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## Clarification

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**Non-linking of payments to the final outcome of validation or verification/certification activities**

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## 1. Introduction

1. Paragraph 47(j) of the CDM accreditation standard (version 06.0) states that “the conditions in the designated operational entities (DOEs) contracts with project participants shall not link the DOEs payments to the final outcome of the validation or verification/certification activities”.
2. The CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP), at its 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting, noted that this paragraph of the CDM accreditation standard provides room for interpretation, as observed by the CDM-AP in several accreditation assessments.
3. Therefore the CDM-AP and the secretariat recommended the Executive Board of the CDM (hereinafter referred to as the Board) to clarify that this paragraph is meant to say that the conditions in the DOEs contracts with project participants shall not link the payments to the DOE to the final positive outcome of the validation or verification/certification activities.
4. The Board, at its 68<sup>th</sup> meeting, agreed to clarify this paragraph of the CDM accreditation standard.

## 2. Clarification

5. The Board clarifies that, with regard to paragraph 47(j) of the CDM accreditation standard, the conditions in the DOEs contract with the project participants, may link, in terms of timing, the payments to the DOE at various stages of the validation or verification/certification as long as the nature of the validation or verification opinion is not a condition of the payment. This provision does not prevail over laws relating to contracts in the relevant Party.

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