United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Regional Collaboration Centres: an update and future activities

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UNFCCC Secretariat

CMP 7 requested the secretariat to broaden the scope of CDMrelated capacity-building activities and to provide direct support to project developers in underrepresented regions.

The secretariat proposed the development of a partnership approach to establish a network of CDM Regional Collaboration Centres. The approach as endorsed by the Board was welcomed by CMP 8 and 9.

CMP has welcomed the RCC and has requested to expand their scope (COP21)



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Status of Implementation

In 2016, five centers are fully operational:

- Lomé
- Kampala
- St George's
- Bogotá
- Bangkok





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Effectiveness of the RCCs in the past 3 years

Establishment: The partnership approach has been highly successful in ensuring that assigned staff are able to move rapidly into direct operations;.

Project and PoA support: Proven to be an effective tool in providing technical support to projects and programmes in underrepresented regions;

Standardized baselines:.Stimulated and accelerated the development of standardized baselines;

Resources: Leveraged additional resources to support capacity-building for CDM stakeholders

Communication: enhanced the communication channels regarding the evolution of the mechanism and increased the quality of information available to the secretariat;

Partnerships: The partnerships with host organizations has helped by providing immediate local knowledge of the CDM in the region and the presence of the RCCs has promoted the involvement of a wider range of partners including those willing to finance CDM and NDC activities.



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The RCCs have achieved important results in supporting the CDM both in terms of projects and SBLs supported and in terms of maintaining interest on the CDM also in the context of future uses in the Paris Agreement.

At the same time these achievements have demonstrated that RCCs are an effective infrastructure that can help in delivering NDCs.

Therefore while the CDM element will continue to be used and remains the main focus of the UNFCCC staff in the RCCs, resources will be made available to support NDC and capacity building in particular.



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Targeted organisations

Governments and government agencies (DNA, NFPs, etc) Subnational jurisdictions –provinces, cities, towns International organizations and institutions National, regional and multilateral development and funding agencies Businesses Private, public and multilateral banks

NGOs

Research and academia





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RCC future areas of intervention (1/2)

Technical Support

Catalyse Climate Action

- CDM PoA/PAs and SBLs
- Plan development Nationally Determined Contributions, low emission development plans, National Adaptation Plans, policies, etc.
- Tools to assess climate action Monitoring Reporting and Verification, standardized baselines
- Promotion and support to Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions, sectorial policies, CDM projects, etc.

Climate Finance

- Project assessment to inform potential investors
- Development of bankable project proposals
- Support in preparation of funding and investment proposals
- Matching activities with sources of finance



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RCC future areas of intervention (2/2)

Capacity Building

- Enhancing capacity of policymakers and public and private sector officials
- Supporting participation in the UNFCCC process
- Measuring, reporting and promoting successful, replicable outcomes

Identification and Assessment

- Identifying and assessing potential for climate action activities
- Assess policies, carbon pricing, renewable energy schemes etc.



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Planned Activities in 2017

- Support to 215 CDM PA/PoAs
- Support to 20 Bottom-up SBLs
- Outreach to new countries
- Implementation of NFP Projects and join activities with NFP partners (UNEP, DTU, UNDP, etc)
- Support to NDC capacity building in collaboration with other programmes in UNFCCC
- Establishment of center to develop capacity in the Caribbean
- Collaboration with GCF on readiness
- Continuation of the Art.6 support with more focus on Caron Pricing. 15 countries to be selected and funded by Germany, Norway, Switzerland etc.



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