



Stakeholder Communication Form

(Version 01.0)

This form shall be used for any CDM-related communication with the UNFCCC secretariat or the CDM Executive Board. All the questions are mandatory unless otherwise indicated.

The completed form and any supplemental documents shall be submitted electronically to cdm-info@unfccc.int, or via fax to +49-228-815-1999 or via post to: Sustainable Development Mechanism (SDM) Programme, UNFCCC secretariat, P.O. Box 260124, D-53153 Bonn, Germany.

SECTION 1: COMMUNICATION HEADER

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Stakeholder Type: CDM Designated Operational Entity (DOE) If other:

Please indicate from whom you would like to get an answer.

This communication is addressed to¹: UNFCCC secretariat (fast track)

SECTION 2: PROJECT ACTIVITY OR PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES (PoA)

If this communication refers to a specific CDM project activity/PoA, please answer questions in this section (otherwise proceed to Section 3).

Project/PoA Ref. Number 5496 If applicable, CPA Ref. Number:
5-digit# format 01234 8-digit# format 0123-4567

Project Cycle Stage Issuance If other:

If there is no specific CDM Reference Number, please answer the remaining questions in this section (otherwise proceed to Section 3).

Host Country(ies)

Project/PoA Title

Technology Type [Choose an item] If other:

SECTION 3: YOUR COMMUNICATION

Title/Subject Clarification for transitional measures for the implementation of the Accreditation Standard Version 0.6
Maximum 250 characters

Communication Text
Include background, details, and conclusion (unlimited length)

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Sector 4 - Technical Area 4.1 Cement and lime production

Sector 5 - Technical Area 5.1 Chemical industry

- TA 5.2 Caprolactam, nitric and adipic acid

Sector 10 – TA 10.1 Fugitive emissions from oil and gas

¹ In accordance with the "Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders" (version 02.0), stakeholders may address communications either (a) to the secretariat, in order to seek a fast-track technical or operational explanation regarding the implementation of existing CDM rules, or (b) to the CDM Executive Board, in order to communicate to the Board their views on CDM rules and their implementation, or to seek official clarifications of CDM rules.

Sector 15 – TA 15.1 Agriculture

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A DOE accredited in sectoral scope 15 shall be deemed accredited also in sectoral scope 13;

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In addition, within the same document in table 1 is presented the distribution of the technical areas according to sectoral scopes between accreditation standards versions 4 to 6.

When ICONTEC requested the withdrawal of this sectoral scopes, and according to the CDM-EB75-A03-INFO it was expected to maintain the following technical areas: 1.1 Thermal energy generation, 1.2 Renewables, 2.1 Energy distribution, 3.1 Energy demand, 7.1 Transport, 13.1 Waste handling and disposal, 13.2 Animal waste management and 14.1 Forestry.

The requested withdrawal was intended for the following technical areas: 4.1 Cement and lime production, 10.1 Cement and lime production, 5.1 Chemical process industries and 15.1 Agriculture.

As is stated in CDM-EB75-A03-INFO, if a DOE is "accredited in sectoral scope 15 shall be deemed accredited in sectoral scope 13" mainly for technical area 15.2 which is equivalent to technical area 13.2. It is important to clarify that ICONTEC has never had the intention to withdraw the technical area 15.2, and it was our expectation to provide services using the sectoral scope 13, technical area 13.2; instead ICONTEC was following the instructions given by the UNFCCC for the selection of sectoral scopes according to the accreditation standard version 0.6 and the deadlines set to comply with this new version, that shall be put in place from January 1, 2015.

As it was stated in the beginning of the present letter, this communication addressed to UNFCCC is motivated because ICONTEC was hired at the end of 2014 to undertake the verification of the CDM projects 5494 and 5496, registered with version 17.0 of AMS-III.D that was linked with the Sectoral Scope 15 and technical area 15.2 as per the Accreditation Standard version 4.0.

A request for issuance for these projects were submitted on March 27, 2015 and were considered incomplete at the information and reporting check stage on 13 May 2015. A direct communication took place on 27 May 2015 and the documents were revised right after, however ICONTEC could not upload the documents to resubmit the requests for issuance because, according to UNFCCC webpage, it does not hold accreditation in this sectoral scope anymore. Therefore, the two above mentioned projects are currently on hold, although all the answers to the incompleteness and all the revisions requested fully addressed, because of the situation described in this paragraph and cannot move forward in order to obtain their issuance.

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<p>Supplemental Documents <i>If applicable, list the title(s) of any attached file(s) or link(s)</i></p>	<p>Response letter BRASCARBON</p>
<p>This communication may be made public</p>	<p>Yes</p>

Document information

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Yours truly,



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