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- 1. The CDM loan scheme closed its fourth window for loan applications in September 2013. The United Nations Office for Project Services, the implementing agency of the scheme, approved nine new loans. With these results, the scheme has approved a total of 45 loans for a total commitment of USD 5,327,677. Least Developed Countries represent 71% of the approved loans, Africa represents 65%, and programmes of activities (PoAs) comprise 53%. A new window for application is currently open, and it will close on 31 March 2014.
- 2. The secretariat continued to operate the CDM and DNA Help Desks. The DNA Help Desk offered support to the designated national authorities (DNAs) of several countries to develop their grid emission factor, supported two countries in their submission of proposed standardized baselines, supported the process for the calculation of new and updated default values for the fraction of non-renewable biomass (fNRB), and other queries.
- 3. The CDM Help Desk continued to support CDM project activities and PoAs in eligible countries by providing timely technical assistance, responding to queries on the application of the CDM regulations to the projects at different stages of development.
- 4. Both the CDM and the DNA Help Desks are now coordinating closely with the regional collaboration centres (RCCs) and have been renamed "off-site support" for project development.
- 5. The Nairobi Framework partners and cooperating organizations continued with the implementation of their activities for the year. A report on the results of the 2013 initiatives will be presented to the Board at its first meeting during 2014.

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