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Stakeholder interaction – activities with DOEs/AEs

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1. A number of stakeholder interaction activities were carried out for the designated operational entities (DOEs)/applicant entities (AEs) for the fourth quarter (Q4) in 2014, including:

- (a) DOE teleconference;
- (b) Work related to the "task force on examinations to qualify DOE personnel";
- (c) DOE/AIE Coordination Forum meeting.

2. DOE teleconferences

- (a) During Q4 2014, the web-based 26th DOE teleconference was conducted on 16 December 2014;
- (b) The teleconference was organized following the mandate from the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (the Board) at its seventy-seventh meeting (under the CDM management plan 2014) and as part of core support activity;
- (c) The objective was to enhance clarity and transparency in order to enhance overall efficiency of the CDM and:
 - (i) To provide a platform for communication with DOEs on the outcomes of the previous Board meetings; provide clarifications on various CDM requirements/decisions and on day-to-day operational issues; sharing the organizational workplan of the Board; and updates of other administrative issues;
 - (ii) To raise 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;
 - (iii) To provide updates on the CDM regulatory framework on areas relevant to DOE/AEs;
- (d) Twenty-six representatives from the DOEs/AEs participated in the teleconference;
- (e) Teleconference reports are available on the Operational Entities extranet at: <https://cdm.unfccc.int/extranet/OE/teleconference/index.html>.

3. Work related to the "task force on examinations to qualify DOE personnel"

- (a) The Board at its seventy-sixth meeting (EB 76 report, paragraph 67) and seventy-seventh meeting (EB 77 report, paragraph 75) considered a recommendation from the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum and requested the secretariat to work with DOEs and consult with the Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP) to identify practical means for DOEs to conduct the examination to qualify DOE personnel, as required by the CDM accreditation standard version 5.1;
- (b) The Board at its seventy-ninth meeting (EB 79 report, paragraph 23) requested the "task force on examinations to qualify DOE personnel" to continue supporting the DOEs in developing a guidance document for their voluntary use. The

guidance was expected to provide practical means to conduct examinations in accordance with the revised CDM accreditation standard and be based on the clarifications provided by the CDM-AP at its 68th meeting;

- (c) Under this work programme, six web-based meetings have been organized up to Q3 2014 to implement this mandate, and this was reported in the previous quarterly report;
- (d) The secretariat held a 7th WebEx session for the task force and DOEs on 28 October 2014. This session was an informational session on the progress by the task force as well as to follow up on any other queries the DOEs had. The task force was represented by a CDM-AP member, representatives of two DOEs, the DOE/AIE coordination Forum Chair, and the secretariat;
- (e) The task force on examinations to qualify DOE personnel has supported the DOEs by addressing enquiries received from DOEs and provided sufficient and adequate information on the basis of the clarifications provided by the CDM-AP at its 68th meeting;
- (f) At the 7th web-ex session, a number of DOE representatives, the chair of the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum and task force members expressed appreciation for the useful outcomes and collaborative work undertaken by the task force;
- (g) The task force therefore concluded that sufficient guidance has been provided for DOEs to implement practical means to conduct examinations in accordance with the revised CDM accreditation standard version 6.0. The same was also reported by the Chair of the DOE/AE coordination forum during its interaction with the Board at its eighty-first meeting;
- (h) The full summary of the work undertaken by the task force on examinations to qualify DOE personnel, based on the clarifications from the CDM-AP (at its 68th meeting) and the outcome of this mandate is documented in an information note to the Board (annex 4 of the annotated agenda of EB 81, available at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Meetings/MeetingInfo/DB/T7D5B3Z1VHXN82Q/view>>).

4. DOE/AIE Coordination Forum annual meeting

- (a) The 16th DOE/AIE Coordination Forum meeting was held on 7 November 2014. For the first time the meeting was held via WebEx to enhance participation by eliminating travel costs and associated greenhouse gas emissions;
- (b) The meeting was organized following the mandate from the Board under its CDM management plan for 2014 and as part of the core support activity;
- (c) The objective was to enhance clarity and transparency in order to enhance overall efficiency of the CDM and:
 - (i) To raise 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;
 - (ii) To provide updates on the CDM regulatory framework on areas relevant to DOEs/AIEs;

- (iii) To obtain feedback from DOEs/AEs on priority areas of support required during 2015;
- (iv) To discuss the strategy and plans for the organization of the DOE/AIE coordination forum for 2015, and to elect or decide on the process for election of the Co-Chairs of the DOE/AIE coordination forum for 2015;
- (d) The level of participation was good compared to last year's meeting, despite the budgetary constraints for the DOE/AEs as a consequence of the bearish carbon market. This is due to the fact that the meeting was web-based. Consequently 25 DOEs participated in the meeting;
- (e) The meeting focused on the discussion of policy issues, especially with regard to:
 - (i) Implementation of the accreditation procedure and standard and transitional provisions, the work undertaken by the task force on examinations to qualify DOE personnel, and the outcomes of the 70th meeting of the CDM-AP;
 - (ii) The further need for "CDM reform", with particular focus on discussion of the current broader/policy-level challenges faced by DOEs to ensure a simplified and improved accreditation system and smoother, faster validation and verification of CDM projects and programmes of activities (PoAs);
 - (iii) Options for dealing with "excess issuance". The "excess issuance of certified emission reductions" from CDM projects and PoAs and its link with voluntary cancellations is part of the review of the CDM modalities and procedures (M&P), and the options and their implications have been summarized in the "technical paper on M&P";
 - (iv) DOEs' strategies to deal with the organization of the DOE/AIE coordination forum for 2015, the future of the Forum and the organization and continuation of the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum activities, including how to support and fund the activities of the forum for 2015 and beyond;
- (f) The web-based meeting were greatly appreciated by the participants and the overall feedback was positive;
- (g) Workshop documents are available on the Operational Entities extranet at: <<https://cdm.unfccc.int/extranet/OE/index.html>>.

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