



Annex 15

Guidance on the registration of project activities under a programme of activities as a single CDM project activity

(Version 01)

The COP/MOP at its second session decided that a local/regional/national policy or standard cannot be considered as a clean development mechanism project activity, but that project activities under a programme of activities can be registered as a single clean development mechanism project activity provided that approved baseline and monitoring methodologies are used that, *inter alia*, define the appropriate boundary, avoid double counting and account for leakage, ensuring that the emission reductions are real, measurable and verifiable, and additional to any that would occur in the absence of the project activity.

This document provides the basic guiding principles for the registration of project activities under a programme of activities as a single CDM project activity, and may be revised as the body of knowledge expands on project activities under a programme of activities.

Acronyms

- (a) *PoA* - programme of activities
- (b) *CPA* - CDM program activity - a project activity under a programme of activities
- (c) Registered *PoA* - has provided the framework to the Board, in accordance with the guidance and provisions, so that CDM programme activities under a programme of activities can be registered as a single CDM project activity

Project activities under a programme of activities

1. A programme of activities (*PoA*) is a voluntary coordinated action by a private or public entity which coordinates and implements any policy/measure or stated goal (i.e. incentive schemes and voluntary programmes), which leads to GHG emission reductions or increase net greenhouse gas removals by sinks that are additional to any that would occur in the absence of the *PoA*, via an unlimited number of *CPAs*;
2. The physical boundary of a *PoA* may extend to more than one country provided that each participating non-annex I host Party provides confirmation that the *PoA*, and thereby all *CPAs*, assists it in achieving sustainable development;
3. A *PoA* shall comply with all current guidance by the Board concerning the treatment of local/regional/national policies and regulations. *PoA* addressing mandatory local/regional/national policies and regulations are permissible provided it is demonstrated that these policies and regulations are not enforced as envisaged. If they are enforced, the effect of the *PoA* is to increase the enforcement beyond the mandatory level required;
4. A *PoA* shall be proposed by any entity, which can be a public or private entity, which shall be identified in the modalities of communication as the entity which communicates with the Board. Project participants of the *PoA* shall make arrangements with the coordinator or managing entity, relating to communications and distribution of CERs;



5. The coordinating entity of the *PoA* shall identify measures to ensure that all *CPAs* under *PoA* are neither registered as an individual CDM project activity nor included in another registered *PoA*;
6. A *PoA* shall apply one approved baseline and monitoring methodology, involving one type of technology or measure applicable to all *CPAs*;
7. The *PoA* shall demonstrate that net reductions (removals) in anthropogenic emissions for each *CPA* under the *PoA* are real and measurable, are an accurate reflection of what has occurred within the project boundary, and are uniquely attributable to the *PoA*. The *PoA* shall therefore define at registration, the type of information which is to be provided for each *CPA* to ensure that leakage, additionality, establishment of the baseline, baseline emissions, eligibility and double counting are unambiguously defined for each *CPA* within the *PoA*;
8. Each *CPA* shall be uniquely identified, defined and localized in an unambiguous manner including the exact start and end date of the crediting period, by providing, at the stage it is added to the registered *PoA*, information which is determined for the purpose in the registered *PoA*;
9. The duration of the *PoA*, not exceeding 30 years, shall be defined by the entity at the time of request for registration of the *PoA*. Any *CPA* can be added to the *PoA* at any time during the duration of the *PoA* by a coordinating/managing entity. The entity shall inform the CDM Executive Board of addition(s) giving details of the program activity (ies) in a pre-defined format for submitting such information. The crediting period of a *CPA* will be either a maximum of seven years which may be renewed at most two times or a maximum of 10 years with no option of renewal. However, the duration of crediting period of any *CPA* shall be limited to the end date of the *PoA*;
10. The emission reductions of each *CPA* shall be monitored as per the registered monitoring plan according to the methodology applied to the registered *PoA*. The method or approach used to verify emission reductions (that may include random sampling) shall ensure the accuracy of these emission reductions.