

Inputs for efficient CDM system as well as opportunities for Improvement:

1. Especially in case of developing or under developed countries like Sri Lanka, while the opportunities are plenty, the penetration of CDM is very much at an infancy stage.
2. The DNA need to propagate and involve all local stake holders, industry personnel as well as government to support this initiative.
3. In the local environment, trained and knowledgeable people availability to communicate and inform the advantages of critical environmental initiative is very poor. This needs to be addressed urgently.
4. The knowledge of the process and procedures involved in getting into a CDM project is just not existent in the industry circles. Even if the knowledge is present, it is very vague or limited in its perspective and scope. This needs to be corrected.
5. Proving of additionality for CDM project is very tedious and arduous journey for the project proponent. This is my personal example as well. Here DNA needs to associate with project proponent and industry captains to resolve these issues and help them to take up this path of environment development.
6. Local CDM consultants are just for name sake and they do have very little knowledge and focus on all the processes and procedures involved in a CDM project. Their ability for documentation and providing technical inputs to project proponent is also very limited. This puts off probable project proponents and there by CDM initiative gets to the back benches.
7. Since hardly handful [to be precise 6] CDM projects have seen the light of the day in terms of getting registered, there is very little belief on the entire process and people and industry perceives this as a virtual impossibility and not worth the effort . This perception needs to be changed. This is only possible by more CDM projects getting into the drawing board stage.
8. The total cycle of CDM project is about 12- 18 months time. This is too much in the present competitive environment. This needs to be reviewed so that the project proponent's enthusiasm is kept alive and more initiatives are taken in this regard.
9. The local expertise for validation and verification is just not existent. This is another reason for non development of this initiative in the country. Here again DNA need to take the call and support the requirements of industry. I, on my part am willing to support this initiative on a full time basis for the future of this planet and for future generations.
10. Last but not the least; the government policies and initiatives do not favour the implementation of CDM projects and hence there is a certain reluctance on part of industry in this regard. This needs to be corrected with positive policies of environmental protection by the government.

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