

The what, why and how of the Sustainable Development Co-benefits Tool (SD Tool)

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The Sustainable Development Co-benefits Tool

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The Sustainable Development Co-benefits Tool

- What is it?



Article 12 CDM

The purpose of the clean development mechanism shall be to assist Parties not included in Annex I in achieving **sustainable development** and in contributing to the ultimate objective of the Convention, and to assist Parties included in Annex I in **achieving compliance with their quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments** under Article 3.



Background



- The CMP, at its seventh session, requested the Board to continue its work and **develop** appropriate **voluntary** measures to **highlight** the **co-benefits** brought about by CDM projects and PoAs and report back to the CMP at its eighth session, while **maintaining** the **prerogative** of the Parties to define their sustainable development criteria
 - At **EB 70** in Doha, the Board **approved** the **voluntary** tool for describing sustainable development co-benefits of CDM project activities and PoAs (**SD Tool**).
 - The SD Tool on the UNFCCC website was launched on 1 April 2014.
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What is the SD Tool?

- ✓ The **voluntary tool** for describing sustainable development co-benefits of clean development mechanism (CDM) project activities (PAs) and programmes of activities (PoAs)
- ✓ Assesses CDM development **co-benefits in a structured, consistent comparable and robust manner.**
- ✓ The tool produces a **sustainable development co-benefits (SDC) description report**
- ✓ Made available to CDM **project participants (PPs)** and **coordinating / managing entities (CMEs)**
- ✓ Applicable to both **Registered Projects** and those in **Pre-registration stage.**



The Sustainable Development Co-benefits Tool

- Why use it?



“Differentiate your CERs”

**Sustainable Development
Co-benefits Tool for CDM
Projects**

**Environmental –
Biodiversity**

**Health – chronic &
acute health effects**

**Women’s
empowerment -
business development**

Local Livelihoods –

Save time & money



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Benefits from the SD tool

Harmonizes info in comparable, consistent and Structured way

PPs/CMEs highlight and promote SD co-benefits,

CER buyers easily identify appropriate projects

Assist DNA's is monitoring and assessing the SD contributions on a project and country level

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- How to use?



The overall process

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1. Project participants (PPs) and coordinating/managing entities (CMEs) can **request access** to the SD Tool
2. Once the request is validated and the SD Tool is configured, the secretariat provides login details via email
3. PPs and CMEs complete the survey to **describe** the co-benefits of their CDM Project Activity or Programme of Activities
4. Once the PPs and CMEs **submit** the completed survey, the system generates a “Sustainable Development co-Benefits (SDC) description report” (SDC report)
5. The secretariat validates and ensures that all fields in the survey are correctly filled before publishing the SDC report
6. The SDC report is then available to the public on the website “CDM Sustainable Development co-Benefits description reports” and in the main web page of the CDM Project Activity or Programme of Activities concerned
7. PPs and CMEs can use the SDC description report to **promote** the “Sustainable Development co-Benefits” of their CDM Project Activity or Programme of Activities.



How to use the tool – site visit to the SD Tool Website

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Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

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Sustainable development tool launched

Bonn, 1 April 2014 – An online tool that aims to assess the sustainable development benefits of the CDM in a structured, consistent, comparable and robust manner is now fully operational. The tool helps CDM project developers highlight, on a voluntary basis, the sustainable development benefits of their projects by responding to a check list of predefined indicators that describe impacts on the environment, society and economy of host countries.

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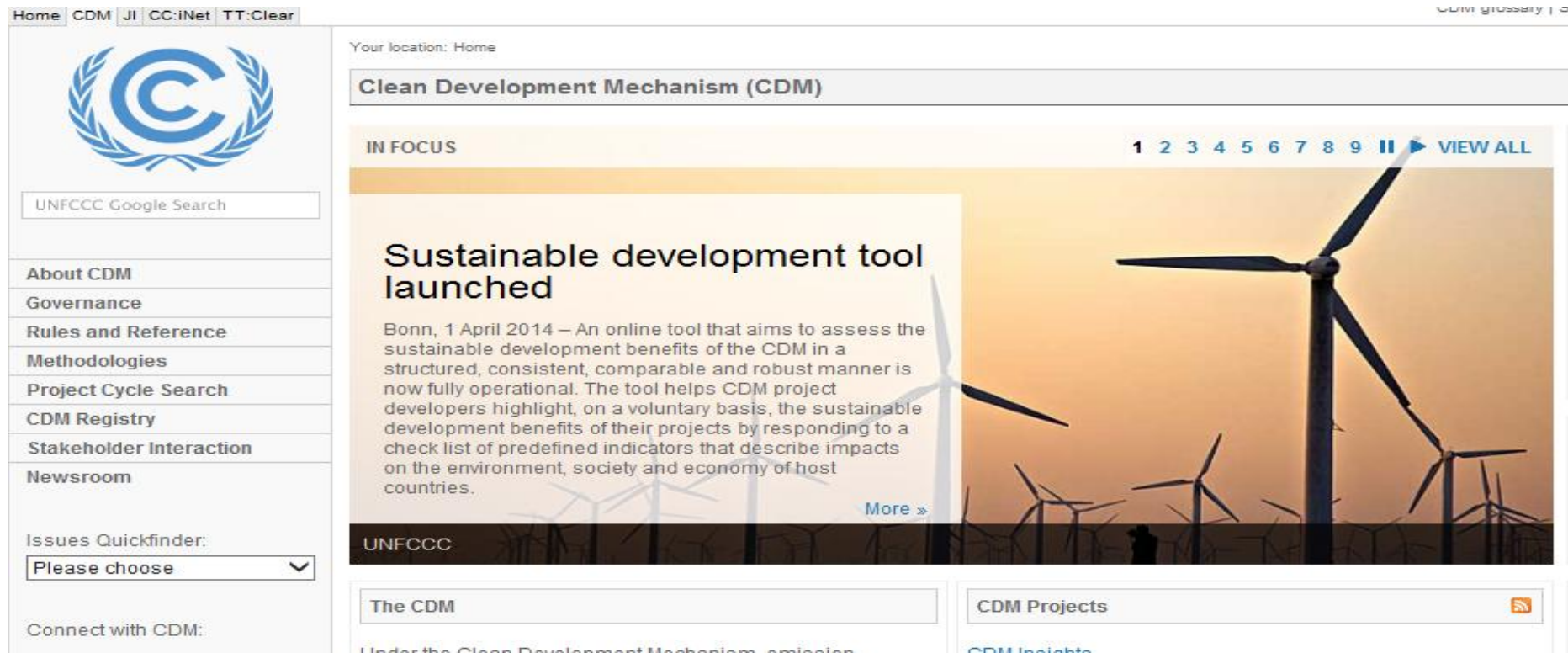
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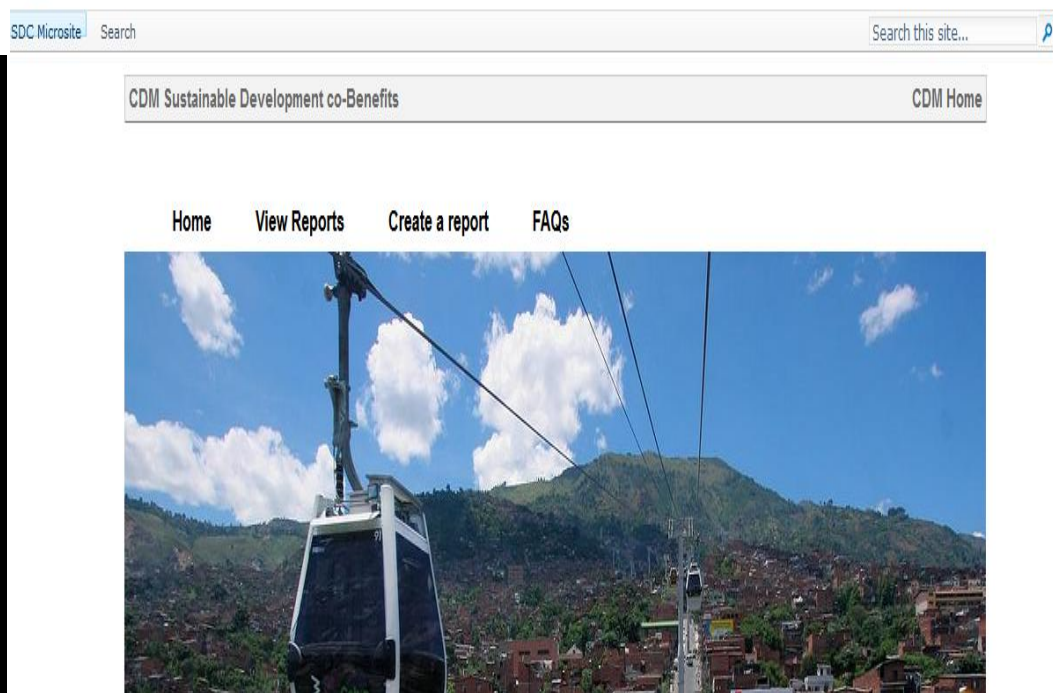
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The SDC description report , the case of the East African Region



<http://cdmcobenefits.unfccc.int/Pages/SD-Reports.aspx>

CDM Sustainable Development co-Benefits description reports

These reports were prepared by CDM project participants and coordinating/managing entities to describe the Sustainable Development co-Benefits of their projects and programmes of activities in a consistent and structured way. The reports were prepared voluntarily, using the Sustainable Development co-Benefits tool (SD tool).



Thank you!

Learn more about the sustainable development Tool at
<http://cdmcobenefits.unfccc.int/Pages/SD-Tool.aspx>

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