



CDM Fact Sheet – CDM Programme of Activities



What is a Programme of Activities?

A programme of activities (PoA) under the clean development mechanism (CDM) is the coordinated implementation of a policy, measure or goal that reduces emissions. Under a PoA, emission reductions achieved by hundreds or even thousands of individual activities (known as component project activities or CPAs) can be considered in aggregate, without requiring each CPA to undergo individualized registration and issuance processes. This reduces transaction costs and makes the CDM more attractive and accessible, particularly to least developed countries that have not historically benefited from the CDM.

With the PoA approach, large-scale emission reductions can be achieved through projects that would be too small to be viable on their own. Examples of registered PoAs include household-level activities, such as installation of clean cook stoves and energy efficient light bulbs, and small-scale renewable energy projects, such as solar and hydro power.

What are the benefits of PoAs over traditional CDM projects?

- Reduced transaction costs, investment risks and uncertainties for individual CPA participants
- Faster approval process
- Viability of smaller project activities
- Increased flexibility in terms of project size: emission reductions can be continuously scaled up after PoA registration, because an unlimited number of CPAs can be added at a later stage
- Increased regional distribution of CDM projects: as of 30 June 2013, about 29% of all registered PoAs were located in Africa, compared to just 2% of standard CDM projects.
- Increased co-benefits to local communities (clean drinking water, improved air quality, etc.)

Where can I find more information?

- PoA web page: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/index.html>
- List of all registered PoAs: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/registered.html>
- PoA insights web page featuring data and analysis of PoAs: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Statistics/Public/PoA/index.html>
- The Handbook for PoAs: Practical Guidance to Successful Implementation (By Climate Focus): http://cd4cdm.org/Publications/Handbook_Implementation_PoA.pdf

For general questions about PoAs, please e-mail CDM-info@unfccc.int.



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