

EB 74 SUMMARY



ABSTRACT

The CDM Executive Board (the Board) held its [seventy-fourth meeting](#) (22 – 26 July 2013) in Bonn, Germany. The Board considered an update on the implementation of its CDM management plan 2013 (CDM-MAP) and the mid-year progress of its Panels and working groups. 25 experts were appointed as members of the Registration and Issuance Team (RIT). The Board also adopted revisions to regulations on programmes of activities (PoAs). The revised [CDM accreditation procedure](#) was also approved.

Matters related to Governance

Highlights: The Board noted the latest report on performance monitoring of designated operational entities (DOEs), which showed a general improvement of DOE performance. It also adopted the [Terms of reference of the CDM roster of experts](#), which shall apply to the newly-appointed experts. The Board also took note of a letter withdrawing a Letter of Approval (LoA) from an Annex 1 country and requested the secretariat to draft a

procedure for processing withdrawal letters.

Impacts for stakeholders:

Reporting on DOE performance provides clear feedback not only to DOEs but also data analysis for the Board and its support structure, which contributes to transparent and objective decision-making impacting DOEs and their essential roles within the overall CDM system. Improvement in DOE performance is a reflection of a strengthened and improved CDM system as a whole. CDM experts

provide specialized technical input to the Board and its support structure and thus play an important role in helping to assess compliance with CDM rules. These terms of reference set out common minimum competence requirements for all experts which ensures greater transparency in the selection process and overall quality of assessments. While the possibility of LoA withdrawal was confirmed, modalities of withdrawal need to be defined.

Matters related to Standards, Tools and Guidelines

Highlights: Regarding PoAs, the Board adopted amendments to the CDM Project Standard (PS), the CDM validation and verification standard (VVS) and revised versions of the PoA standard, the sampling standard, and related guidelines.

The Board also provided further feedback to the draft [Guideline on application of E- policy for additionality demonstration through investment analysis and the proposed revision of the Combined tool and Additionality tool](#), and requested the secretariat to revise the draft guideline and tools, taking into account the following : i) the voluntary nature of the approach, ii) analysis of options regarding effective date of implementation of the policy and applicable timeline regarding when the benefit to project participants can be disregarded, iii) the approach should be applied consistently to both additionality demonstration and selection of baseline scenario, iv) an analysis of impact of the guideline on other existing regulations of the Board.

Impacts for stakeholders: Work on the PoA-related revisions was informed by many inputs from stakeholders. These improvements are expected to facilitate the application and implementation of PoA rules, which can be difficult to apply in practice, especially in less developed countries. The latest revisions provide more flexibility for CMEs and DOEs in the use of sampling and surveys for PoAs. The further work on the guidelines on E- policy will take into account concerns about complexity and application expressed by stakeholders, and is envisaged to provide more uniformity and clarity for both project participants and DOEs on application of such policies for additionality demonstration through investment analysis.

Matters related to Procedures

Highlights: The Board adopted the revised [CDM accreditation procedure](#), which is to be effective as of 1 January 2014.

Impacts for stakeholders: The revised procedure is part of a larger project aimed at increasing effectiveness, efficiency and transparency throughout the whole CDM accreditation system. It includes elements which provide DOEs and stakeholders more clarity on various processes including those related to performance assessment, withdrawal of accreditation, and complaints and review. The new procedure is expected to facilitate and reduce costs of accreditation for DOEs and increase transparency and consistency of decision-making across the system.

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