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# CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM PROJECT CYCLE PROCEDURE

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## What is the Project Cycle Procedure (PCP)?

- Consolidates in a single document all procedures relating to the registration of CDM project activities/PoAs and issuance of CERs
  - Replacing 22 existing procedures/guidelines and 2 Board decisions recorded in EB reports
- Specifies the roles and responsibilities and <u>administrative</u> <u>steps</u> to be followed by project participants, DOEs, the EB and the secretariat for operating the CDM project cycle
  - Steps to be followed by project participants and DOEs on substantive aspects of project activities/PoAs will be covered by Project Standard (PS) and Validation and Verification Standard (VVS), respectively



## Scope (2)

# What is Project Cycle Procedure (PCP)? (cont.)

- Contains:
  - Processes with minor modifications and editorial changes
  - Significantly re-structured processes
  - Completely new processes



## **Processes with minor modifications**

Examples:

- Ensuring consistency and improve clarity of language
- Timeframe expressed in (calendar) days throughout
- Possibility of changing PPs, focal points and communication authorities between request for registration and registration by EB
- Publication of MP at the latest 14 days before conducting site visit for verification



## Significantly re-structured processes

- Consolidation of 4 post-registration modification processes
  - PDD change, MP revision, monitoring deviation from registered MP and change to start date of crediting period
  - Possibility of notifying the change at issuance request stage
    → Details to be presented on Day 2
- Pre-registration request for deviation from approved methodology
  - Aligned with new post-registration modification process
  - Pooling requests → completeness check → summary note (→ clarification request to DOE → consultation with panel/WG) → Board's approval electronically or at meeting





#### **Changes from existing procedures (3)**

#### **Newly introduced processes**

- Risk-based approach for secretariat's check of registration and issuance requests
  - Completeness check, information and reporting check and/or summary note preparation for selected submissions
  - Criteria for selection for check needs to be developed
- Direct communication with DOE and PPs at completeness check and information & reporting check stage
  - Clarification by telephone on issues of editorial nature
  - Explanation by telephone of reasons of rejection after information and reporting check



#### **Newly introduced processes (cont.)**

- Reporting on status of registered projects/programmes
  - Similar requirements as reporting of validation status after PDD publication
  - Before publication of MP: PPs to report the status at 2 years after registration and 180-day intervals thereafter
  - After publication of MP: DOE to report the status at 180 days after publication of MP and 90-day intervals thereafter
- Addressing significant deficiencies in past validation, verification or certification reports

 $\rightarrow$  Details to be presented on Day 2



## **Structure (1)**

## **PCP** structure

I. Background

## II. Pre-registration activities

- A. Prior consideration of seeking CDM status
- B. PDD publication
- C. Reporting of validation status
- D. Modalities of communication
- E. Request for approval of multiple methodologies in PoA
- F. Request for deviation from approved methodology  $\rightarrow$  modified
- III. Registration of project activity or PoA
  - A. Request for registration → risk-based approach, direct communication with DOE/PP inserted
  - B. Review of request for registration
  - C. Inclusion of CPAs in PoA
  - D. Withdrawal of request for registration



#### **Structure (2)**

## **PCP structure (cont.)**

- I. Post-registration modifications
  - A. Changes to registered project activity  $\rightarrow$  modified
  - B. Changes to modalities of communication  $\rightarrow$  modified
- V. Pre-issuance activities
  - A. Publication of monitoring report
  - B. Reporting of status of registered project activity/PoA  $\rightarrow$  new
- VI. Issuance of CERs
  - A. Request for issuance  $\rightarrow$  risk-based approach, direct communication with DOE/PP inserted
  - B. Review of request for issuance
  - C. Withdrawal of request for issuance
- VII. Renewal of crediting period
- VIII. Addressing significant deficiencies in past validation,

verification or certification report  $\rightarrow$  new



## **Closing remarks**

- Draft contains overlapping provisions with PS and VVS
  Will be adjusted before submitting to EB
- Chapter VIII needs to be incorporated once its content is agreed

