 June and 23 August 2013.

**Next Meeting: EB 73
27 May – 31 May 2013
(tentative dates)
Bonn, Germany**

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