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Subject **Call for public inputs on areas and means for direct communication of stakeholders and the Board**

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Honorable Members of the CDM Executive Board,

This input has been prepared by the Designated Operational Entities and Independent Entities Association (DIA)¹ and underwent further consolidation by inviting all members of the DOE/AIE Forum. It represents though the view of the DOE/AIE Forum.

We appreciate the initiative of the CDM Executive Board to improve the communication between the Board, the UNFCCC Secretariat and their stakeholders and welcome the opportunity to provide input on the *"Call for public inputs on areas and means for direct communication of stakeholders and the Board"*.

By having a DOE/AIE Forum we feel privileged to have a formally recognized communication channel with the Regulator which is regularly used at and in-between EB meetings. We believe that regular direct interaction, which goes beyond one way communication, is key to enhance common understanding and efficiency within the CDM.

With the ever-increasing complexity of the CDM and given the expected significant rise of requests for validations and verifications towards the end of the first commitment period, prompt and effective communication between the EB/Secretariat and the DOE's will become even more important.

Against that background we are very pleased with the recently established regular debriefing calls after CDM EB meetings, offered by the Secretariat for interested DOEs and wish to suggest the following measures with the aim to facilitate and further enhance communications between the EB/Secretariat and its certifiers:

¹ The DIA is an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the development and establishment of effective processes and criteria for and related to the determination and validation and verification of emission reduction and sequestration projects and to represent the members at relevant bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other Green-house Gas ("GHG") programmes that accept UNFCCC accredited bodies to carry out determination and validation or verification.

http://cdm.unfccc.int/public_inputs/2011/stakeholder_communication/index.html.

- Provision of a dedicated email address: [\[project-id\]-clarification@unfccc.int](mailto:[project-id]-clarification@unfccc.int)
 - This email address is meant for project-related urgent and ad-hoc communication (e.g. in order to clarify an issue in a request for review).
- Introduction of obligatory phone calls with project participants, UNFCCC secretariat, RIT members and DOEs at predefined times slots (e.g. at the end of the IRC period), whenever questions on project-specific issues by reviewing teams may occur
 - As an option, an internet based chat function might be considered as well.
- Establishment of a dedicated phone contact for DOEs (or better assigning individuals at the UNFCCC secretariat to one or more DOEs) which ensures real-time responses to inputs/calls independently whether they refer to accreditation, project-specific issues or other issues.

Moving from anonymous to direct interaction with individuals engaged in the process would result in more efficient and faster feedback at all levels/processes. Thus, improved direct communication will form a decisive role in enhancing each other's understanding and "calibrating" the various actors within a reasonable time frame.

The DOE/AIE Forum trusts that these proposals are helpful to further expand a credible and effective CDM. We are looking forward to further contributing on this matter.

Kind regards,



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Chair of the DOE/AIE Forum