

EB 66 SUMMARY



ABSTRACT

The CDM Executive Board (the Board) held its [sixty-sixth meeting](#) (27 February-2 March 2012) in Bonn, Germany. The Board elected its Chair and Vice-Chair and chairs, vice-chairs and supporting members for its panels and working groups. The Board approved the two-year CDM business plan, the CDM 2012 management plan, 2012 work plans of the 4 panels and working groups. The Board agreed on the steps for the implementation of the concept of materiality under the CDM and on the modalities and procedures for carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) in geological formations as CDM project activities. Other important approvals are: various guidelines relating to the operationalization of the Project Standard (PS), the Validation and Verification Standard (VVS) and the Project Cycle Procedure (PCP) documents, the revised glossary of CDM terms, and the QA/QC guidelines for standardized baselines. Among the 17 new and revised methodologies approved was a small scale methodology for rural areas that uses the concept of suppressed demand for the first time. A large scale methodology for high speed passenger rail systems was also approved. The Board launched 5 calls for public inputs to support future work on the CDM.

Matters related to Governance

Highlights: The Board elected Chair (Mr. Maosheng Duan) and Vice-Chair (Mr. Martin Hession) and chairs, vice-chairs and members for panels and working groups. The Board approved the [two-year CDM business plan](#), the [CDM 2012 management plan](#), 2012 work plans of 4 panels and working groups. The Board agreed on the steps for the implementation of the concept

of materiality under the CDM (decision 9/CMP.7) and on the modalities and procedures for CCS in geological formations as CDM project activities (decision 10/CMP.7). The Board also agreed to require all designated operational entities (DOEs) to report forecasts of submissions of request for registration and issuance twice a year for the following 6 months.

Impacts for stakeholders: Approved set of plans will provide the stakeholders with a complete overview of the work items to be considered by the Board and its support structure in 2012. Stakeholders can know what their roles are and where their engagement is expected throughout the year. Increased interaction between DOEs and the secretariat is expected in developing materiality guidelines. A working group on CCS methodologies will be proposed at EB 67 to process submissions from the stakeholders. The new DOE reporting requirement will ensure operational capacity especially during the peak and improve efficiency in the operation of the CDM.



Matters related to Standards, Tools and Guidelines

Highlights: The Board approved the [QA/QC guidelines for standardized baselines](#) - the last of the 3 key guidelines relating to standardized baselines. These guidelines are designed to ensure the quality of data used to create standardized baselines. The Board approved [various guidelines](#) relating to the operationalization of the Project Standard (PS), the Validation and Verification Standard (VVS) and the Project Cycle Procedure (PCP) documents. The Board also approved a small scale methodology ([AMS-I.L](#)) for rural electrification using renewable energy. For the first time it uses the concept of suppressed demand. A large scale methodology ([AM0101](#))

for high speed passenger rail systems was also approved. The Board revised the [combined tool](#). Impacts for stakeholders: With all of the necessary guidelines to propose standardized baselines now in place, it is expected that designated national authorities (DNAs) will come forward with proposals. The use of standardized baselines is expected to make the assessment of compliance more objective and therefore faster and is expected to be particularly beneficial for renewable energy projects in least developed countries. AMS-I.L that uses the concept of suppressed demand can be applied by projects that install renewable electricity generation technologies, like solar panels, in communities with no access to electricity, and where at least 75% of the consumers are households. The methodology also includes more straight-forward monitoring requirements. It is expected to incentivise private sector investment in least developed countries.



Matters related to Procedures

Highlights: The Board approved the revised [glossary of CDM terms](#) and the revised [PCP](#). Impacts for stakeholders: The glossary of CDM terms was revised as part of the plan to revise, consolidate and develop relevant documents to PS, VVS and PCP. With the adoption of the revised PCP, 2 existing guidelines on completeness check were withdrawn.



Matters related to Policy issues

Highlights: The Board requested the secretariat to explore options, for consideration at EB 67, to enhance interaction between the Registration and Issuance Team (RIT) and the Board. The Board also requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note, for consideration at EB 67, regarding the competence requirements for DOEs/AEs.

Impacts for stakeholders: Enhanced interaction is expected to provide opportunity to RIT members to better understand Board's requirements when assessing review cases.

The concept note will be considered during the policy discussion on the competence requirements for DOEs/AEs at EB 67 as part of Phase II revision of the CDM accreditation standard under CDM-MAP.



Relation with forums and other stakeholders

The Board took note of: **(a)** the arrangements for the DNA training on PoA to be held in Bonn, Germany on 20-21 March 2012, **(b)** the arrangements for the 13th Global DNA Forum to be held in Bonn, Germany on 22-23 March 2012, **(c)** the arrangements for the 1st Sustainable Development Mechanisms Joint Coordination Meeting to be held in Bonn,

Germany on 24-25 March 2012, **(d)** that CDM-MAP makes provision for a meeting of the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum in the 3rd quarter of 2012, and **(e)** that the backlog of letters submitted to the Board had been fully address by the secretariat.

The Board considered letters received from stakeholders and requested the secretariat to answer them according to the guidance given.



Requests for inputs from stakeholders

Inputs are sought from stakeholders, starting on **5 March 2012** and ending on **5 April 2012**, on the following matters:

- (a)** Draft best practice examples focusing on sample size and reliability calculations,
- (b)** Draft methodological tool "Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use,"
- (c)** Draft methodology SSC-III.AZ,
- (d)** Draft revision of the methodology AMS-II.C, and
- (e)** Definition of "special underdeveloped zones."

Next Meeting: EB 67 7-11 May 2012 Bonn, Germany

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