

# CDM Fact Sheet – UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centres



### What is a Regional Collaboration Centre?

Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) are a network of regionally located offices providing CDM project support to governments, NGOs and the private sector. This on-the-ground support is part of an effort to increase the regional distribution of CDM projects by removing some of the barriers (lack of resources, lack of expertise) that have hindered lesser-developed countries from accessing the CDM.

The CDM remains the only fully operational, UN-approved carbon-finance mechanism available to developing countries. As such, it is vital that all developing countries be able to take advantage of the mechanism's sustainable development benefits and contribute to global climate change mitigation.

#### Who can benefit from the RCCs?

Standardized baseline developers • CDM Programme of Activities (PoA) developers • Designated National Authorities (DNAs) or environment ministries • Project developers • CDM Designated Operational Entities (third-party validators and verifiers) • Funding bodies of renewable energy projects • Development banks

#### What benefits do the RCCs provide?

- Reduced transaction costs and reduced time to market for CDM projects
- Development of standardized baselines, which can eliminate the need to identify new baseline scenarios and prove additionality for CDM projects of similar sector/scope
- Increased registration of PoAs, which provide for the easy replication of smaller projects
- Reduced investment risk
- Increased access to least developed countries for carbon market investors/project developers
- Increased proliferation of CDM project co-benefits, such as infrastructure development, income generation, improved air quality, employment and technology transfer

#### What services do the RCCs provide?

- Identification and development of potential CDM projects and PoAs
- Identification and development support for standardized baselines
- Technical and procedural support during project design, validation and verification phases
- Support to local DNA offices
- Other services as identified by each individual centre

## Where are the RCCs located and how can I contact them?

There are currently four operational RCCs. An additional centre is under consideration in Asia. Please feel free to e-mail, call or visit the centres at your convenience.

Location	About	Contact
Lomé, Togo	Established in January 2013 in cooperation with the Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement. Experts available to provide support and capacity-building to governments, non-governmental organizations and businesses interested in developing CDM in the West African/Francophone region.	68, Av. de la Libération B.P. 1172 Lomé, Togo Tel: +228 2223 2779 Fax: +228 2223 2590 Email: <u>rcclome@unfccc.int</u> Skype: rcc.lome
Kampala, Uganda	Established in May 2013 in cooperation with the East African Development Bank. Experts available to provide support to interested organizations and companies in East/Southern Africa including Lusophone countries.	4 Nile Avenue P.O. Box 7128, Kampala, Uganda Tel: +256 312 517 814 Fax: +256 414 253 585 Email: <u>rcckampala@unfccc.int</u> Skype: rcc.kampala
St. George's, Grenada	Established in cooperation with the Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation. Experts are available to provide hands-on support to the Caribbean Islands.	RCC - St. George's University P.O. Box 7 Grenada, West Indies Tel: + 1 473 439 2000 Ext.3020 Fax: + 1 473 444 1219 Email: <u>rccstgeorges@unfccc.int</u> Skype: rcc.stgeorges
Bogotá, Colombia	Established in cooperations with Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF). Experts are available to provide hands-on support to Latin America.	Carrera 9, No 76-49, Edificio ING Bogotá, Colombia Tel: +571 743 73 28/29 Email: <u>rccbogota@unfccc.int</u> Skype: rcc.bogota

## Where can I find more information?

RCC web page: <u>http://cdm.unfccc.int/stakeholder/rcc/index.html</u> For general questions about the RCCs, please e-mail <u>CDM-info@unfccc.int</u>

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