

Call for public inputs on draft standard for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programme of activities

The CDM Executive Board at its sixty-third meeting considered the draft standard for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programme of activities and requested the secretariat to account for the inputs received at this meeting while re-structuring the draft document including a separate section regarding sampling for DOE validation. The new section should be developed in consultation with DOEs and PPs. The call for inputs from DOEs and PPs will be open from 7 October 2011 to 17 October 2011. The Board further noted that the secretariat may organize a teleconference to collect feedback from stakeholders, including representatives from DOEs and PPs. The Board will consider the new draft with the inputs received at its sixty-fifth meeting.

Following the request by the Board, the secretariat has prepared a revised draft standard for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programme of activities taking into account many of the inputs received to date.

Feedback is sought, including but not limited to the following issues:

1. Are the requirements in “Section IV Sampling Requirements for PoAs” adequate, suitable and practical? Please also comment on the requirements in paragraph 20-23 versus their alternative? Are there other approaches that are more appropriate?
2. Are the requirements in “Section V Sampling Requirements for DOEs” suitable, adequate and practical? Are there other approaches that are more appropriate?

The current draft of the standard covers issues such as reliability requirements, sample size calculation, sampling methods however it does not cover issues related to analysis of data collected through survey. Latter will be covered in a best practice example document for sampling to be presented to the Board at a meeting in early 2012 covering among others:

- Analysis of data collected through surveys including assessment of attained reliability, methods if any to deal with missed reliability targets without compromising conservative estimate for emission reduction;
- More types of examples (e.g. how the sample size should be determined in the case of sample measurement of methane in landfill gas or biogas projects)

Inputs on issues related to survey and data analysis are also welcome however, those inputs will only be considered in the context of future work indicated above.