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## Quarterly report

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# Stakeholder interaction – activities with DOEs/AEs

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1. During the fourth quarter (Q4) in 2015, three stakeholder interaction activities were carried out for the designated operational entities (DOEs)/applicant entities (AEs):
  - (a) Two DOE conference calls;
  - (b) One DOE/AIE Coordination Forum annual meeting.
2. **DOE conference calls:**
  - (a) During Q4 2015, the secretariat organized two web-based DOE conference calls:
    - (i) 31<sup>st</sup> DOE conference call, following the eighty-sixth meeting (EB 86) of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (the Board), on 3 November 2015;
    - (ii) 32<sup>nd</sup> DOE conference call, following the eighty-seventh meeting (EB 87) of the Board, on 15 December 2015.
  - (b) The conference calls were organized in accordance with the mandate from EB 81 (under the 2015 management plan) and as part of core support activities;
  - (c) The objective was to enhance clarity and transparency in order to augment overall efficiency of the clean development mechanism (CDM) and to:
    - (i) Provide a communication platform with DOEs on the outcomes of the previous Board meetings; clarify various CDM requirements/decisions, and day-to-day operational issues; share the organizational workplan of the Board; as well as an update on other administrative issues;
    - (ii) Raise awareness, promote deeper understanding and provide an opportunity to share experiences regarding the implementation of various requirements of the CDM, including the decisions of the Board;
    - (iii) Provide CDM regulatory framework updates on areas relevant to DOE/AEs;
  - (d) The two conference calls were attended by 18 and 15 representatives from the DOEs/AEs, respectively. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the CDM Accreditation Panel also participated as observers in this call;
  - (e) The annotated agendas and meeting reports of conference calls are available on the Operational Entities extranet at:  
<<https://cdm.unfccc.int/extranet/OE/teleconference/index.html>>;
  - (f) The meeting reports of the conference calls are also available on the Executive Board extranet at:  
< [https://cdm.unfccc.int/extranet/EBextranet/doe\\_conf\\_call.html](https://cdm.unfccc.int/extranet/EBextranet/doe_conf_call.html)>.
3. **DOE/AIE Coordination Forum annual meeting:**
  - (a) The 17<sup>th</sup> DOE/AIE Coordination Forum annual meeting was held on 30 October 2015. For the second time the meeting was held via WebEx to enhance participation by eliminating travel costs and mitigating associated greenhouse gas emissions;

- (b) The meeting was organized in accordance with the mandate from the Board under its CDM management plan for 2015 and as part of the core support activity;
- (c) The objective was to enhance clarity and transparency, in order to enhance overall efficiency of the CDM and to:
  - (i) Raise awareness, promote deeper understanding and provide an opportunity to share experiences regarding the implementation of various requirements of the CDM, including the decisions of the Board;
  - (ii) Provide updates on the CDM regulatory framework on areas relevant to DOEs/AEs;
  - (iii) Obtain feedback from DOEs/AEs on priority areas of support required during 2016;
  - (iv) Discuss the strategy and plans for the organization of the 2016 DOE/AIE coordination forum, and to elect or decide on the process for election of the Co-Chairs of the DOE/AIE coordination forum for 2016;
- (d) The level of participation was good, despite the budgetary constraints for the DOE/AEs, as a consequence of the bearish carbon market. This is due to the fact that the meeting was web-based. Consequently 19 DOEs participated in the meeting. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the CDM Accreditation Panel also participated in this meeting, as observers;
- (e) The meeting focused on the discussion of policy issues, especially with regard to:
  - (i) The decisions by the Board in 2015, in the context of the simplification and streamlining of the CDM. The discussion focussed on whether the decisions made at the eighty-sixth meeting of the Board, on the streamlining of CDM are sufficient, or what further simplification and streamlining may be required to make CDM fit for the future, so as to play a role in the new climate landscape, including for results-based finance, the Green Climate Fund, and green bonds;
  - (ii) The enabling measures that the Board may consider, so as to make the United Nations accreditation system the recognized system for accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in the future;
  - (iii) The status of the international climate negotiations and of the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs), in particular the role of markets and CDM in a post 2020 climate regime. A discussion took place on the new role that CDM and market mechanisms could play in a new climate regime, with a focus on new possible roles for the independent third party verification;
  - (iv) DOEs' strategies to deal with the organization of the DOE/AIE coordination forum for 2016, the future of the Forum and the organization and continuation of the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum activities, including how to support and fund the activities of the forum for 2016 and beyond;

- (f) The web-based meeting was greatly appreciated by the participants and the overall feedback was positive;
- (g) Workshop documents are available on the Operational Entities extranet at: <https://cdm.unfccc.int/extranet/OE/index.html>.

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