

CDM-2018VC-INFO01

Regular report

UN platform for voluntary cancellation of CERs

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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, requested regular reports on progress made in specific areas.
2. This report covers the voluntary cancellation platform (further referred to as the VC platform or simply the platform) and shall be provided on a biannual basis. The reporting period for this report is 1 January to 30 June 2018. The report provides a comprehensive view of the usage of the VC platform with respect to certified emission reductions (CERs) cancelled by purchaser type, country, host party of the CDM activities and sectoral scopes.
3. A comparison with previous periods has been included to help illustrate activity on the platform since September 2015.

2. Report

4. In the reporting period, the number of orders placed and successfully completed by the users of the VC platform for cancelling CERs (hereinafter referred to as cancellations) have decreased with respect to the reporting periods of the previous six months, but the CERs cancelled have experienced slight growth with respect to the reporting periods of the previous six months.

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%
1 January to 30 June 2018	455	73,482	1%
Total	2,345	270,0683	

5. In addition to the CERs cancelled in the reporting period, 63,267 CERs were identified and negotiated for cancellation through the platform. However, due to administrative constraints on the purchaser's side the secretariat assisted with processing the cancellation through the regular track. With the contribution of this company, growth would have been 89 per cent with respect to the previous period.

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

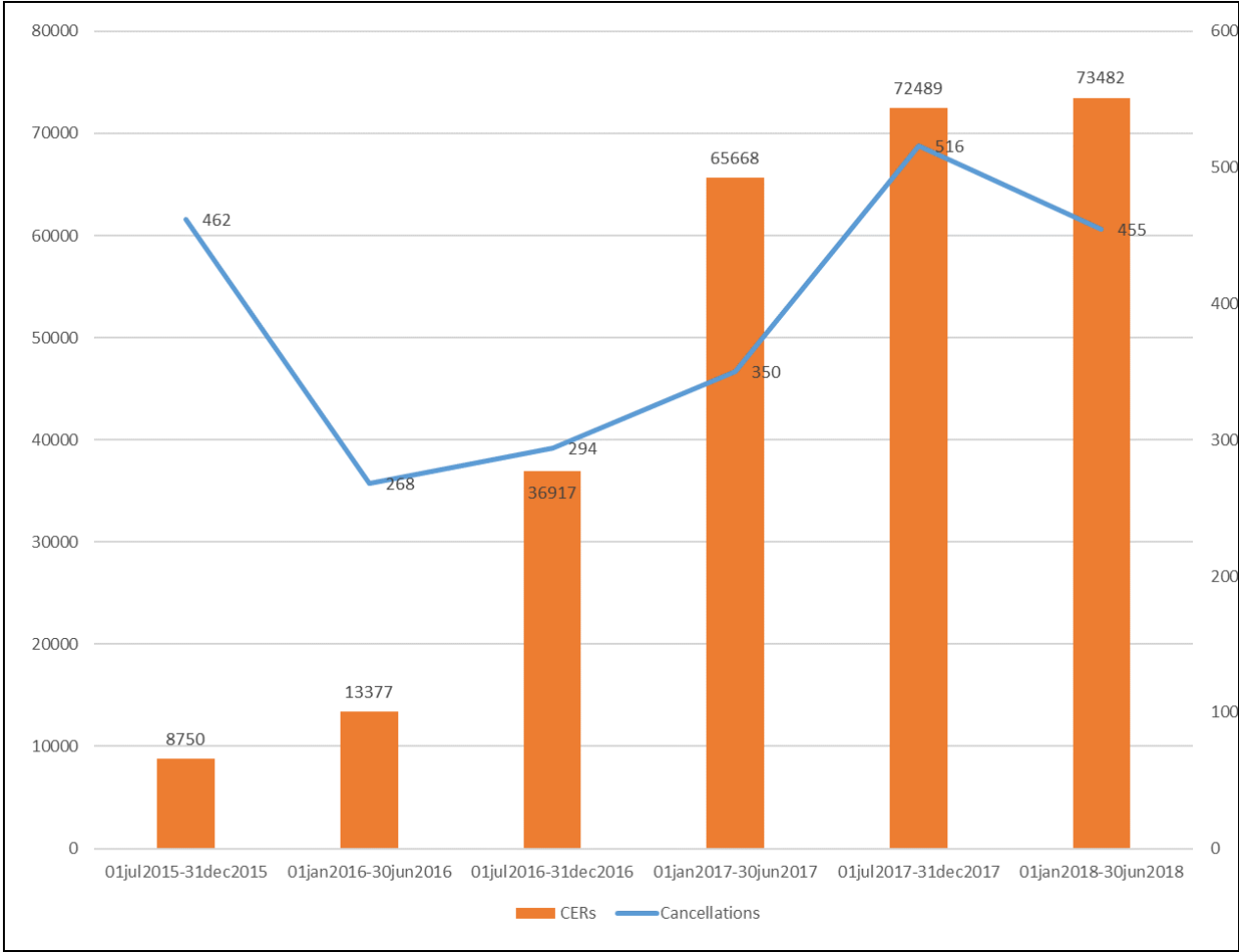


Table 2. Number of cancellations and CERs cancelled on the platform by type of purchaser to date

Type of purchaser	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
Private purchasers	1,581	67,354
Companies and organizations	764	203,329
Total	2,345	270,683

Table 3. Number of cancellations and CERs cancelled on the platform by companies and public institutions

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
1 January to 30 June 2018	173	50,724
Total	764	203,329

6. The number of CERs cancelled by companies and public institutions has decreased 11 per cent compared to the previous period.

Table 4. Number of cancellations and CERs cancelled on VC 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
1 January to 30 June 2018	282	22,758
Total	1,581	67,354

7. The number of CERs cancelled by private persons has increased 46 per cent compared to the previous period.

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

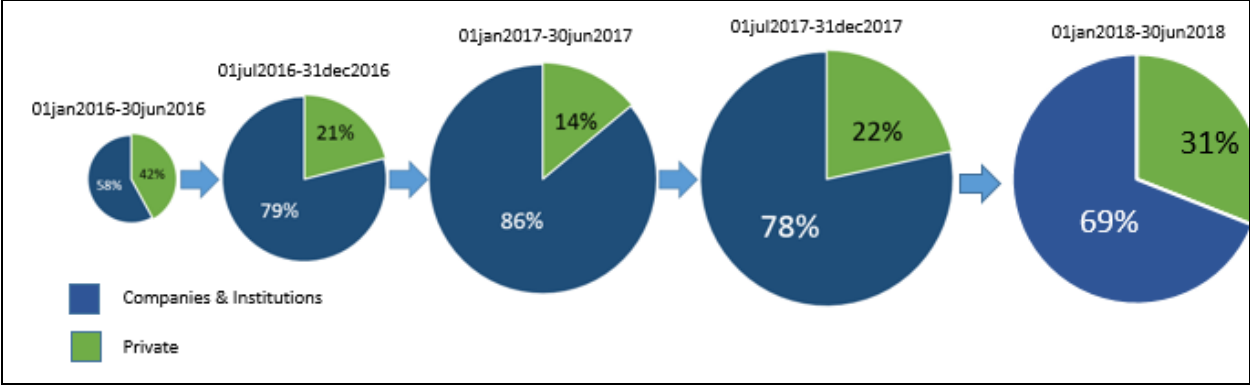


Table 5. Number of new purchasers and returning purchasers

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
1 January to 30 June 2018	219	78
Total	1,420	--

8. To date, 1,420 purchasers have cancelled CERs in the VC platform. During the preceding six months 22 per cent of the purchasers were returning customers. In the reporting period, the fidelity rate rose to 26 per cent.

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

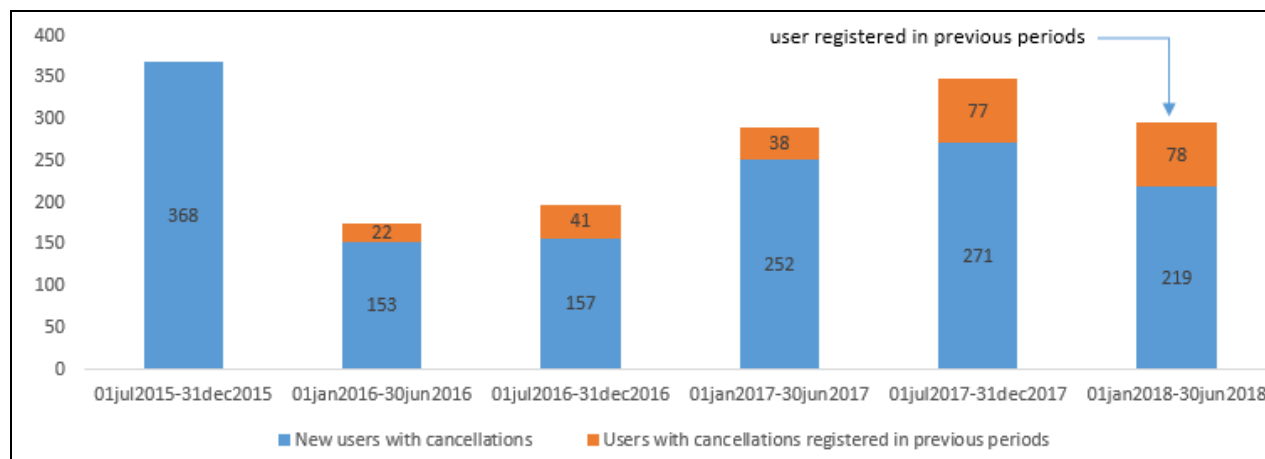


Table 6. Countries of purchasers who completed cancellations by period

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
1 January to 30 June 2018	39
Total	81¹

9. Purchasers from 39 different countries cancelled CERs during the reporting period. Purchasers from 81 different countries cancelled CERs in the VC platform since September 2015. Purchasers from the top five countries – United States of America, Switzerland, Australia, Germany and France – represent 53 per cent of the CERs cancelled. The website has been visited by users from 187 different countries since 1 September 2015.

¹ The total of 81 countries applies to the entire period of operations of the platform.

Table 7. Top 10 countries by number of CERs cancelled

<i>Countries</i>	Total		Last 6 months 1 January to 30 June 2018	
	<i>Cancellations</i>	<i>CERs cancelled</i>	<i>Cancellations</i>	<i>CERs cancelled</i>
United States of America	738	43,748	86	4,718
Switzerland	61	31,943	6	1,302
Australia	162	26,740	35	8,029
Germany	233	25,646	58	6,884
France	93	16,780	14	788
Sweden	69	15,929	15	4,674
Netherlands	33	11,151	6	78
Norway	34	10,797	2	430
Greece	7	10,154	4	4,923
Other countries	915	77,795	229	41,656
Total	2,345	270,683	455	73,482

10. The total number of online sessions since September 2015, including sessions not resulting in cancellations, reached 67,164 (13,814 in the first half of 2018). More than 50 per cent of the sessions were redirected from the Climate Neutral Now website² (40 per cent in the first half of 2018).
11. To date, 58 CDM activities have started the process of opening an account in the VC platform, and 55 of them have offered and received cancelled CERs. Geographically, these projects represent 10 different host parties.
12. The CERs cancelled by project participant, host party and methodology used are shown in tables 8 and 9 below.

² www.climateneutralnow.org

Table 8. Cancellations by host party of CDM activities to date

Host party	CDM activities	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
India	33	1,358	215,803
Brazil	5	76	18,529
Thailand	3	198	14,582
China	1	118	8,480
Chile	8	330	7,447
Kenya	1	84	2,765
Malawi	1	41	1,278
Costa Rica	1	75	1,112
Pakistan	1	57	598
Republic of Korea	1	8	89
Total	55	2,345	270,683

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

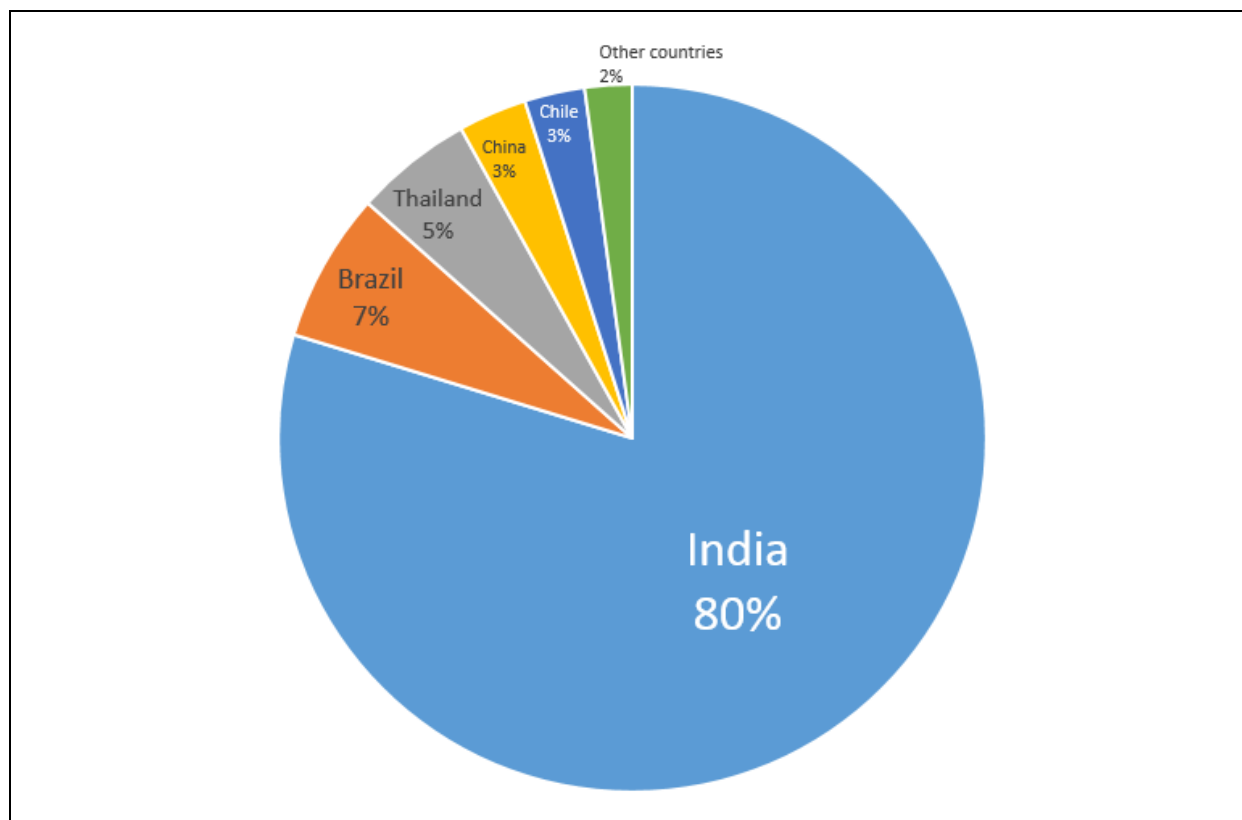
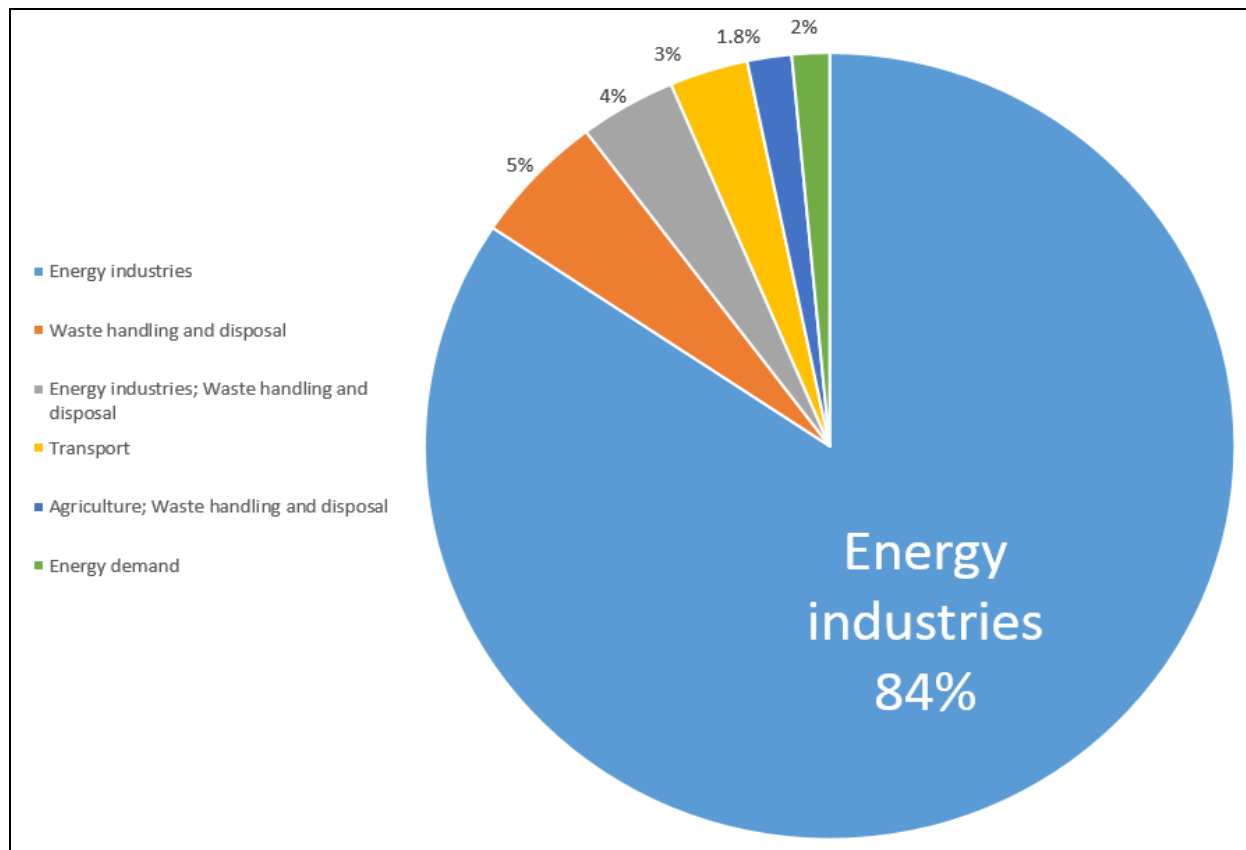


Table 9. Cancellations by sectoral scope of CDM activities to date

Sectoral scope	CDM activities	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
Energy industries	42	1,459	227,858
Waste handling and disposal	4	112	14,500
Energy industries; Waste handling and disposal	4	255	10,424
Transport	1	118	8,480
Agriculture; Waste handling and disposal	1	237	4,780
Energy demand	2	125	4,043
Chemical industry	1	57	598
Total	55	2,345³	270,683

³ The sum of cancellations does not match the total cancellations because a cancellation with more than one product and different sectoral scopes has been counted in several times.

Figure 5. Percentage of CERs cancelled by sectoral scope of CDM activities to date



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