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CDM Executive Board update: Revision of CDM project standard, validation and verification standard, and project cycle procedure

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Background

- Since mid-2015, the Board has been considering various concrete proposals to simplify and streamline the CDM.
- By EB 90, the Board had agreed on the directions for most of those proposals.
- Based on a request from CMP 11, the Board agreed to develop two sets of regulatory documents, one applicable only for PoAs and the other only for project activities.
- At EB 91 and EB 92, the secretariat presented draft regulatory documents reflecting the agree directions.



6 documents

Project activities PoAs PS PS **VVS VVS PCP PCP** PS = project standard VVS = validation and verification standard PCP = project cycle procedure



Areas of simplification and streamlining

Project cycle

- Allowing voluntary update or change of applied methodology
- Increasing flexibility in changing the start date of crediting period
- Extending the validity of methodologies for resubmissions
- Complete flexibility in the choice of issuance track or prior approval track for any type of post-registration changes
- Allowing debundling and flexible issuance for bundled projects



Areas of simplification and streamlining

Programmes of activities (PoAs)

- Revising rules for the assessment of specific-case CPAs
- Simplified inclusion of automatically additional microscale CPAs in PoA
- Providing further flexibility to issuance for PoAs (batched issuance)
- Allowing excluded CPAs to be re-included in a PoA or registered as a project activity



Areas of simplification and streamlining

Validation and verification

- Reducing sample size for geographically scattered projects
- Clarifying the conditions for exemption from on-site inspection at validation/verification
- Clarifying the process to authorize the same DOE to perform both validation and verification for the same project

Other areas

- Voluntary monitoring of sustainable development co-benefits
- Improving stakeholder consultation processes
- Reducing the risk of disputes and irregularities in the modalities of communication (MoC) processes



Implementation (proposal)

Staged approach

- 1. Publication of relevant forms (PDD, monitoring report)
- 2. Start of new regulations (opening the new process)
- 3. Grace period (old and new processes in parallel)
- 4. Mandatory new regulations (closing the old process)



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