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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 2018,¹ requested regular reports on progress made in specific areas.
2. This report covers the regional support provided by Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) for CDM project activities, programmes of activities (PoAs) and the development of standardized baselines (SBs). The report also includes information on the promotion of the CDM, capacity-building and inter-agency partnerships of 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 January 2018 to 30 June 2018. Cumulative figures covering the beginning of RCC operations until 30 June 2018 are also presented to reflect the support provided to projects and the development of SBs.

2. Regional support

2.1. Project support

4. From 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018, RCCs provided direct technical support to 116 CDM project activities and PoAs, of which approximately 65 per cent were located in countries underrepresented in the CDM. The support resulted in eight CDM project activities and PoAs progressing at least one step in the CDM project cycle. In addition, RCCs responded to 126 queries received from stakeholders which were primarily related to: (i) post-registration changes (PRC), including renewal of crediting period; (ii) request for clarification on CDM rules (e.g. prior consideration of the CDM, applicability of methodologies); (iii) share of proceeds (SOP); (iv) modalities of communication (MOC); (v) certified emission reductions (CERs) (cancellation, carry-over and issuance of CERs); and (vi) interest/participation in the CDM.
5. From the beginning of their operations until 30 June 2018, RCCs provided direct support to 957 CDM project activities and PoAs, contributing to 215 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 January 2018 to 30 June 2018, the RCCs supported the development of 34 bottom-up SBs (18 were new and 16 were continuations from the previous reporting period), of which approximately 80 per cent originated from DNAs of underrepresented countries. As a result of the support provided by RCCs in the previous years, the Board approved one SB (ASB0011-2018:

¹ The CDM Executive Board workplan 2018 is available at https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20180305112517412/info_note75.pdf.

Standardized baseline - Landfill gas capture and flaring in the Dominican Republic (version 01.0)), which originated from a DNA of a country underrepresented in the CDM.² In addition, RCCs continued to support the work on five top-down SBs during the reporting period (continuation from the previous reporting period).

7. From the beginning of their operations until 30 June 2018, the development of 135 SBs was directly supported, of which 38 were approved by the Board, and an additional 88 potential SBs were identified that may enter into the SB pipeline in future.

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

8. Events supported, organized or co-organized by RCCs in this reporting period to promote the CDM and to build CDM capacity in key regional and national institutions include:

(a) Africa region:

- (i) African Carbon Forum, held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 11 to 13 April 2018: side events on (1) the regional RCC presence and the CDM in future mechanisms; and (2) the role of programmatic approaches for Article 6 mechanisms and results-based climate finance in Africa;
- (ii) Workshop: Capacity-building for the DNA of Chad on standardized baseline development, held in N'Djamena, Chad, from 19 to 20 April 2018;
- (iii) Workshop: Securing Climate Finance in Africa, held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 19 to 20 June 2018;

(b) Asia-Pacific region:

- (i) Promotion of the Voluntary Cancellation of Certified Emission Reductions at the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 28 to 30 March 2018;
- (ii) Workshop titled Clean Development Mechanism, held in Manila, Philippines, from 14 to 16 May 2018;
- (iii) Roundtable: Green Investment Catalyst Roundtable, held in Singapore City, Singapore, from 3 to 7 June 2018;

(c) Latin America and the Caribbean region:

- (i) Promotion of the Voluntary Cancellation of CERs at the Green Businesses Forum, held in David, Panama, on 9 June 2018;
- (ii) Presentation of the bicycle methodology at Velo-city 2018 (annual global summit on cycling), held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 13 to 15 June 2018.

9. In this reporting period, the RCCs published eight newsletters on their individual websites:³ four for the Africa region, one for the Asia-Pacific region and three for the Latin America and the Caribbean region. These newsletters provide technical advice, inform on relevant

² The list of countries with 10 or fewer registered CDM projects as of 31 December 2010 is available at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/standard_base/cdmprojects.pdf>

³ Accessible from <<https://unfccc.int/about-us/regional-collaboration-centres>>.

events, facilitate cooperation and promote opportunities for project funding, and have received positive feedback from the CDM stakeholders.

2.4. Inter-agency partnerships

10. Inter-agency partnerships forged and maintained in this reporting period to nurture the CDM and its tools 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 for capacity-building activities on CDM project development and the development of SBs. RCC Lomé established new partnerships with (1) UN Environment to launch a joint project “Trade in Clean Technology in Asia and Africa”; and (2) the United Nations Office for South–South Cooperation to launch joint projects “China-Africa Clean Energy Investment Forum” and “China-Africa Green Finance Alliance”;
 - (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. RCC Kampala established a new partnership with GIZ Uganda and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety to initiate discussion with countries in East Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, and the United Republic of Tanzania) on the structure, operation and prospects of the East African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance;
 - (b) Asia-Pacific region:
 - (i) RCC Bangkok continued its partnership with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to share RCC experience from the African roundtable event and to organize climate finance roundtable events in Bangkok, Thailand;
 - (c) Latin America and the Caribbean region:
 - (i) RCC Panama continued its partnerships with (1) the organizations relating to Low Emission Development strategies in Latin America and the Caribbean 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 for the development of five top-down SBs; and (2) the Greenhouse Gas Management Institute and the GSP to establish a Caribbean Measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) Hub.
11. In this reporting period, a total of 12 RCC host partner staff members worked together with 7 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (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) West African Development Bank (BOAD) to UNFCCC is 4:2;
 - (ii) East African Development Bank to UNFCCC is 3:1;
- (b) Asia-Pacific region:
 - (i) Institute for Global Environmental Strategies to UNFCCC is 2:1;
- (c) Latin America and the Caribbean region:
 - (i) Development Bank of Latin America to UNFCCC is 1:2;
 - (ii) Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation to UNFCCC is 2:1.

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