The coordinating/managing entity (CME) may inform the designated national authority (DNA) of the host Party(ies) and the UNFCCC of the intention to seek CDM status for the programme of activities (PoA).

The CME prepares a project proposal called PoA design document (PoA-DD) and completes a component project activity design document (CPA-DD) with generic information relevant to all CPAs that may be included in the PoA.

If a PoA involves CPAs in multiple countries, a separate letter of approval is required from each DNA involved.

The PoA-DD is validated by a designated operational entity (DOE), who then submits the documentation to the CDM executive board with a request for registration. Multiple CPAs can be included under a PoA at the time of registration.

The DOE submits to the CDM executive board a request for issuance of CERs after it verifies that the monitored emission reductions meet the relevant requirements. The request for issuance shall either: (1) relate to all CPAs included in the PoA; or (2) in the case of two separate monitoring reports for a monitoring period, relate to all CPAs included in the batch of CPAs that the request covers.

Additional CPAs can be added at any point in the life of the PoA. To include a CPA in a registered CDM PoA, the CME shall forward the new CPA-DD to any DOE, after having ensured that the CPA meets the eligibility criteria for inclusion in the PoA.