

EB 68 SUMMARY



ABSTRACT

The CDM Executive Board (the Board) held its [sixty-eighth meeting](#) (16 - 20 July 2012) in Bonn, Germany. The Board adopted the guidelines for the consideration of interactive effects for the application of multiple CDM methodologies for a programme of activities (PoAs). The Board agreed to revise the guidelines for demonstrating additionality of small- and micro- scale project activities and the guidelines on consideration of suppressed demand in CDM methodologies. The Board agreed to revise the procedure for submission and consideration of standardized baselines. A draft voluntary tool for highlighting sustainable development co-benefits of CDM project activities and PoAs was considered. Moreover, recommendations to CMP 8 regarding the withdrawal or suspension of Letters of Approval (LoA) were agreed. Interaction with representatives of the CDM Policy Dialogue Panel took place. Members for the new Carbon Capture and Storage Working Group (CCS WG) were appointed. The Board launched 9 calls for public inputs to support future work on the CDM.

Matters related to Governance

Highlights: The Board met with representatives of the CDM Policy Dialogue Panel and shared experience on the implementation of the CDM and views on the development and potential future use of the market-based mechanisms. In addition, the members for the new CCS WG were appointed by the Board. The CCS WG is expected to work in collaboration with the Meth Panel.

Impacts for stakeholders: The aim of the CDM policy dialogue is to

take stock of the lessons learned implementing the CDM and recommend how to position the mechanism going forward. The CDM Policy Dialogue Panel's final report will be published in September 2012. The Panel's work will be submitted to the Board at its sixty-ninth meeting and published in a public report, available to all stakeholders, immediately afterwards. More information on the CDM Policy Dialogue at [\[http://www.cdmpolicydialogue.org/\]](http://www.cdmpolicydialogue.org/). Regarding the CCS WG, the Board

took another important step towards the implementation of carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) in geological formations as clean development mechanism project activities.



Matters related to Standards, Tools and Guidelines

Highlights: The Board adopted the [Guidelines for the consideration of interactive effects for the application of multiple CDM methodologies for a programme of activities](#), this document provides guidance on consideration of interactive effects when applying different technologies/measures pertaining to the same methodology and/or combinations of approved CDM methodologies within the component project activities (CPAs) of a PoA. The Board agreed upon the revision of the [Guidelines on the demonstration of additionality of small-scale project activities](#), with an expansion of its positive list of technologies and project activity types that are defined as automatically additional, and the [Guidelines for demonstrating additionality of microscale project activities](#), to incorporate a definition of the special underdeveloped zone (SUZ) in a host country. The Board also agreed to revise the [Guidelines on the consideration of suppressed demand in CDM methodologies](#), adding consistency in the definition of the minimum service level (MSL) throughout the guidelines, sanitation and transportation as basic human needs and examples in several sections of the

guidelines. Furthermore, 24 methodologies were approved or revised/amended for large, small-scale and afforestation/ reforestation.

Impacts for stakeholders: The enhancement of PoA rules intent to provide stakeholders with the regulatory framework to streamline, scale up and at the same time safeguard the environmental integrity of PoAs. Stakeholders have long called for positive lists of projects that qualify automatically due to their obvious ability to reduce emissions and the obvious barriers they face to implementation; this list is expected to help reducing the development costs of CDM project activities and programmes. The improvements on the guidelines on suppressed demand aim to achieve consistency in the methods to address the situation where future emissions by sources may rise above current levels. These guidelines have especial relevance for projects and programmes located in LDCs, SIDS and Parties with 10 or less registered CDM project activities.



Matters related to Procedures

Highlights: The Board agreed to revise the [Procedure for the submission and consideration of standardized baselines](#). The Board agreed to recommend to the CMP that, in withdrawing or suspending a letter of approval (LoA), the Party, would need to inform the Board of such withdrawal or suspension, the effective date of the withdrawal or suspension, and other relevant

implications on the particular CDM project activity or programme. The Board also decided to consider requirements and measures to deal with the withdrawal or suspension of LoAs by a Party. The Board postpone the deadline for submissions of requests for registration and issuance under previous set of regulations (VVM track) to 31 January 2013.

Impacts for stakeholders: The revised procedure for the submission and consideration of standardized baselines has defined modalities for DNAs to apply for funding for preparation of assessment reports of standardised baselines. Targeted countries can now apply for funding of assessment reports for up to the three first standardised baselines proposed by the country. The extension of the the deadline for submissions of requests for registration and issuance should provide stakeholders with sufficient time for completing related activities under the VVM track.



Requests for inputs from stakeholders

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

- (a) Standardization of the off-grid component of the "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system", starting on **23 July 2012** and ending on **1 August 2012**.
- (b) Standardized approaches for determining baselines for measure(s), starting on **23 July 2012** and ending on **6 August 2012**.

(c) Workplan for the development of the database on the cost and efficiency of technologies to facilitate the development of standardized baselines, starting on **6 August 2012** and ending on **19 August 2012**.

[Inputs are sought](#) from stakeholders, starting on **23 July 2012** and ending on **10 August 2012**, on the following matters:

- (d) Significant deficiencies,
- (e) Sustainable development co-benefits of CDM project activities and PoAs.
- (f) Draft guidelines on the application of materiality in verifications.

Furthermore, [inputs are sought](#) from stakeholders, starting on **23 July 2012** and ending on **22 August 2012**, on the following matter:

- (g) Draft new methodology SSC-III.BE "Substitution of virgin raw materials and fuels by secondary materials recovered from scrap tires".
- (h) Draft revision of the methodology AMS-II.E "Energy efficiency and fuel switching measures for buildings".
- (i) Revision of the A/R methodological tool "Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities".

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