

EB 67 SUMMARY



ABSTRACT

The CDM Executive Board (the Board) held its [sixty-seventh meeting](#) (7 - 11 May 2012) in Bonn, Germany. The Board considered an analysis and a proposal for voluntary measures to highlight the sustainable development co-benefits of CDM project activities and PoAs. The Board adopted the best practices examples focusing on sample size and reliability calculations. The concept note on the expansion of the “Guidelines for demonstrating additionality of micro-scale project activities”, especially to the definition of the “special underdeveloped zones” was considered. The Board approved the approach to calculate the fraction of non-renewable biomass (fNRB) values for LDCs, SIDS and Parties with 10 or less registered CDM project activities as of 31 December 2010 and the calculated default values of fNRB. Moreover, the scope of the DOE consultation on significant deficiencies was approved. The Carbon Capture and Storage Working Group (CCS WG) was established.

Matters related to Governance

Highlights: The Board selected members of all panels and working groups for a new term of office. The Board considered an update on the status of the work programme of the Board in 2012 through the document [CDM Executive Board work programme 2012](#). The Board requested the secretariat to include in future versions of the work programme any new mandates arising from each meeting and provide an update on the status of work at the following meeting. The Board agreed on measures to enhance its interaction with the RIT

on cases of requests for registration, issuance and renewal of crediting period that have been placed under review. The Board adopted the revised [Terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM Executive Board](#), which introduce provisions relating to the newly established CCS WG. Mr. José Miguez and Ms. Pauline Kennedy were appointed by the Board to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. The appointments are a further step to deliver on a decision by Kyoto Protocol Parties to include the CCS in the CDM. The Board adopted the

revised [CDM Executive Board decision and documentation framework](#).

Impacts for stakeholders: Regularly publishing updated versions of the Board's work programme will keep the stakeholders informed on how the Board is implementing its work over the year ahead. Enhanced interaction is expected to provide opportunities to RIT members to better understand the Board's requirements when assessing review cases. The newly established CCS WG together with various products related to CCS approved by the Board, will allow the proposed new CCS methodologies to be submitted soon by the stakeholders.



Matters related to Standards, Tools and Guidelines

Highlights: The Board adopted the [Best practices examples focusing on sample size and reliability calculations](#), this document provides several best practice examples covering large and small-scale project activities. It also provides examples for checking reliability of data collected through sample surveys. The Board approved the following new methodologies: Interconnection of electricity grids in countries with economic merit order dispatch ([AM0104](#)) and Reduction of emissions from charcoal production by improved kiln design and/or abatement of methane ([ACM0021](#)). The large-scale consolidated methodology for new grid connected fossil fuel fired power

plants using a less GHG intensive technology (ACM0013), currently on hold, will be considered again by the Meth Panel in order to include stakeholder and Board members comments. The Board approved the approach to calculate the fraction of non-renewable biomass (fNRB) values for LDCs, SIDS and Parties with 10 or less registered CDM project activities as of 31 December 2010 and the values as indicated in the information note on default values of fNRB. The Board requested the secretariat to recommend a positive list of off-grid renewable electricity generation technologies and other isolated units/technologies of very small size in distributed location for automatic additionality. The "Guidelines for demonstrating additionality of micro-scale project activities", especially to the definition of the "special underdeveloped zones" was considered and inputs provided by the Board to inform future revision of the definition.

Impacts for stakeholders: Due to the various potential approaches and the possible complexity, many stakeholders have requested the examples of sampling which was produced and adopted, these examples are expected to assist project developer to apply the "Standard for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and PoAs". The best practice examples for DOE validation/verification for sampling and surveys, will be covered in a future document. The approval of default values of fNRB were developed in order to facilitate and reduce the development costs of project activities and PoAs in LDCs, SIDS and Parties with 10 or less registered CDM project activities.

Matters related to Procedures

Highlights: The Board approved the [Terms of reference for the consultation with DOEs](#) on insurability and other approaches to risk under the draft procedure for addressing significant deficiencies in past validation, verification and certification reports. The Board revised PoA guidelines to include an instruction to coordinating/managing entities (CMEs) to describe how a proposed PoA contributes to sustainable development. The Board adopted the “Guidelines for completing the proposed new carbon capture and storage baseline and monitoring methodology form” and the “Guidelines for completing the project design document form for carbon capture and storage CDM project activities”. The Board adopted the “Procedure for submission and consideration of a proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology for carbon capture and storage CDM project activities”.

Impacts for stakeholders: The objective of the DOE consultation is to enhance the communication between the Board and DOEs (accompanied by their insurers, should the DOEs so choose) and to provide a confidential forum where they can exchange views related to this topic.



Matters related to Policy issues

Highlights: The Board agreed to extend the transitional measure contained in the CDM accreditation standard (annex D, paragraph 5)

from 17 March 2012 to 17 June 2013 in Phase I of the revision of this standard. The Board considered an analysis and a proposal for voluntary measures to highlight the sustainable development co-benefits of CDM project activities and PoAs. The Board requested the secretariat to develop a voluntary tool for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

Impacts for stakeholders: The extension of the transitional measure is intended to assist the DOEs to manage and maintain qualified human resources in accordance with the CDM accreditation standard. Project participants voluntarily reporting on the co-benefits brought by CDM projects and PoAs using a standard tool and reporting on the changes occurring after registration will help highlighting the benefits brought by the CDM.



Requests for inputs from stakeholders

[Inputs are sought](#) from stakeholders, starting on **14 May 2012** and ending on **28 May 2012**, on the following matters:

- (a) Additional issues and topics to be discussed on the CDM round tables planned by the secretariat this year,
- (b) The top-down development of standardized approaches for rural energy supply (biogas),
- (c) Top-down development of standardized approaches for determining methane emissions in rice field under AMS-III.AU.

[Inputs are sought](#) from stakeholders, starting on **14 May 2012** and ending on **4 June 2012**, on the following matter:

(d) Guidelines for establishment of standardized baselines for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism.

Furthermore, [inputs are sought](#) from stakeholders, starting on **14 May 2012** and ending on **11 June 2012**, on the following draft revisions of the methodologies:

(e) AMS-III.D “Methane recovery in animal manure management systems”,

(f) AMS-III.G “Landfill methane recovery”,

(g) AMS-III.Q “Waste Energy Recovery (gas/heat/pressure) project”,

(h) AMS-III.R “Methane recovery in agricultural activities at household/small farm level”.

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