

EB 65 SUMMARY



ABSTRACT

The CDM Executive Board (the Board) held its [sixty-fifth meeting](#) (21-25 November 2011) in Durban, South Africa. The Board approved the Project Standard (PS), the Validation and Verification Standard (VVS) and the Project Cycle Procedure (PCP) along with a clear plan for how and when the CDM mechanism will transition across to them. Other important approvals are: a sampling standard which is to guide how sampling is done under CDM project activities and programmes of activities (PoAs), a standard for PoAs which is a consolidation of three existing standards and one existing procedure, default values and a work programme for guidelines on sector-specific standardized baselines, procedure for designated national authorities (DNAs) to propose microscale renewable energy technologies for automatic additionality and revision of additionality tool. The Board approved two new large-scale methodologies, one new small-scale methodology and revised several others (large- and small-scale). The Board interacted with forums and other stakeholders. The Board launched two calls for public inputs to support future work on the CDM.

Matters related to Governance

Highlights: The CDM policy dialogue will be launched during a side event to the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP17) on 3 December 2012 in Durban, South Africa. The selection of panel members has been undertaken in consultation with members and alternate members of the Board, and was in line with the [terms of reference](#) for the CDM policy dialogue agreed by EB 64. The [call for public inputs](#) on the scope of the dialogue, agreed

by EB 64, is open until **16 January 2012**.

Impacts for stakeholders:

Stakeholders can propose issues to be included in the dialogue. The summary of the inputs will be shared with the panel conducting the dialogue and will be considered by EB 66.



Matters related to Standards, Tools and Guidelines

Highlights: The Board approved the [“Standard for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and PoAs”](#), [“Standard for demonstration of additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for PoAs”](#), [VVS](#), [PS](#) and the [implementation plan for PS, VVS and PCP](#). The Board also approved [default values](#) and a [work programme](#) for guidelines on sector-specific standardized baselines. The Board requested the secretariat to continue its work on the draft guidelines for completing the CDM project design document (PDD) form and on the draft “Glossary of CDM terms”, for consideration by EB 66.

Impacts for stakeholders: With the approval of sampling standard, the stakeholders have one set of common sampling guidelines and best-practice examples covering large- and small-scale projects and PoAs. It also guides designated operational entities (DOEs) on how to review sampling and survey designs in PDDs as well as how to apply sampling to validation/ verification work. With the approval of PoA standard, the stakeholders have one consolidated document which will be further improved in future taking into account useful practitioners’ perspectives provided by the stakeholders. PoA-related PDDs uploaded for registration after **25 July 2012** must use this new PoA standard. VVS and PS are key documents for making the development and approval of CDM project activities more objective and efficient. Their implementation plan includes its effective date and the transitional arrangements from existing to new processes. Default

values relevant for the development of standardized baseline enable quick implementation of the guidelines for standardized baselines.



Matters related to Procedures

Highlights: The Board approved the [PCP](#) along with its [implementation plan](#). The Board also approved the [“Procedure for submission and consideration of microscale renewable energy technologies for automatic additionality”](#) for the DNAs. The Board considered the external inputs on the draft “Procedure for addressing significant deficiencies in past validation, verification or certification reports” and requested the secretariat to conduct a study mainly on the availability of insurance and related products, including their cost, involving experts in the relevant fields.

Impacts for stakeholders: PCP is one of the key documents for making the development and approval of CDM project activities more objective and efficient. The implementation plan includes its effective date and the transitional arrangements from existing to new processes.

With the approval of the procedure for DNAs, it is expected that the regional balance of CDM project activities will improve. Regarding the submissions already made by DNAs, the Board agreed to process these submissions in accordance with the new procedure and that the secretariat should request DNAs to

provide any further information required under this procedure.



Matters related to Policy issues

Highlights: In response to letters received from DOEs and other stakeholders, the Board revised the methodological tool “[Demonstration and assessment of additionality](#)” to incorporate all provisions included in the first-of-its-kind and common practice guidelines in the revised tool. The Board further requested the secretariat to revise the combined tool to incorporate the provisions of the same guidelines, for consideration by the Board at a future meeting.

Impacts for stakeholders: Revision of the tools will provide clarity and consistency. It will be ensured that there is alignment for projects using measures specified in the guidelines and that for common practice analysis, registered projects and projects under validation are not included.



Relation with forums and other stakeholders

The Board took note of: **(a)** the workplan for capacity-building and related skills development for DNAs and other stakeholders, **(b)** the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum meeting that took place on 27 October 2011 in Bonn, Germany, **(c)** the secretariat’s plans for regular interactions with DOEs via

teleconferences with six-week intervals in 2012.

In response to letters received from DOEs and other stakeholders, the Board acknowledged the need for revision of the additionality tool and the combined tool. As mentioned above, the Board revised the additionality tool at this meeting and will consider revision of the combined tool at a future meeting. The Board met with the forums and other stakeholders, provided responses to the issues raised and thanked them for their inputs.



Requests for inputs from stakeholders

[Inputs are sought](#) from stakeholders on the following matters:

- (a)** Draft tool to determine project emissions from anaerobic digesters, starting on **28 November 2011** and ending on **28 December 2011**.
- (b)** Draft guidelines on quality assurance/quality control of data, starting on **8 December 2011** and ending on **20 January 2012**.

Next Meeting: EB 66
27 February - 2 March 2012
Bonn, Germany

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