

**THIRTY-FIFTH PROGRESS REPORT  
OF THE  
CDM ACCREDITATION PANEL (CDM-AP)**

**Forty-Fifth Meeting of the CDM-AP**

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## I. Introduction

1. This thirty-fifth progress report covers the period from 24 September 2009 to 30 October 2009. During this period the CDM accreditation panel (CDM-AP) held one meeting.

## II. Expert Resources

2. The CDM-AP took note of the updated report by the secretariat on the level of existing resources and on the resource estimation required to conduct assessment activities planned for 2009-2010. The CDM-AP agreed to keep the level of resources under review at each meeting.

3. The CDM-AP considered level of expert resources on the roster and found it to provide sufficient amount of assessment team experts, based on estimation of assessment activities in 2009-2010. The CDM-AP agreed to close the call for new experts and to review the level of resources on the roster in six months.

## III. Status of applications

4. The total number of applications currently under consideration by the CDM-AP is forty three (43), including twenty seven (27) accredited entities and sixteen (16) non-accredited applicant entities. A total of eight (8) applications have been withdrawn and one (1) has been rejected by the Executive Board.

5. In terms of geographical distribution, out of the forty three (43) applications currently under consideration, the highest number of applications, twenty five (25), is from the Asia and Pacific region, followed by sixteen (16) from the Western Europe and Other regions. One (1) application is from Africa and one (1) from Latin America and the Caribbean region

6. A total of sixteen (16) applications are from Non-Annex I Parties, including fourteen (14) applicants from the Asia and Pacific region, one (1) from India and one (1) from Latin America and the Caribbean. With respect to individual countries: three (3) applicants are from Republic of Korea, two (2) from Malaysia, seven (7) from China, two (2) from India, one (1) from Colombia and one (1) from South Africa.

## IV. Update on work of the CDM-AP

7. The CDM-AP considered presentation by the secretariat on the on-going work in the following areas, relevant to the accreditation process:

- (a) Implementation of the policy framework on addressing non-compliance by DOEs in a systematic manner, adopted by the Board at its forty-ninth meeting;
- (b) Development of appeal procedure for project participants.

8. The CDM-AP also continued its discussion on operationalization of multi-site provisions contained in the CDM Accreditation Procedure and the CDM Accreditation Standard. The CDM-AP further elaborated the criteria and internal procedures for selecting sites to be assessed, in line with the CDM Accreditation Procedure and its previous decisions. The CDM-AP agreed to incorporate the elaborated provisions into the next revision of the CDM Accreditation procedure.

9. The CDM-AP continued its consideration of the issues regarding confidentiality, disclosure of information and transparency of the assessment process, with a reference to existing procedures and established practices. The CDM-AP recommends to Board to consider the following measures to be undertaken to prevent negative implications of publication of assessment results

- (a) Provide for a common and equal approach to disclosure of information on reasons for negative accreditation decisions, such as rejection of application, suspension and withdrawal of accreditation;
- (b) Disclose generalized reasons for the negative accreditation decisions, while keeping the actual text of the non-conformities confidential;
- (c) Request the CDM-AP and the secretariat to introduce appropriate changes to the existing procedures and established practices.

10. The CDM-AP initiated work on establishment of objective criteria to support its analysis of accreditation cases and provision of recommendations to the Board. The objective criteria will be based on previous experience and shall ensure greater consistency of the recommendations.

11. The CDM-AP considered recommendation of the Board to the CMP related to measures to facilitate the accreditation of more applicant entities from developing countries by, inter alia, reducing and even totally subsidizing, the costs associated with travel of accreditation team members through increased use of local assessors and increased use of economy class tickets for short flights. The CDM-AP agreed to recommend to the Board to adopt a common policy towards cost of travel for assessment team members based on the standard UN travel policy.

12. The CDM-AP considered annual activity reports provided by the DOEs in accordance with paragraph 27 (g) of the modalities and procedures of the clean development mechanism. The CDM-AP requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis of the annual activity reports and submit it for the consideration by the Board under confidentiality.

13. The CDM-AP continued the information and experience sharing with the Joint Implementation accreditation panel, exploring ways for further collaboration.

## **V. Case specific issues and recommendations for accreditation of entities**

14. The CDM-AP considered six (6) applications for initial accreditation and five (5) applications for re-accreditation. Recommendations on three (3) cases will be submitted for the consideration by the Board under confidentiality.

15. The CDM-AP also considered one (1) witnessing activities initiated prior to the revision of the CDM Accreditation Procedure and considered as performance assessments. The case will be submitted for the consideration by the Board under confidentiality.

16. The CDM-AP considered as well one (1) entity under suspension. A recommendation on the outcome will be submitted for the consideration by the Board under confidentiality.

17. The CDM-AP took note of an expiration of accreditation of one (1) applicant entity. The notice will be submitted for the consideration by the Board under confidentiality for its consideration and decision.

## **VI. Key issues under consideration**

18. The following key issues are under on-going consideration of the CDM-AP:

- (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) The training of assessment team members in order to seek further improvement and achieve greater consistency in the assessment process.

## **VII. Further schedule of the CDM-AP**

- 19. The Board may wish to note that the forty-sixth meeting of the CDM-AP is tentatively scheduled for 18 – 20 January 2010, in Bonn, Germany.

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