

**TWENTY-FOURTH PROGRESS REPORT
OF THE
CDM ACCREDITATION PANEL (CDM-AP)**

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I. Introduction

1. This twenty-fourth progress report covers the period from 23 January 2008 to 16 April 2008. During this period the accreditation panel (CDM-AP) held one meeting.

II. Expert Resources

2. The CDM-AP considered recent additions to the roster of experts and taking into consideration the evaluation of the applicants agreed to roster them accordingly. The CDM-AP took note of gradual increase in number of experts in the roster. The CDM-AP also held discussion on the need and ways to develop training opportunities for accreditation and methodological experts in the roster. It was agreed to further discuss the matter at the next meeting and submit a proposal for the consideration of the Board.

III. Status of applications

3. The total number of active applications currently under consideration by the CDM-AP is 41. It may be noted that three applications are withdrawn.

4. In terms of geographical distribution of the 41 applications under consideration, highest number of applications are from Asia and Pacific region (20) followed by Western Europe and Other region (18). Two applications are from Latin America and Caribbean region and one from the African region. Nine applicants from the Asia and Pacific region, two from Latin America and Caribbean region and one from the African region are from Non-Annex I Parties (Republic of Korea (4), Malaysia (2), China (4), Colombia, Brazil and South Africa). Thus a total of twelve applications are from Non-Annex I Parties and one from an Annex I Party with an economy in transition (Romania).

5. The Board may wish to note that the CDM-AP have already issued indicative letters to 26 entities. It indicates that these entities have successfully passed through the stage of desk review and on-site assessment and require witnessing activities to complete their accreditation. With regard to the status of work of entities, three entities have recently undergone the on-site assessment and are implementing corrective actions. Remaining entities are at different stages of the accreditation procedure.

6. With regard to witnessing activities, three entities are undertaking witnessing activities for validation functions and two for verification functions.

7. The Board may wish to note that a total of seventeen entities are accredited for validation functions and eight for verification functions, covering a wide range of sectoral scopes. It may also be noted that at least one DOE exists for each sectoral scope.

8. The CDM-AP also considered the progress of the assessment work for eight DOEs that applied for re-accreditation. Out of these eight entities, for four entities on-site assessments have already been undertaken and corrective actions by these entities are being implemented. For three other entities assessment teams have been established to undertake the detailed assessment work.

9. The CDM-AP also considered one new application received from an entity and, in accordance with the procedure, undertook a review of these applications and highlighted particular issues for the attention of the CDM-AT. The CDM-AP, having established the CDM-ATs for the new application, requested the secretariat to accomplish the assessment of this case in an expeditious manner.

10. In undertaking the review of progress of other entities under the accreditation process, the CDM-AP considered a desk review of an entity and took note of the findings by the CDM-AT that the

documentation submitted by the entity was not meeting the requirements. The CDM-AP noted that several quality management system related documents and essential procedures for their CDM functions were not meeting the specific CDM requirements. The CDM-AP also concluded a case for request for the name changes by a entity. The CDM-AP, having considered, the requested information submitted by the entity, agreed to allow this change.

11. The CDM-AP, based on the inputs by the secretariat, agreed to initiate the regular surveillance for the entities in accordance with the procedure. The CDM-AP requested the secretariat to undertake these assessment in an expeditious manner and submit reports to the panel for its consideration.

IV. Indicative letters and recommendations for accreditation

12. The CDM-AP, in this meeting, considered four cases for issuance of indicative letters and agreed to issue indicative letter to three entities: RINA S.p.A, Environmental Management Corp. and China Environmental United Certification Center Co., Ltd, (CEC). Indicative letter to one entity was not issued due to the need for some additional information.

13. The CDM-AP considered two cases for phased accreditation and recommendations are submitted for the consideration of the Board under confidentiality.

V. Other recommendations

14. The CDM-AP considered the draft of the document 'elaboration of accreditation standards'. A detailed discussion on several key accreditation related issues, including legal status of entities, sub-contracting of CDM validation and verification work by the entities, satisfying competency requirements for accreditation and how to demonstrate their financial stability. The CDM-AP considering the importance of this document and also taking into consideration the request from AEs/DOEs, recommends the Board to request the secretariat to hold a workshop and seek inputs from AEs/DOEs on this document.

15. The CDM-AP also considered a document on competence requirements for CDM assessment team members and also considered the applicability of this document to identify competence requirements for the operational entities. In considering this document, the CDM-AP recognized the pressing needs for expertise and also difficulties in fulfilling these needs because of small pool of experts. It was also recognized that in order to meet these needs, the CDM-AP should consider measures and approaches for training, evaluation and also towards the certification of these experts. The CDM-AP held a preliminary discussion and agreed to further work on this issue and that the chair would make an outline proposals on training and evaluation to the Board.

16. The Board may also wish to note that the panel have agreed on a evaluation and monitoring system of performance of CDM assessment team members. The aim of the system is to establish an internal evaluation mechanism of the assessment process by the CDM-AP based on the results of monitoring the performance of CDM assessment team members.

VI. Key issues under consideration

17. Following key issues are under the consideration of the CDM-AP:

- (a) The CDM-AP is developing a policy framework to address issues of non-compliance by the DOEs in a systematic manner.

- (b) The CDM-AP received two letters from the Joint Implementation accreditation panel seeking enhanced cooperation and sharing general experiences on accreditation matters as well as proposing a new grouping of sectoral scopes for witnessing purposes. The CDM-AP agreed on enhancing the general sharing of experiences and requested the secretariat to work-out the modalities for such cooperation between two panels. On grouping of sectoral scopes, the CDM-AP agreed to undertake an assessment of possible implications on the CDM accreditation process, before accepting new grouping of sectoral scopes. The CDM-AP requested the secretariat to undertake an assessment of such implications and the issue will be considered by the panel at its next meeting.

VII. Further schedule of the CDM-AP

18. The Board may wish to note that thirty-fifth meeting of the CDM-AP is scheduled on 21 - 23 May 2008.

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