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Presentation of UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre initiative

First of all, many thanks to UN Foundation for the opportunity to reach you, energy practitioners around the world. My name is Karla Solis; I am a Programme Officer from UNFCCC. Today I am going to give you an overview of the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre initiative. UNFCCC is the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centres initiative started as an idea in 2011. It was not until 2013 that the idea became reality with the establishment of 4 regional collaboration centres around the world. At present UNFCCC has 4 regional collaboration centres; 2 in Africa and 2 in Latin America and Caribbean regions. They are located in Lomé (Togo), Kampala (Uganda), St Georges (Grenada) and Bogota (Colombia).

The centres' operations are supported of our partner organizations. In Africa we work with the West and East African Development Banks; in the Caribbean with the University of St. George's and in Colombia with the Development Bank for Latin America, known as CAF. Currently, I am based in Bogota. Our headquarters are in Bonn, Germany.

The fifth centre, serving Asian region will start operations latest in 2016, in Bangkok, Thailand.

The mission of the centres is to closely serve regional stakeholders. The focus is on mitigation activities, such as clean energy technology projects.

Our **key stakeholders** are energy businesses, governments, development agencies and the ones that are interested in collaborating with us.

We are specialists on carbon accounting, carbon markets, climate policies and clean technologies.

Our core activities are two: to provide technical support and to build up capacities.

The first relates in providing direct technical support to stakeholders involved in the Clean Development Mechanism or CDM. So far there are more than 7,500 CDM projects registered with UNFCCC, these projects operate in more than 100 developing countries. 50% of the registered projects belong to renewable energy technologies. More than 100 GW of capacity have been installed.

The second core activity is to build up country and regional capacities by promoting lessons learned from CDM projects that can be applied in other contexts. These more than 7,500 projects represent all sizes of projects from a micro set of 5 MW hydro power plants installed in Bhutan to a large 1000 MW combined cycle natural gas power plant in India. These projects also represent hundreds of technologies many of which have been transferred from the North to the South but some of them have been developed in the countries themselves.

I would like to highlight two facts about our work.

1. Our technical support is in kind, free of charge and
2. We do not provide funding for projects.

In practical terms what can we do for you?

- We can estimate potential for emission reductions due to clean technology interventions.
- Based on that, we can also forecast the potential of revenues that a project investor can create as a result of trading those emission reductions credits.
- We draft proposals for the registration and certification of such credits under the CDM or under other potential source of funding.
- We are also happy to share the lessons learned from CDM projects by:
 - a. Transferring the knowledge built on the tools and methodologies for carbon accounting and monitoring, reporting and verification which are unknown to non-CDM actors. These methodologies can be applied outside the CDM context as they allow monitoring the operations of the projects in order to ensure the long term sustainability of them.
 - b. We can also share project experiences; for example, successful business models of specific interventions such as energy efficiency for improved cooking stoves and lighting that are financial feasible in Haiti and Mexico which can be transferred to other countries.

These activities can be carried out by attending events and presenting the experiences; sharing information via technical flyers; co-organizing workshops and linking stakeholders.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested in finding out more on how we can support you and how we can identify activities for further collaboration.

With that, I would like to say thank you for your attention and I am ready for your questions.

Key links and contacts:

Pool of CDM projects: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/projsearch.html>

Regional Centres: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/stakeholder/rcc/index.html>

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