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- 1. The secretariat continues to operate the CDM and DNA Help Desks. The DNA Help Desk has provided clarifications to several designated national authorities (DNAs) regarding the application of the standardized baselines guidelines, project cycle, and other queries, including supporting the Regional Collaboration Centre in Lome to provide initial capacity building to the new DNA in Central African Republic.
- 2. The DNA Help Desk has also supported the process to develop default values for the fraction of non-renewable biomass for Tuvalu and Sao Tome and Principe, two countries that have recently established a DNA. It has also supported Ecuador in developing a proposed standardized baseline for the methane destruction sector, which is currently being considered by the national authorities.
- 3. The CDM Help Desk continued to support CDM projects and Programmes of Activities (PoAs) in eligible countries (Africa, least developed countries, small island developing states and countries that had 10 or fewer registered CDM projects as of 31 December 2010) by providing a reliable and timely technical assistance.
- 4. The fifth Africa Carbon Forum was organized under the Nairobi Framework Partnership on 3-5 July 2013 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, with the support and sponsorship of the national government. An estimated 500 participants joined the event, representing all sectors interested in carbon markets, including project developers, consultants, designated operational entities, UN agencies, traders, academia, and others. The event was co-organized with the United Nations Environment Programme and its Risoe Centre, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Emissions Trading Association, the African Development Bank, and with support from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Partners agreed to organize a sixth edition in 2014.
- 5. The fourth Workshop on enhancing the regional distribution of CDM projects in Asia and the Pacific was co-organized with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies on 4-5 September 2013 at ADB's Headquarters in Manila, Philippines. 120 participants from DNAs, project developers, coordinating and managing entities of PoAs, and consultants joined the event. The main focus of the workshop was on current opportunities for CDM in light of emerging markets. Partners agreed to organize a new event in 2014.
- 6. The CDM Loan Scheme has closed its fourth window for loan applications. The United Nations Office for Project Services, the implementing agency of the scheme, is currently evaluating the applications. Currently, the scheme has approved 36 loans for a total commitment of USD 4,517,627. LDCs represent 47% of the approved loans, Africa represents 64%, and PoAs comprise 56%. A new window for application will be opened later in 2013 or in early 2014, subject to availability of funds.
- 7. In addition, two regional trainings were co-organized with the United Nations Development Programme in Africa (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 1-2 July 2013) and Asia, the Pacific, and Eastern Europe (Manila, Philippines, 2-3 September 2013). Individual reports have been prepared for these events.

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