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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, requested regular reports on progress made in specific areas.
2. This report covers one of the areas requested: the online platform for voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions (CERs) (hereinafter referred as the platform). The report is provided on a biannual basis. The reporting period is from 1 July to 31 December 2017. The report provides information about the usage of the platform, including with respect to CERs cancelled by type and country of purchasers, host party and sectorial scope of the CDM activities.
3. A comparison with previous periods has been included to illustrate trends in the activities on the platform since its launch in September 2015.

2. Performance of the platform

4. In the reporting period, the number of orders for cancellations placed and successfully completed by the purchasers (hereinafter referred to as cancellations) and the number of CERs cancelled showed an increase in comparison to the previous six months. This trend of increases is consistent between the four full six-month reporting periods to date. The main driver of this growth was the increasing participation of private companies and public institutions opting to voluntarily cancel CERs.

Table 1. Number of completed cancellations and CERs cancelled on the platform

Reporting period	Cancellations	CERs cancelled	Variation (CERs cancelled)
1 September to 31 December 2015	462	8,750	–
1 January to 30 June 2016	268	13,377	53%
1 July to 31 December 2016	294	36,917	76%
1 January to 30 June 2017	350	65,668	78%
1 July to 31 December 2017	516	72,489	10%
Total	1,890	197,201	

Figure 1. Number of cancellations and CERs cancelled on the platform

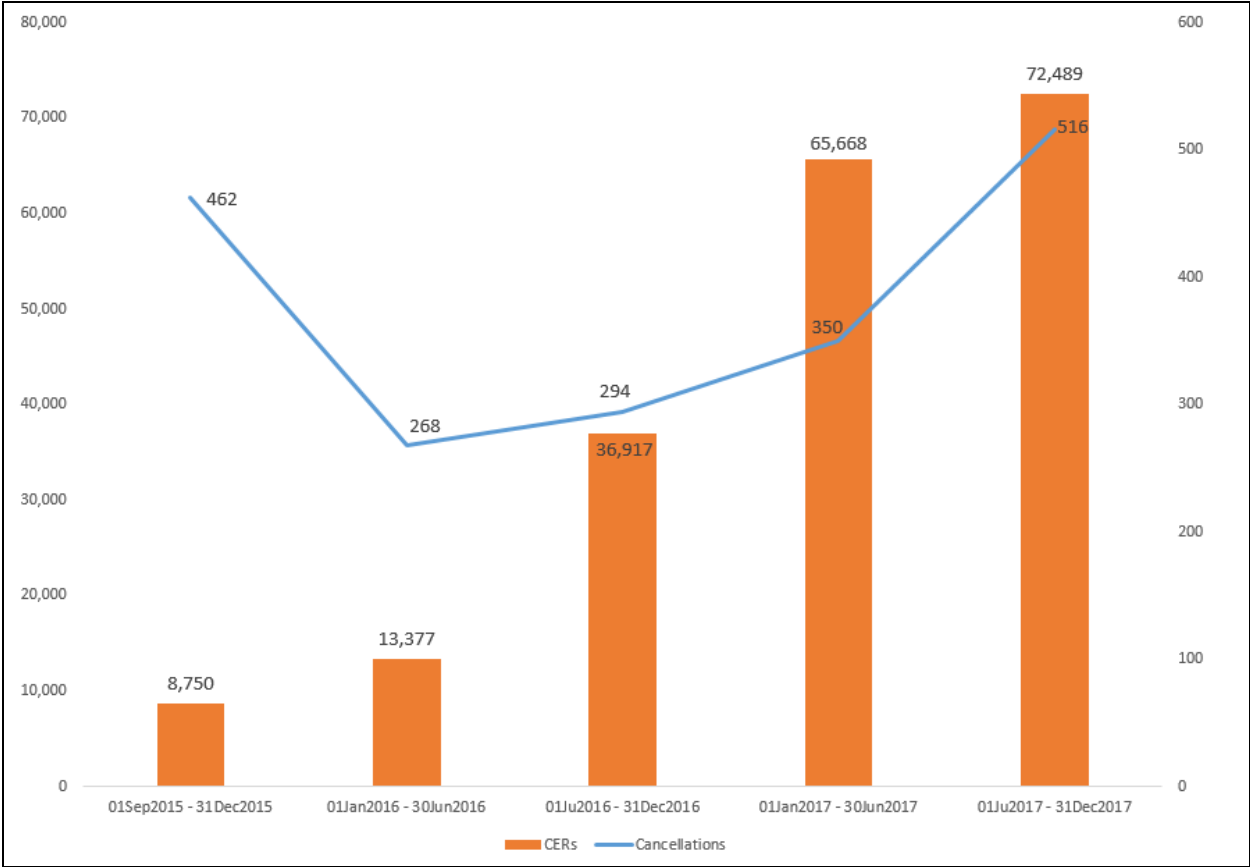


Table 2. Number of cancellations and CERs cancelled on the platform by type of purchaser to date

Type of user	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
Private persons	1,299	44,596
Companies and organizations	591	152,605
Total	1,890	197,201

Table 3. Number of cancellations and CERs cancelled on the platform from companies and organizations

Reporting period	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
1 September to 31 December 2015	136	2,199
1 January to 30 June 2016	70	7,808
1 July to 31 December 2016	109	29,319
1 January to 30 June 2017	91	56,391
1 July to 31 December 2017	185	56,888
Total	591	152,605

5. The growing contribution of private companies and public institutions is shown in Table 3. The number of CERs cancelled by private companies and public institutions during 2017 represents a growth of more than 200 per cent compared to 2016.

Table 4. Number of cancellations and CERs cancelled on the platform from private persons

Reporting period	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
1 September to 31 December 2015	326	6,551
1 January to 30 June 2016	198	5,569
1 July to 31 December 2016	185	7,598
1 January to 30 June 2017	259	9,277
1 July to 31 December 2017	331	15,601
Total	1,299	44,596

Figure 2. Percentage of CERs cancelled on the platform by type of purchaser

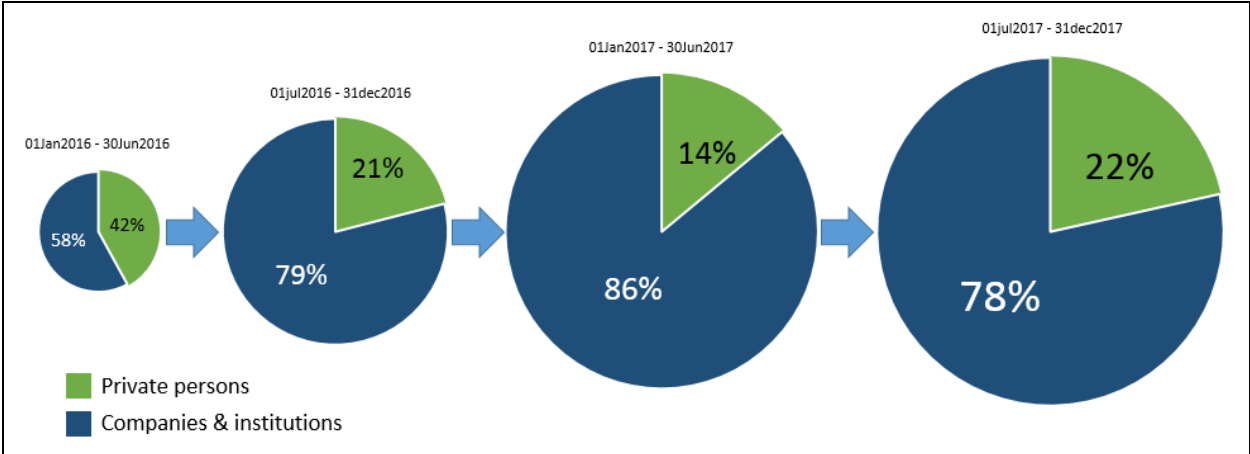


Table 5. Number of new purchasers and returning purchasers

Reporting period	New purchasers	Returning purchasers
1 September to 31 December 2015	368	0
1 January to 30 June 2016	153	22
1 July to 31 December 2016	157	31
1 January to 30 June 2017	252	38
1 July to 31 December 2017	271	77
Total	1,201	--

6. To date, 1,201 purchasers have cancelled CERs in the platform. During the last six months of 2017, 22 per cent of the cancellations were done by returning purchasers.

Figure 3. Number of new purchasers and returning purchasers by period

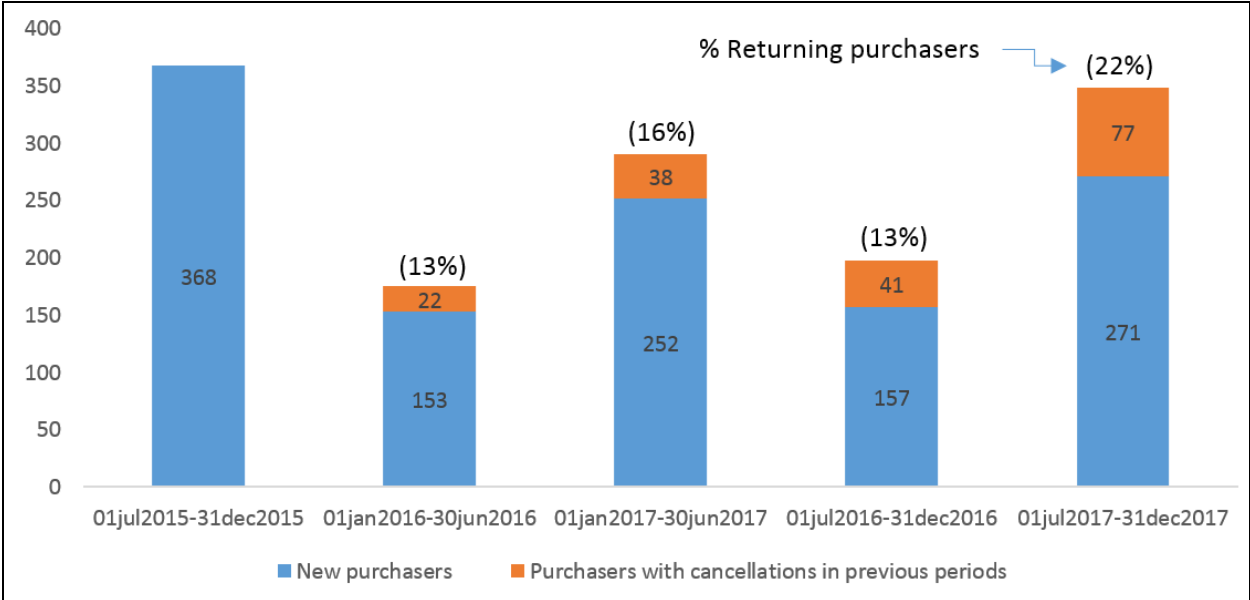


Table 6. Countries of purchasers who completed cancellations by period

Reporting period	Countries with cancellations
1 September to 31 December 2015	44
1 January to 30 June 2016	31
1 July to 31 December 2016	36
1 January to 30 June 2017	40
1 July to 31 December 2017	54
Total	79

7. Purchasers from 54 different countries cancelled CERs during the reported period. Since the launch of the platform, purchasers from 79 countries have cancelled CERs. Furthermore, the platform has been accessed from 186 countries, with access from 107 countries not resulting in cancellations.

Table 7. Top 10 countries by number of CERs cancelled

<i>Countries</i>	Total		Last 6 months 1 July to 31 December 2017	
	<i>Cancellations</i>	<i>CERs cancelled</i>	<i>Cancellations</i>	<i>CERs cancelled</i>
United States	652	39,030	133	7,611
Switzerland	55	30,641	10	3325
Germany	175	18,762	65	4,250
Australia	127	18,711	31	12,218
France	79	15,992	19	14,188
Sweden	54	11,255	12	6,924
Netherlands	27	11,073	17	634
Norway	32	10,367	4	150
Finland	80	6,201	33	5,756
Costa Rica	5	5,851	3	4,745
Other countries	604	29,318	189	12,688
Total	1,890	197,201	516	72,489

8. Purchasers from the top five countries – USA, Switzerland, Germany, Australia and France – represent 62 per cent of the total CERs cancelled.
9. The total number of internet sessions since September 2015 reached 53,350 (13,860 in Q3 and Q4 of 2017). More than 50 per cent of the sessions were re-directions from the Climate Neutral Now website (www.climateneutralnow.org) (37 per cent in Q3 and Q4 of 2017).
10. To date, 54 CDM activities have applied for offering CERs on the platform and 52 of them have cancelled CERs. Geographically, these projects represent 10 different host parties.
11. The CERs cancelled by host party and the sectoral scope applied in the CDM activity are presented in Tables 8 and 9 below.

Table 8. Cancellations by host party of the CDM activity to date

Host party	CDM activities	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
India	32	1044	152,727
Brazil	4	63	17,105
China	1	98	7,946
Thailand	2	159	7,873
Chile	8	310	7,138
Kenya	1	65	2,136
Costa Rica	1	75	1,112
Pakistan	1	50	545
Malawi	1	20	539
Republic of Korea	1	6	80
Total	52	1,890	197,201

Figure 4. Percentage of CERs cancelled by host party of the CDM activity to date

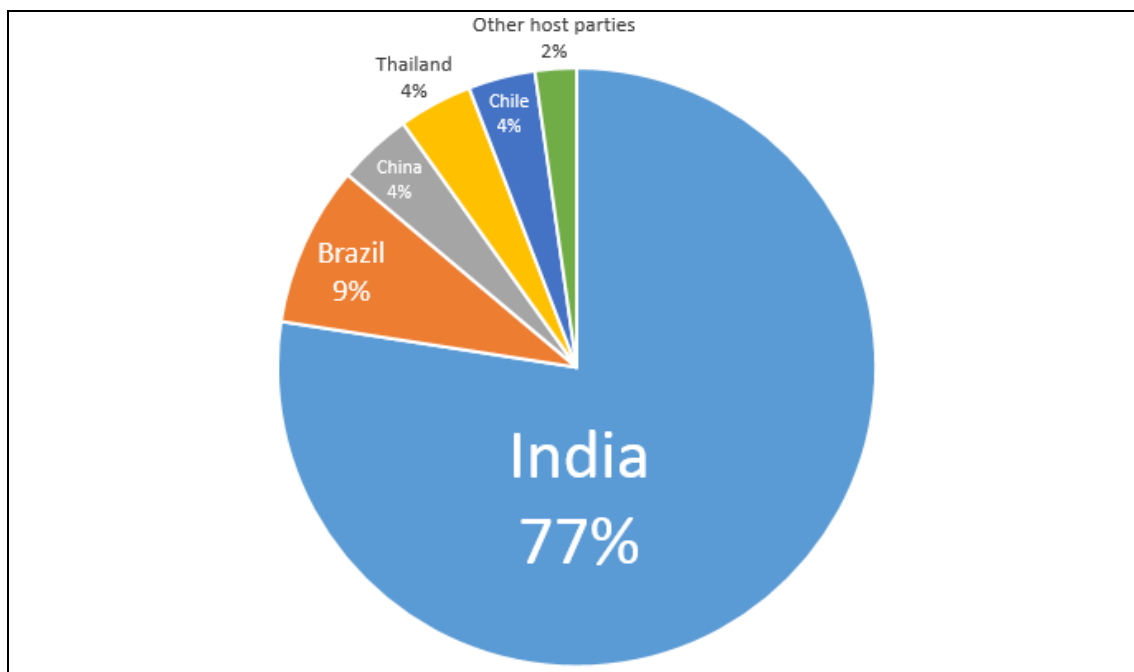
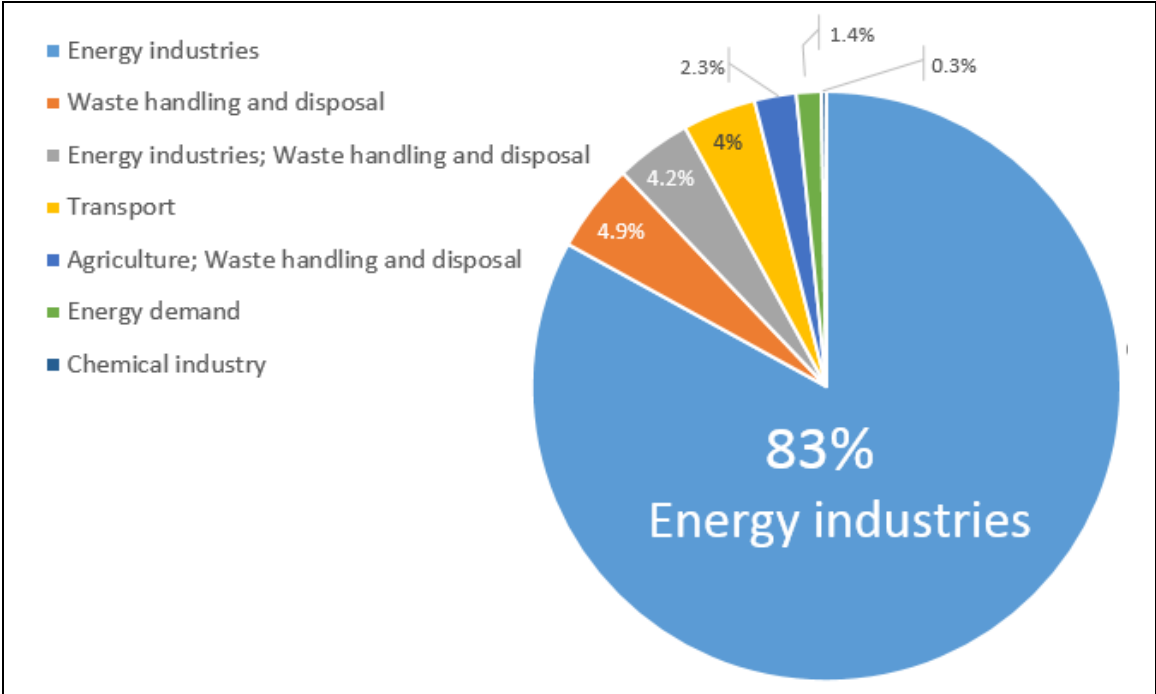


Table 9. Cancellations by sectoral scope of the CDM activity to date

Sectoral scope	CDM activities	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
Energy industries	40	1,160	163,682
Waste handling and disposal	3	91	9,611
Energy industries; Waste handling and disposal	4	195	8,213
Transport	1	98	7,946
Agriculture; Waste handling and disposal	1	224	4,529
Energy demand	2	85	2,675
Chemical industry	1	50	545
Total	52	1,890(a)	197,201

(a) The sum of cancellations does not match with the total of cancellations because a cancellation with more than one product and different sectorial scopes has counted in several times.

Figure 5. Percentage of CERs cancelled by sectorial scope of the CDM activity to date



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