



# Designated national authority (DNA)

## What is a designated national authority (DNA)?

A [designated national authority](#) (DNA) is the organization granted responsibility by a Party to authorize and approve participation in CDM projects. Establishment of a DNA is one of the requirements for participation by a Party in the CDM.

## What are the roles of a DNA?

- The main tasks of a DNA is to assess potential CDM projects, determine whether they will assist the host country in achieving its sustainable development goals, and provide a letter of approval to project participants interested in developing CDM projects. This letter of approval must confirm that: (1) the proposed project contributes to sustainable development in the country, (2) the country has ratified the Kyoto Protocol, and (3) participation in the CDM is voluntary. This letter is then submitted to the CDM Executive Board to support the registration of the project.
- DNAs have additional roles to play, such as the submission of proposed standardized baselines for their country, among others. These responsibilities have increased as the CDM has evolved.

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## What are the benefits of establishing a DNA?

- Promotion of low-carbon technologies and sustainable development as well as reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the host-country.
- Opportunities to participate in capacity-building and engagement activities (DNA training, DNA forums) specifically tailored for DNAs by the UNFCCC secretariat.
- Access to the DNA extranet, which provides a wealth of information on previous DNA events.
- Opportunities to voice opinions to improve the CDM regulatory framework by participating in surveys conducted by the UNFCCC secretariat through a listserv for DNAs.
- Access to the UNFCCC learning platform system, which provides online courses and registration details for training events.

## What needs to be done to establish a DNA?

The government of the host-country, ideally the UNFCCC climate change focal point, needs to send a letter via email to the UNFCCC secretariat indicating the organization appointed to act as the DNA, as well as the person who will act as a focal point. The email should be sent to: [moderator-dna@unfccc.int](mailto:moderator-dna@unfccc.int).

The letter needs to include the following details of the focal point: name, job title, ministry, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address.



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