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# Regional Calibration Workshops for DOE/AEs

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1. The last Regional Calibration Workshops for AE/DOEs, of a series of three in 2013, was held in Bonn on 5-6 September 2013.
2. The workshops were organized following the mandate of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (the Board) contained in the CDM Management Plan 2013-2014 as part of the secretariat's core support activities.
3. The objective was to enhance the clarity and transparency of CDM requirements for Designated Operational Entities (DOEs) and Applicant Entities (AEs), in order to enhance the overall efficiency of the CDM, by:
  - (a) Enhancing and calibrating the understanding of the CDM requirements amongst the auditing and technical review staff of AE/DOEs and the UNFCCC secretariat;
  - (b) Raising awareness, promoting deeper understanding and providing opportunities for sharing experiences with respect to the implementation of the various requirements of the CDM, including the decisions of the Board;
  - (c) Identifying unclear CDM requirements that need to be fed back into the system, either for improvement or developing new requirements.
4. Twenty-two local assessors and technical reviewers from a broad range of established and new DOEs and AEs participated in the workshop.
5. The agenda of the workshop was structured into 12 plenary sessions and 18 breakout group sessions. The first day focused on standardized baselines and on recurring issues in the CDM project cycle, including investment analysis and post-registration changes. The second day focused on changes in CDM requirements related to programmes of activities (PoAs) and sampling (EB70 and EB74 outcomes), post-registration changes, and materiality, as well as recent carbon market developments.
6. The workshops were greatly appreciated by the participants and the overall feedback was positive, although DOE participants are generally anxious concerning current market conditions.
7. The DOE participants provided some valuable and positive feedback on the CDM regulatory system as a whole, indicating a significant change in the perception of DOEs:
  - (a) DOE participants mentioned that significant improvements have been made by the Board over last few years and there is an overall improvement in the CDM regulatory system, particularly on PoAs, but the current and larger concern and challenge today is the "low carbon price";
  - (b) There is increasing trust between the CDM regulator and DOEs compared to several years ago;
  - (c) The Board has increasingly 'opened doors' to stakeholder views and there is an increasing confidence that the inputs provided will be suitably considered.
8. Participants also requested further work on a number of areas/documents, including:
  - (a) Delivery of an automated work-flow for POAs (this was the top-most request);

- (b) More clarity on the standardised baseline regulatory documents, in particular on the roles of DOEs and DNAs, and more guidance on how to collaborate with DNAs (national authorities) with regard to the finalization of assessment reports;
  - (c) Further work on the definition of technologies/measures in the application of multiple methodologies on POA;
  - (d) Further work on enhancing clarity on how the DOEs can apply materiality in practice, supported by best practice examples. DOEs expressed concern that they may be hesitant to comply with increasing reporting requirements on materiality as this may lead to an increasing number of requests for reviews.
9. The Workshop Agenda and documents are available on Operational Entities Extranet at: [https://cdm.unfccc.int/vvm-requests/workshops/index\\_html](https://cdm.unfccc.int/vvm-requests/workshops/index_html)

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