

Suggestions for Executive Board on CDM Efficiency

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Board. My suggestion is to establish a training program for the panels and working group members, as well as methodology experts, on CDM processes, policies and project precedents. The purpose of this training is to (1) increase the efficiency of the work completed by these individuals and (2) increase the consistency in how policies and procedures are understood and utilized. This training could also be expanded to PP, DOE, and DNA staff and officials.

This training would address the issue of a lack of knowledge about precedents that the Board and Secretariat have established through various project actions, decisions and procedures. While much of this information is available it is not easily accessed, particularly given the existing workloads on the Secretariat and working group/panel members. Thus, institutional knowledge and a consistent approach by all those who support the Executive Board on balancing environmental integrity and greenhouse gas mitigation could benefit from such training.

Examples of training topics include: policies and procedures with respect to the complete CDM project and PoA cycle; methodologies and the development process; lessons learned and precedents associated with CDM registration, verification, monitoring, etc.; UNFCCC resources, and EB decisions and precedents on key issues. The format of such training could be webinars, in person training a day before or after regular meetings, and/or booklets (see "Understanding CDM methodologies" as an example - <http://www.susana.org/images/documents/05-working-groups/wg03/recommended%20reading/michaelowa-et-al-2007-understanding-cdm-methodologies.pdf>).

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input.

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