



CDM EB 65 Press Highlights



CDM Executive Board, 65th Meeting: Durban, South Africa, 25 November 2011– Board adopts comprehensive standards intended to enhance clarity and quality

At its 65th meeting, the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Executive Board adopted three comprehensive standards to guide the assessment work of third party certifiers and project participants.

The new project validation and verification standard, project standard and project cycle procedure, mostly compilations and consolidations of existing rules that govern the CDM, had been in process for most of the year and had been before the Board at each of its past three meetings.

“These new documents pull together and make clear the bulk of the rules that govern the CDM. They will help remove any guesswork in the existing rules, thus help speed up processes and contribute to higher quality submissions,” said CDM Board Vice-Chair Maosheng Duan.

Also at its 65th meeting, the Board approved a sampling standard, which is expected facilitate development of programmes of activities (PoA); default values and work programme for guidelines for sector-specific standardized baselines; and procedures for designated national authorities to propose renewable energy technologies eligible for automatic qualification with regard to additionality. Emission reductions under CDM must go beyond -- be additional -- to business as usual.

The Board also adopted a revised version of the CDM methodology (AM0001) for projects that destroy HFC-23, an extremely potent greenhouse gas. The methodology was placed on hold a year ago, when the Board asked its Methodologies Panel to come up with a revision to enhance the methodology’s stringency.

Also at the meeting, the Board decided to place on hold and revise the methodology for projects that reduce emissions through the more efficient burning of fossil fuels. The decision was in response to a report prepared by the Board’s Methodologies Panel.

For the report of the meeting see <http://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/index.html>. For further information contact cdm-press@unfccc.int

About the Kyoto Protocol's clean development mechanism

The CDM allows emission-reduction projects in developing countries to earn certified emission reduction (CER) credits, each equivalent to one tonne of CO₂. CERs can be traded and sold, and used by industrialized countries to meet a part of their targets under the Protocol. The CDM assists countries in achieving sustainable development and emission reductions, while giving industrialized countries some flexibility in how they meet their emission targets.

CDM factoids 25.11.2011	
Number of projects registered	3609
Number of projects with CERs issued	1268
CERs issued to date	781,046,304
Projects in pipeline (<i>Includes all projects from validation stage; includes registered projects</i>)	> 6700
CERs in pipeline (<i>CERs from projects at validation stage onward, to 2012, including registered projects</i>)	> 2,700,000,000
Top five countries by number of projects registered	
China	1675
India	745
Brazil	197
Mexico	134
Malaysia	103
Top five countries by CERs (<i>Expected average annual CERs from registered projects</i>)	
China	345,645,661
India	60,494,148
Brazil	23,575,358
Republic of Korea	19,441,537
Mexico	10,917,345

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