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1. Introduction

1. The Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) (hereinafter referred to as the Board) requested, through its 2016 Work Plan, regular reports to provide information on progress of work made in specific areas.
2. This report covers the area of regional support for CDM project activities, programmes of activities (PoAs) and standardized baselines (SBs) that is delivered through the regional collaboration centres (RCCs). The first RCC was established in Lomé, Togo, in 2013, followed by RCCs in Kampala, Uganda; St. George's, Grenada; Bogota, Colombia; and the latest established in Bangkok, Thailand in 2015. These RCCs focus on supporting the implementation of the CDM in their regions. The report also includes information on promotion of the CDM, capacity building and inter-agency collaborations.
3. The current reporting period covers 1 June 2016 to 31 December 2016. For project support and SB support, cumulative figures since the beginning of RCC operations until 31 December 2016 are also presented.

2. Regional support

2.1. Project and Programme of Activity support

4. During the reporting period, the support resulted in 33 CDM project activities and PoAs progressing at least one step in the CDM project cycle, 14 new CDM project activities and PoAs being added to the CDM pipeline, and 53 CDM project activities and PoAs receiving clarifications on CDM requirements. In total, the RCCs supported 100 CDM project activities and PoAs in the seven months being reported, of which approximately 60 per cent were supported from underrepresented countries.
5. From the beginning of their operations until 31 December 2016, the RCCs provided direct support to 563 CDM project activities and PoAs, contributing to 190 activities moving forward in the CDM project cycle. In addition, through the provision of technical advice and capacity building, 99 new CDM project activities and PoAs were identified and their CDM prior notification submitted.

2.2. Standardized baseline support

6. During the reporting period, the RCCs provided support to the development of 12 SBs, all of which originated from the DNAs of underrepresented countries. In addition, the Board approved another seven SBs for which support was provided in the previous years, all of which originated from the DNAs of underrepresented countries.
7. The RCCs provided direct technical assistance to designated national authorities (DNAs) for the development of SBs. From the beginning of their operations until 31 December 2016, a total of 79 SBs were directly supported, of which 30 were approved by the Board, and an additional 82 potential SBs were identified.

2.3. Promotion of CDM and capacity building

8. In order to promote the CDM and associate it with regional priorities and developments, and to build skills and knowledge regarding CDM in regional and national key institutions,

the RCCs organized or co-organized a series of events. Events held within this reporting period include:

(a) Africa region

- (i) Market Place on CDM Project Activities and Programmes of Activities was held in Kigali, Rwanda during the African Carbon Forum from 28 to 30 June 2016;
- (ii) East African DNA Round Table on Standardized Baselines Development, was held in Kigali, Rwanda during the African Carbon Forum from 28 to 30 June 2016;
- (iii) Workshop on “Updating the SB for the Southern African Electricity System” and Discussion of Related Financing Mechanisms, was held in Kigali, Rwanda during the African Carbon Forum from 28 to 30 June 2016;
- (iv) Training Workshop on CDM, and Development of Monitoring Reporting Verification (MRV) for Public and Private Sector was held in Nyanga, Zimbabwe from 24 to 25 August 2016;
- (v) Regional Workshop on the role of CDM and Standardized Baselines in the Implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions was held in Tunis, Tunisia from 5 to 7 September 2016;
- (vi) Regional Workshop on Private Sector Engagement in Mitigation Actions was held in Entebbe, Uganda from 21 to 22 September, 2016;
- (vii) DNA Training Workshop on MRV and CDM was held in Antananarivo, Madagascar from 27 to 29 September 2016;
- (viii) MRV Regional Workshop for Western Africa was held in Lome, Togo from 4 to 6 October 2016;
- (ix) Side Event: On-the-ground Support for Climate Action and Capacity Building in Developing Countries was held in Marrakesh, Morocco on 16th November 2016.

(b) Asia-Pacific region

- (i) Asia Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) Forum 2016 was held in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 27 to 29 June 2016;
- (ii) Market Place on CDM Project Activities, Programmes of Activities and Standardized Baselines was held in Jeju, South Korea during the Asia-Pacific Carbon Forum from 5 to 7 September 2016;
- (iii) CDM Training Workshop was held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 27 September 2016;
- (iv) International Conference on Multi-Disciplinary Approaches was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 10 to 14 October 2016;
- (v) Stakeholder Meeting on Standardized Baselines was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 13 to 15 October 2016.

(c) Latin America and the Caribbean region

- (i) CDM Clinics were held in Panama City, Panama from 13 to 14 June 2016 and in San Jose, Costa Rica from 5 to 8 July 2016;
- (ii) Market Place on CDM Project Activities, Programmes of Activities and Standardized Baselines was held in Panama City, Panama during the Latin American and Caribbean Carbon Forum from 26 to 30 September 2016;
- (iii) Virtual DNA Dialogue on CDM was held in Bogota on 28 October 2016;
- (iv) Mitigation Training on the Use of UNFCCC tools, CDM
 - a. 20-21 June, St. George's, Grenada
 - b. 20-21 June, Castries, St. Lucia
 - c. 16-17 June, Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
 - d. 23-24 June, Paramaribo, Suriname
 - e. 16-17 September, Belize City, Belize
 - f. 12-13 September, Georgetown, Guyana.

9. Sixteen missions were carried out by the RCCs within this reporting period to support the DNAs and project participants from their respective regions: seven in the African region; six in the Asia-Pacific region; and three in the Latin America and the Caribbean region.

10. Within this reporting period, the RCCs published 14 newsletters (Africa region: nine; Asia-Pacific region: one; Latin America and the Caribbean region: four) and five articles (Africa region: four; Asia-Pacific region: three; Latin America and the Caribbean region: three).

2.4. Inter-agency collaboration

11. Inter-agency partnerships forged and maintained within this reporting period include:

(a) Africa region

- (i) RCC Lomé forged new partnerships with the UNEP/UNDP Global Support Programme and Food and Agriculture Organization for the organization of MRV & SB workshops as well as for establishment of a south-south collaboration network for MRV in West Africa. RCC Lomé's existing collaborations are with: Institut de la Francophonie pour le Développement Durable for capacity-building activities on climate change; Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD); the International Renewable Energy Agency; the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; the African Biofuel and Renewable Energy Company; and the Economic Community of West African States Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. The RCC leveraged funds from these partners to cover local costs for organizing CDM capacity-building activities and for RCC staff member participation.
- (ii) RCC Kampala forged new partnerships with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) to support KCCA's climate change action strategy. RCC Kampala

continued its existing partnerships with: The World Bank for the 2nd and 3rd auctions in the Pilot Auction Facility; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit Uganda, which partnered with RCC Kampala to conduct regional workshops on mitigation actions for the private sector; the Government of Norway to follow up on project selection from the last call; and Carbon Africa to organize training for Rwandan stakeholders on the CDM and its application within a wider mitigation framework.

(b) Asia-Pacific region

- (i) RCC Bangkok continued its existing partnerships with Asia LEADS for Asia LEADS Forum Partnership and is exploring opportunities for other partnerships to organize DNA training workshops and develop SBs.

(c) Latin America and the Caribbean region

- (i) RCC Bogota built new partnerships with UNDP Regional Office in Panama to promote the use of CDM as an MRV tool for the implementation of nationally determined contributions, the expenses for a workshop in El Salvador was borne by UNDP. RCC Bogota continued its existing partnerships with Energising Development and the International Hydro Association in Norway, and the Inter-American Development Bank.
- (ii) RCC St. George's built new partnerships with: The Greenhouse Gas Institute and UNDP Global Support Programme to establish the Caribbean MRV Hub; and the United States National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to support the Government of Grenada to identify and implement energy-efficiency capacity building events. RCC St. George continued its existing partnerships with UNDP/Japanese-Caribbean Climate Change Partnership (J-CCCP) to organize six workshops for the development of SBs as an MRV tool.

12. Within the reporting period, a total of 17 RCC host-partner staff members were placed in the RCCs and worked together with eight UNFCCC staff members in the RCCs. The staffing ratio of RCC host partners to UNFCCC staff members in the RCCs is as follows:

(a) Africa region

- (i) Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement to UNFCCC is 7:2;
- (ii) East African Development Bank to UNFCCC is 4:1.

(b) Asia-Pacific region

- (i) Institute for Global Environment Strategies to UNFCCC is 2:3.

(c) Latin America and the Caribbean region

- (i) Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina to UNFCCC is 2:1;
- (ii) Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation to UNFCCC is 2:1.

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