

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

Forty-Sixth Meeting of the CDM-AP

18 – 20 January 2010

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I. Introduction

1. This thirty-sixth progress report covers the period from 31 October 2009 to 20 January 2010. 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 number of existing resources on the roster of experts and on the estimated resource requirement to conduct assessment activities planned for 2010. The CDM-AP agreed to review the resources at each meeting based on the actual assessment activities. The CDM-AP also noted an increase in the capacity of the secretariat internal assessment resources.

3. The CDM-AP considered the geographical distribution of the resources on the roster of experts and observed that a sufficient number of approved assessment experts is available, based on the estimation of assessment activities in 2010. The CDM-AP also noted that all geographical regions are represented on the roster. The CDM-AP agreed to review the number of resources and to consider opening a call for experts at future meetings, based on projected assessment activities.

III. Status of applications

4. The total number of entities currently under consideration by the CDM-AP is forty (40), including twenty six (26) accredited entities and fourteen (14) non-accredited applicant entities. A total of eight (8) entities have withdrawn their applications, accreditation of one (1) entity has expired and three (3) applications have been rejected by the Executive Board.

5. In terms of geographical distribution, out of the forty (40) entities currently under consideration, the highest number of entities, twenty three (23), is from the Asia and Pacific region, followed by fifteen (15) from the Western Europe and Other regions. One (1) entity is from Africa and one (1) from Latin America and the Caribbean region.

6. A total of fifteen (15) entities are from Non-Annex I Parties, including thirteen (13) entities from the Asia and Pacific region, one (1) from India and one (1) from Latin America and the Caribbean. With respect to individual countries, four (4) entities are from Republic of Korea, one (1) from Malaysia, six (6) 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 a progress update by the secretariat on the implementation of the policy framework on monitoring performance and addressing non-compliance by DOEs in a systematic manner. The CDM-AP welcomed the work done and stressed the importance of the framework to the accreditation process, as well as the role of enabling measures to encourage improvement of DOE performance. The importance of appropriate DOE involvement in the process was highlighted. The CDM-AP agreed to regularly consider the progress on the implementation and provide its input on further refinement of the framework.

8. The CDM-AP worked on the revision of the CDM Accreditation Standard, taking into consideration guidance provided by the CMP and the Board, as well as inputs provided by the DOE Forum. The CDM-AP agreed to keep the structure of the Standard unchanged and focus the revision on the following areas:

- (a) Competence, including definition of technical areas;
- (b) Measures to safeguard impartiality;

(c) Allocation of CDM functions to non-central sites.

9. The CDM-AP will continue its work with a view of presenting a revised draft of the Standard to the Board for its adoption at a future meeting. The CDM-AP agreed to explore the possibility of inviting representatives of the DOE Forum to its next meeting to discuss specific issues regarding the focus of the areas of the revision.

10. The CDM-AP noted a concern raised by the secretariat on the implementation of the CDM Accreditation Procedure with regard to the selection of the verification activities for performance assessment. The CDM-AP recommends that the Board adopt the following guideline on the timing of publication of monitoring reports, to allow implementation of the CDM Accreditation Procedure:

“The DOE shall publish the monitoring report at least two weeks before the verification site visit”.

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

V. Case specific issues and recommendations for accreditation of entities

12. The CDM-AP considered one (1) application for initial accreditation, one (1) application for extension of accreditation scope and two (2) applications for re-accreditation. Recommendations on three (3) cases will be submitted for consideration by the Board under confidentiality.

13. The CDM-AP also considered three (3) witnessing activities initiated prior to the revision of the CDM Accreditation Procedure and considered as performance assessments. The cases will be submitted for consideration by the Board under confidentiality.

14. The CDM-AP considered as three (3) spot-check cases. A recommendation on the outcome of one (1) case will be submitted for consideration by the Board under confidentiality.

VI. Key issues under consideration

15. The following key issues are under on-going consideration by 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 and monitoring of assessment team members in order to seek further improvement of consistency in the assessment process.

VII. Further schedule of the CDM-AP

16. The Board may wish to note that the forty-seventh meeting of the CDM-AP is tentatively scheduled for 1 – 3 March 2010, in Bonn, Germany.

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