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Quarterly report

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 second quarter (Q2) in 2015, including:
 - (a) DOE conference calls;
 - (b) Work related to the application of materiality in the verification process;
 - (c) Work related to the simplification of the project submission registration and issuance processes and further opportunities for streamlining (management plan (MAP) project 246).
2. **DOE conference calls**
 - (a) During Q2 2015, the secretariat organized two web-based conference calls: (i) 28th DOE Teleconference, after the eighty-third meeting (EB 83) of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (the Board), on 6 May 2015; (ii) 29th DOE Teleconference (after EB 84) on 16 June 2015;
 - (b) The conference calls were organized following the mandate from EB 81 (under the 2015 MAP) and as part of core support activity;
 - (c) The objective was to enhance clarity and transparency in order to enhance overall efficiency of the clean development mechanism (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 on 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) An average of 20 representatives from the DOEs/AEs participated in each of the two conference calls;
 - (e) The annotated agendas and meeting reports of the teleconferences are available on the Operational Entities extranet at:
<<https://cdm.unfccc.int/extranet/OE/teleconference/index.html>>.
3. **Work related to the application of materiality in the verification process**
 - (a) The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) (decision 3/CMP.9, para. 21) requested the Board to review the concept of materiality in the verification process and, if applicable, how it can be further applied in the clean development mechanism, based on the experience gained through the application of materiality;

- (b) Based on the mandate, the secretariat conducted the review of verification reports submitted for requests for issuance and for which certified emission reductions (CERs) were successfully issued from 1 January 2013 to 19 November 2014 and the outcome of the review indicated very limited information on the application of materiality in the verification reports as the materiality guideline is voluntary;
- (c) DOEs with experience on the application of materiality were requested to provide input electronically from 27 April to 15 May 2015;
- (d) The aim of this activity was:
 - (i) To obtain the experience of DOEs on the application of materiality in the verification process based on the CMP mandate (decision 3/CMP.9, para. 21);
 - (ii) To identify areas for further simplification of the “Guideline on the application of materiality in verifications” or for expanding the applicability of the guideline to areas other than verification;
- (e) The intended use of DOE input was only for improving the current guideline and defining how the materiality concept can be expanded into other CDM areas. No inputs were received.

4. **Work related to the simplification of the project submission registration and issuance processes and further opportunities for streamlining (MAP project 246)**

- (a) The Board at EB 84 considered a concept note prepared by the secretariat on the direction for the simplification and streamlining of the CDM (EB 84 meeting report, para. 6);
- (b) The Board provided guidance to the secretariat, while reviewing the CDM validation and verification standard (VVS), to consider simplifying “means of validation (verification)” in the VVS to allow more flexibility and rely more on the professional judgement of DOEs;
- (c) DOEs were invited to provide their feedback or inputs electronically based on their experience of the application of the current VVS from 19 to 30 June 2015;
- (d) Three inputs were received, which are being considered under the ongoing work on simplification and streamlining of the CDM.

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