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1. Introduction

1. The Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) (hereinafter referred to as the Board), through the CDM Executive Board workplan 2017,¹ requested regular reports on progress made in specific areas.
2. This report covers the regional support for CDM project activities, programmes of activities (PoAs) and the development of standardized baselines (SBs) supported by the Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs). The report also includes information on the promotion of the CDM, capacity-building and inter-agency partnerships by RCCs. The first RCC was established in Lomé, Togo in 2013, followed by RCCs in Kampala, Uganda, St. George's, Grenada, Bogotá, Colombia, and Bangkok, Thailand. RCC Bogotá, which has been in operation since August 2013, was moved to Panama City, Panama in March 2017. These RCCs focus on supporting the implementation of the CDM in their regions.
3. The current reporting period covers 1 June 2017 to 31 December 2017. For the support provided to projects and the development of SBs, cumulative figures covering the beginning of RCC operations until 31 December 2017 are also presented.

2. Regional support

2.1. Project support

4. From 1 June 2017 to 31 December 2017, RCCs provided direct technical support to 166 CDM project activities and PoAs, of which approximately 65 per cent were located in CDM underrepresented countries. The support resulted in nine CDM project activities and PoAs progressing at least one step in the CDM project cycle. In addition, RCCs responded to 209 queries on matters including clarifications on the CDM requirements and the use of the CDM in climate finance.
5. From the beginning of their operations until 31 December 2017, RCCs provided direct support to 841 CDM project activities and PoAs, contributing to 207 activities moving forward in the CDM project cycle. In addition, through the provision of technical advice and capacity-building, 106 new CDM project activities and PoAs were identified and their notification of CDM prior consideration submitted.

2.2. Support in the development of standardized baselines

6. The RCCs have also provided direct technical assistance to designated national authorities (DNAs) for the development of SBs. From 1 June 2017 to 31 December 2017, the RCCs supported the development of 15 bottom-up SBs (seven were new and eight were continuations from the previous reporting period), of which approximately 75 per cent originated from the DNAs of underrepresented countries. As a result of the support provided by RCCs in the previous years, the Board approved another four SBs, all of which originated from DNAs of CDM underrepresented countries. In addition, RCCs facilitated the continuation of the work of the secretariat's Regulatory Development Unit on five new top-down SBs during the reporting period.

¹ The CDM Executive Board workplan 2017 is available at https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20170227105522978/info_note70.pdf.

7. From the beginning of their operations until 31 December 2017, the development of 101 SBs was directly supported, of which 37 were approved by the Board, and an additional 88 potential SBs were identified.

2.3. Promotion of the clean development mechanism and capacity-building

8. In order to promote the CDM and its association with regional priorities and developments, and to build skills and knowledge on the CDM in key regional and national institutions, the RCCs supported, organized or co-organized a series of events. Events held in this reporting period include:

(a) Africa region:

- (i) African Carbon Forum, held in Cotonou, Benin from 28 to 30 June 2017: Workshop on specific findings on implementation and monitoring of programme of activities (PoA) and roundtable on economic instruments to engage private sector in mitigation actions: The role of the CDM to promote financing climate action;
- (ii) Workshop: CDM capacity-building for Ethiopian DNA, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 to 28 July 2017;
- (iii) Workshop: CDM standardized baselines: Opportunities to experience simplified tools for measurement, reporting and verification (MRV), held in Monrovia, Liberia from 29 to 30 August 2017;
- (iv) Workshop: The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) regional climate finance workshop, held in Lomé, Togo from 4 to 6 October 2017;
- (v) Workshop: Climate change and promotion of the CDM, held in Djibouti, Djibouti from 3 to 5 December 2017;
- (vi) Roundtable: First green investment catalyst roundtable, held in Harare, Zimbabwe from 5 to 6 December 2017;
- (vii) Workshop: First ad hoc working group meeting for the establishment of clean energy financing for the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) countries (CEF4SAPP), held in Harare, Zimbabwe from 7 to 8 December 2017.

(b) Asia-Pacific region:

- (i) Workshop: Clean Development Mechanism, held in Islamabad, Pakistan from 21 to 22 August 2017;
- (ii) Asia-Pacific Carbon Forum, held in Bangkok, Thailand from 13 to 15 December 2017: Workshop on the CDM for the Pacific DNAs, roundtable on options to use the CDM for other purposes, and roundtable on strengthening regional collaboration.

(c) Latin America and the Caribbean region:

- (i) Webinar: Introduction to crowd-funding opportunities for climate change projects in Latin American and Caribbean countries (virtual meeting), held on 15 June 2017;

- (ii) Roundtable: Regional carbon market for the Caribbean, held in St. George's, Grenada from 24 to 25 July 2017;
 - (iii) Workshop: Grid emission factor standardized baseline for Honduras, held in Tegucigalpa Honduras, on 8 August 2017;
 - (iv) Latin American and the Caribbean Carbon Forum, held in Mexico City, Mexico from 18 to 20 October 2017: Workshop on potential of programmatic approaches in Latin America, roundtable on options to use the CDM for other purposes, and roundtable on strengthening regional collaboration;
 - (v) Training: Grid emission factor standardized baseline for St. Lucia, held in Castries, St. Lucia from 30 to 31 October 2017;
 - (vi) Training: CDM clinic for project participants, held in Panama City, Panama on 22 November 2017.
9. Fourteen missions were carried out by the RCCs in this reporting period to support the DNAs and project participants from their respective regions: six in the African region, one in the Asia-Pacific region and seven in the Latin America and the Caribbean region.
10. In this reporting period, the RCCs published 11 newsletters: nine for the Africa region, and two for the Asia-Pacific region.

2.4. Inter-agency partnerships

11. Inter-agency partnerships forged and maintained in this reporting period to nurture the CDM include:
- (a) Africa region:
 - (i) RCC Lomé continued its partnerships with the Global Support Programme (GSP) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Economic Community of West African States Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) for capacity-building activities on CDM project development and the development of SBs. RCC Lomé supported the establishment of new partnerships between (1) the West African Development Bank (BOAD) and the Renewable Energy Performance Platform (REPP) to mobilize private sector development activity and investment in small- and medium-scale renewable energy projects (up to 25 megawatts) in the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) countries; and (2) BOAD and Aera Group for integrating the CDM in BOAD mitigation projects and supporting carbon markets. RCC Lomé also supported BOAD to mobilize a green credit line from the Reconstruction Credit Institute (KfW);
 - (ii) RCC Kampala continued its partnership with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Uganda, under which a staff member from GIZ was seconded to RCC Kampala to support CDM-related work, including providing support to DNAs in preparing SB proposals and to CDM project activities and PoAs in the region.

- (b) Asia-Pacific region:
 - (i) RCC Bangkok continued its partnership with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) to organize a side event during the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development (MCED) 2017 to share RCC experience at the ECOWAS roundtable for climate finance. RCC Bangkok established new partnerships with (1) UN Environment Bangkok to prepare a proposal for countries to use the refrigeration and air-conditioning methodology/ tool developed by the Board; (2) UNDP for Mongolia's heat emission factor SB; and (3) the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Bangkok to support the development of emission factors, green bonds and a joint study on bioenergy projects in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region, with a focus on CDM projects.
 - (c) Latin America and the Caribbean region:
 - (i) RCC Panama continued its partnerships with (1) the Low Emission Development Strategies Latin America and the Caribbean organizations to promote the CDM by organizing webinars and workshops on transport, solid waste and crowd-funding; and (2) the Inter-American Development Bank to support the development of a grid emission factor SB in Honduras;
 - (ii) RCC St. George's continued its partnerships with (1) UNDP through its Japanese-Caribbean Climate Change Partnership (J-CCCP) for the development of five top-down SBs; (2) the Greenhouse Gas Management Institute and the GSP to establish a Caribbean MRV Hub; (3) the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) to support the Government of Saint Lucia in the development of bankable renewable energy and energy-efficient project activities that apply CDM approaches; and (4) the United Nations Environment Programme–Technical University of Denmark Partnership (UNEP DTU Partnership) and OLADE to develop the MRV component for nationally appropriate mitigation action that applies CDM approaches in the building sector of Grenada.
12. In this reporting period, a total of 14 RCC host partner staff members worked together with 6 UNFCCC staff members in the RCCs. The staffing ratio of RCC host partner staff to UNFCCC staff in the RCCs is as follows:
- (a) Africa region:
 - (i) BOAD to UNFCCC is 3:2;
 - (ii) East African Development Bank to UNFCCC is 4:1.
 - (b) Asia-Pacific region:
 - (i) Institute for Global Environment Strategies to UNFCCC is 3:1.
 - (c) Latin America and the Caribbean region:
 - (i) Development Bank of Latin America to UNFCCC is 2:1;
 - (ii) Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation to UNFCCC is 2:1.

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