



Agenda

CDM for the future – Harnessing the potential of CDM for better contribution to the global climate action

Venue: “Langer Eugen” (UN Campus), Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1, 53113 Bonn
Room 1916 on the 19th floor on day 1

Room 2112 on the 21st floor on day 2

Date: 15 – 16 September 2014

Facilitator: **Henry Derwent**, CEO, Climate Strategies

1. Background

The CDM has been a success beyond expectations and contributed greatly to mitigation efforts and sustainable development, but has also been criticized and faces many challenges. The post-2020 climate regime is to be agreed next year in Paris, meaning that fundamental decisions regarding the CDM’s future are due to be taken. There is also an urgent need to implement global actions to cut greenhouse gas emissions before 2020 to address the gap between current emission pledges and the reductions needed to keep global warming below 2°C target. To achieve this target, there is a need to identify and implement opportunities to immediately mitigate climate change.

A discussion paper was sent in advance to all the participants. It contains the description of key trend in the climate change world, possible options for the future of the CDM and potential areas of work that could allow it to reach its potential for contributing to the combat against climate change both pre- and post-2020.

2. Objectives and outputs of the workshop

This workshop aims at exploring new areas where the CDM can be deployed to contribute in an efficient and cost effective way to the closure of the pre-2020 gap and beyond. This could include through finding ways to reach its full potential by transposing itself into an instrument going beyond offsetting in the context of the Kyoto Protocol. For this purpose, it will bring together stakeholders in the CDM, CDM think tank, experienced and visionary actors of the CDM to share their experiences and most importantly their vision on the future of the CDM.

3. Target participants

The workshop will bring together key stakeholders of CDM, think tanks and visionary actors and participants from public, commercial, and not-for-profit entities, including CMEs and project participants.

4. Programme

Day 1 15 September	
08:30 - 09:30	REGISTRATION
09:30 - 10:00	<p>Opening of the workshop <i>Room 1916</i></p> <p>Goal: to welcome participants and to define objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome <i>remarks</i>, Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC • <i>Objectives and expected outcomes</i>, John Kilani, UNFCCC secretariat
10:00 - 11:00	<p>Plenary 1: CDM: Future context <i>Room 1916</i></p> <p>Goal: This session is expected to provide insights on the adequacy and the pertinence of the assumptions outlined in the “future context” section of the discussion paper. It is also expected to point out, if any, important missing element of the future context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How relevant are the trends highlighted in the paper?</i> • <i>Are there any other trends/assumptions to be considered?</i>
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee & Tea Break and DSA disbursement
11:30 - 13:00	<p>Plenary 2: Role of CDM pre-and post-2020 <i>Room 1916</i></p> <p>Goal: The CDM has been a success beyond expectations and contributed greatly to mitigation efforts and sustainable development, but has also been facing many criticism and challenges. The post-2020 climate regime is to be agreed next year in Paris, meaning that fundamental decisions regarding the CDM’s future are due to be taken. This session aims at providing insights on the roles that CDM has potential to play pre-2020 and post-2020 and will provide for discussion on the legal aspect on moving the CDM from the KP to under the convention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Role of the CDM in past and future climate change mitigation: Lessons from the fields</i>, Philipp Hauser, GDF Suez Energy • <i>General discussion</i> <p><u>Pre- 2020:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Role of the CDM during the transition to 2020</i>, Thomas Black, Andean Centre, CEAMA, Columbia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Brainstorming on the role of CDM pre-2020 and discussion</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break and DSA disbursement
14:00 - 15:30	<p>Plenary 2: Role of CDM pre-and post-2020 (continuation)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Room 1916</p> <p><u>Post- 2020:</u></p> <p><i>Transforming the CDM to serve both the KP and the Convention</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introductory comments on legal considerations, Dan Bondi Ogolla, UNFCCC Secretariat</i> • <i>Brainstorming on the role of CDM post-2020 and discussion</i>
15:30 - 15:50	Coffee & Tea Break
15:50 - 17:15	<p>Plenary 3: Identification of areas of work that would enable the CDM to play a role pre and post-2020</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Room 1916</p> <p>Goal: To brainstorm and identify the areas of work that the CDM has to initiate or improve to enable it play its potential roles as identified in the session above in order to contribute to combating climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the areas of work presented in the paper are adequate? • What other activities or areas of work may also need to be covered? • Are there any areas that CDM should not engage into?
17:15 – 19:00	<p>Plenary 4: <i>Actions for future:</i> Link the MRV component of the CDM to multiple purposes, particularly the delivery of climate finance</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Room 1916</p> <p>Goal: To brainstorm and discuss whether the MRV functions of the CDM could have a broader application than meeting mitigation targets under the UNFCCC? If so, how could this be achieved? Possible actions highlighted in the paper to be discussed for pertinence and to identify any other actions that should be undertaken.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Emphasize the CDM as a tool for delivering results-based finance.</i> b) <i>Simplify and enhance the cost-effectiveness of the CDM to serve purposes other than offsetting.</i> c) <i>Other items (if any)</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Results based Finance, Klaus Oppermann, World Bank</i>• <i>Possible role of the CDM for Green Bond Principles and Impact investment, Daniel Rossetto, Climate Mundial</i>• <i>Brainstorming and discussion</i>
19:00	End of Day 1

Day 2 16 September	
09:00 – 09:05	Introduction to Day 2 <i>Room 2112</i>
09:05 – 10:30	<p style="text-align: right;">Plenary 5: <i>Actions for future</i>: Broaden demand for the CDM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Room 2112</i></p> <p>Goal: To brainstorm and discuss how to broaden demand for the CDM to play its role for closing the gap and beyond. In particular the actions bellow are to be discussed for appropriateness and also any other actions that could be initiated within this areas of work.</p> <p>a) <i>Create a voluntary sustainability certificate.</i> b) <i>Further facilitate voluntary cancellation.</i> c) <i>Promote the CDM as a tool in domestic climate policy.</i> d) <i>Other items (if any)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Unlocking the hidden value of carbon off-setting, Dirk Forrister, IETA</i> • <i>Linking emissions trading schemes- Is it a viable flexibility mechanism, Gareth Phillips, PD Forum</i> • <i>Brainstorming and discussion</i>
10:30 - 10:50	Coffee & Tea Break
10:50 – 12:50	<p style="text-align: right;">Plenary 6: <i>Actions for future</i>: Broaden the coverage of the CDM</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Room 2112</i></p> <p>Goal: To brainstorm and discuss the potential for CDM to expand. In particular the session is expected to identify criteria and factors that could determine whether a class of emissions reduction, currently outside the CDM remit or apparently underused, is suitable for a CDM-type approach. Subject to discussion, a CDM-type approach is taken to mean, in particular, sub-national 'project' boundaries, standardised baseline construction, approved emissions reduction methodology, and eligibility for award of actual or potential economic value, linked to the quantum of additional emissions reductions shown by standardised monitoring and verification to have been achieved. Cities, transport, agriculture and REDD+ will be among the examples tested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Target sectors with significant untapped mitigation potential, including cities, transport and agriculture.</i> • <i>Abolish temporary/long-term crediting for A/R activities.</i> • <i>Expand into other LULUCF activities, particularly REDD+ activities.</i> • <i>Other items (if any)</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorming and discussion
12:50 - 13:50	Lunch Break
13:50 – 15:20	<p>Plenary 7: Actions for future: Reduce complexity and transaction costs of the CDM.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Room 2112</p> <p>Goal: To brainstorm and discuss how to reduce complexity and transaction costs of the CDM. In particular, the session is expected to discuss the adequacy and pertinence of the actions proposed in the discussion paper and identify further actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the work on standardized baselines to enhance the scalability of the CDM. Simplify baseline and additionality requirements while ensuring environmental integrity. Make the project cycle more efficient and predictable. Other items (if any)
15:20 - 16:20	<p>Plenary 8: Ideas for reform to make the CDM fit for the future</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Room 2112</p> <p>Goal: To brainstorm and discuss what further CDM reforms are required in both short and long term to make CDM fit for future in pre-2020 and post-2020 regime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDM reform: views of the private sector, Jorund Buen, Differ group
16:20 - 16:30	Coffee & Tea Break
16:30 – 17:15	<p>Plenary 9: Brainstorming on obstacles to the implementation of actions relating to the roles of the CDM and strategies for addressing them</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Room 2112</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorming and discussion including consideration of enabling decisions/mandates by the CMP/COP
17:15 - 18:00	<p>Plenary 10: Summary of the discussions and way forward</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Room 2112</p> <p>Goal: To summarize the outcomes of the workshop which will be incorporated in the discussion paper and provided to the Board with the aim to reflect the inputs when preparing CDM-MAP 2015.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Summary of the outcomes, Henry Derwent, Climate Strategies</i>• <i>Way forward, John Kilani, UNFCCC Secretariat</i>
18:00	Closing of the workshop