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cancellation of certified emission reductions

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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 United Nations online platform for voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions (hereinafter referred to as the VC platform) and shall be provided on a biannual basis. The reporting period for this report is 1 July to 31 December 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 VC 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 (hereinafter referred to as cancellations) have increased with respect from the previous six-months period¹. The same applies for the CERs cancelled.

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

Reporting period	Cancellations	CERs cancelled	Variation (CERs cancelled)
1 September to 31 December 2015	462	8,750	–
1 January to 30 June 2016	269	13,378	53%
1 July to 31 December 2016	294	36,917	176%
1 January to 30 June 2017	350	65,668	78%
1 July to 31 December 2017	517	72,501	10%
1 January to 30 June 2018 ^a	456	86,010	19%
1 July to 31 December 2018	1,936	295,869	244%
Total	4,284	579,093	

^(a) In addition to the CERs cancelled in the period, 63,267 CERs were identified and negotiated for cancellation through the VC platform. However, due to administrative constraints on the purchaser's side the secretariat assisted with processing the cancellation through the regular track.

¹ The number of cancellations and CERs cancelled may change between reports as a result of the time spent by the different stakeholders in the approval of bank transfers. The secretariat is not part of this transactional process which is entirely up to the buyers and sellers.

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

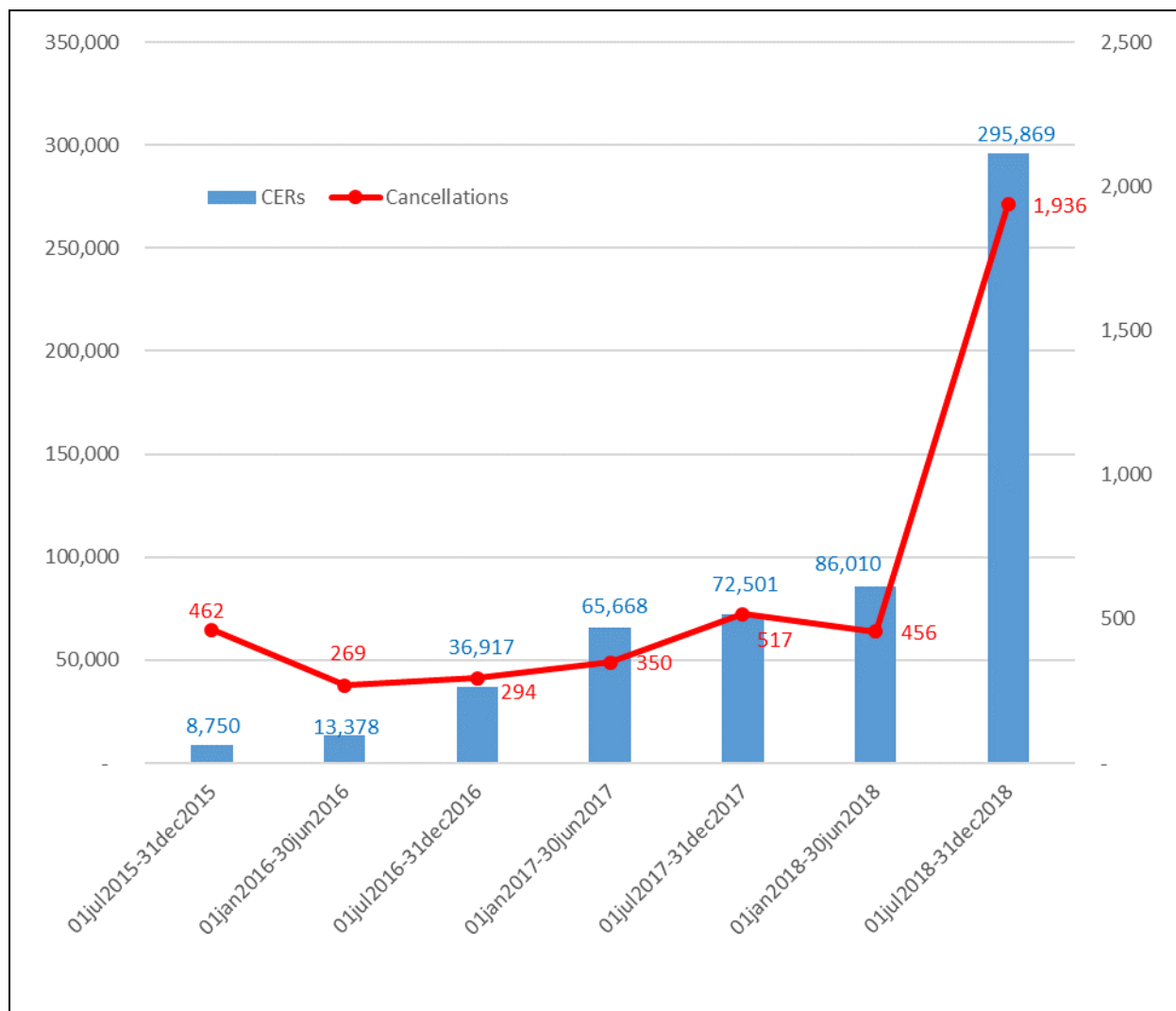


Table 2. Number of cancellations and CERs cancelled on the VC platform by type of purchaser

Type of purchaser	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
Individuals	3,163	157,166
Companies and organizations	1,121	421,927
Total	4,284	579,093

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

Reporting period	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
1 September to 31 December 2015	136	2,199
1 January to 30 June 2016	71	7,809
1 July to 31 December 2016	109	29,319
1 January to 30 June 2017	91	56,391
1 July to 31 December 2017	186	56,900
1 January to 30 June 2018	174	63,252
1 July to 31 December 2018	354	206,057
Total	1,121	421,927

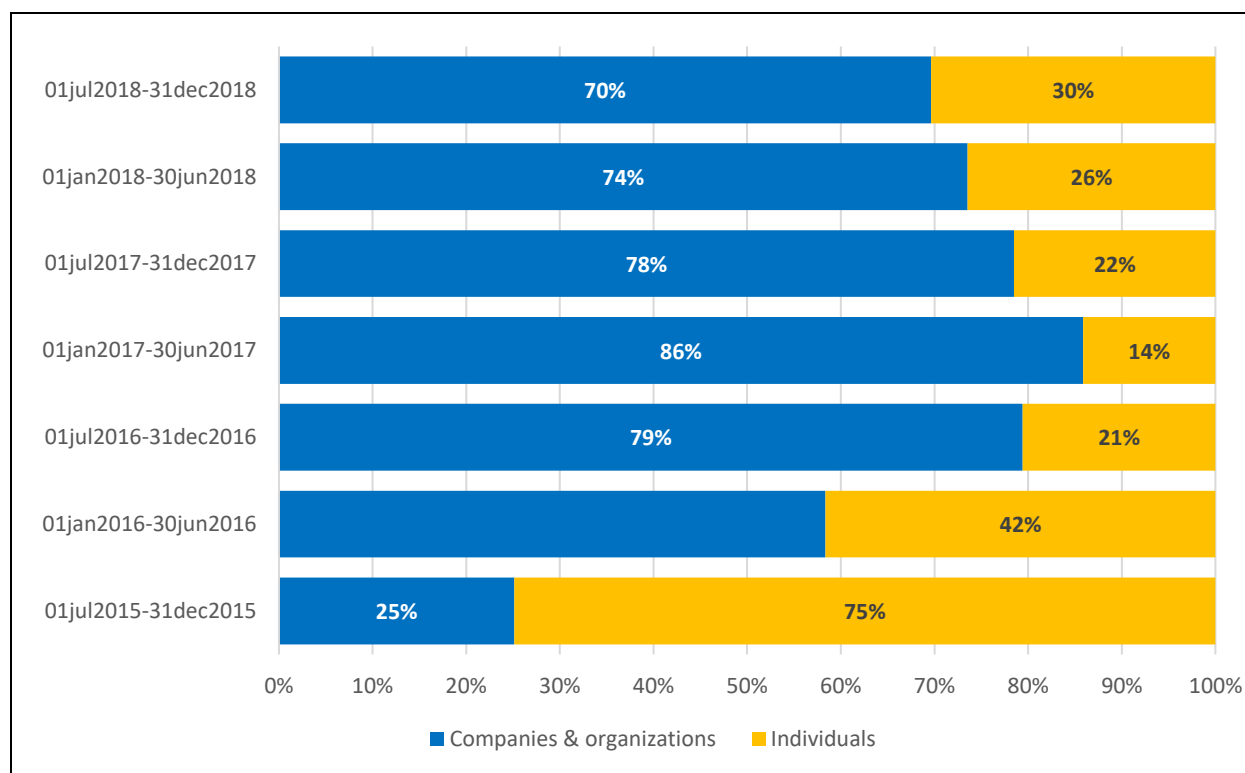
The number of CERs cancelled by companies and organizations has increased 226 per cent compared to the previous period.

Table 4. Number of cancellations and CERs cancelled on VC platform from individuals by period

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
1 July to 31 December 2018	1,582	89,812
Total	3,163	157,166

5. The number of CERs cancelled by individuals has increased 295 per cent compared to the previous period.

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



6. The proportion of CERs cancelled by individuals has been growing over the last four reporting periods thanks to different social media campaigns and better positioning on Google.

Table 5. Number of new purchasers and returning purchasers

Reporting period	New purchasers	Returning purchasers
1 September to 31 December 2015	368	
1 January to 30 June 2016	153	22
1 July to 31 December 2016	157	41
1 January to 30 June 2017	252	38
1 July to 31 December 2017	272	77
1 January to 30 June 2018	220	78
1 July to 31 December 2018	1,280	105
Total	2,702	--

7. To date, 2,702 purchasers have cancelled CERs on the VC platform. From a total of 1,385 purchasers, 1,280 were new, almost six times more than in the previous period. The

number of new individual purchasers was 1,072 in this last period, and the number of new companies and institutions was 208. A large part of this increase can be attributed to the Facebook campaign “What’s your Climattitude?”² The total number of purchasing companies and institutions has increased 225 per cent in comparison to the previous period.

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

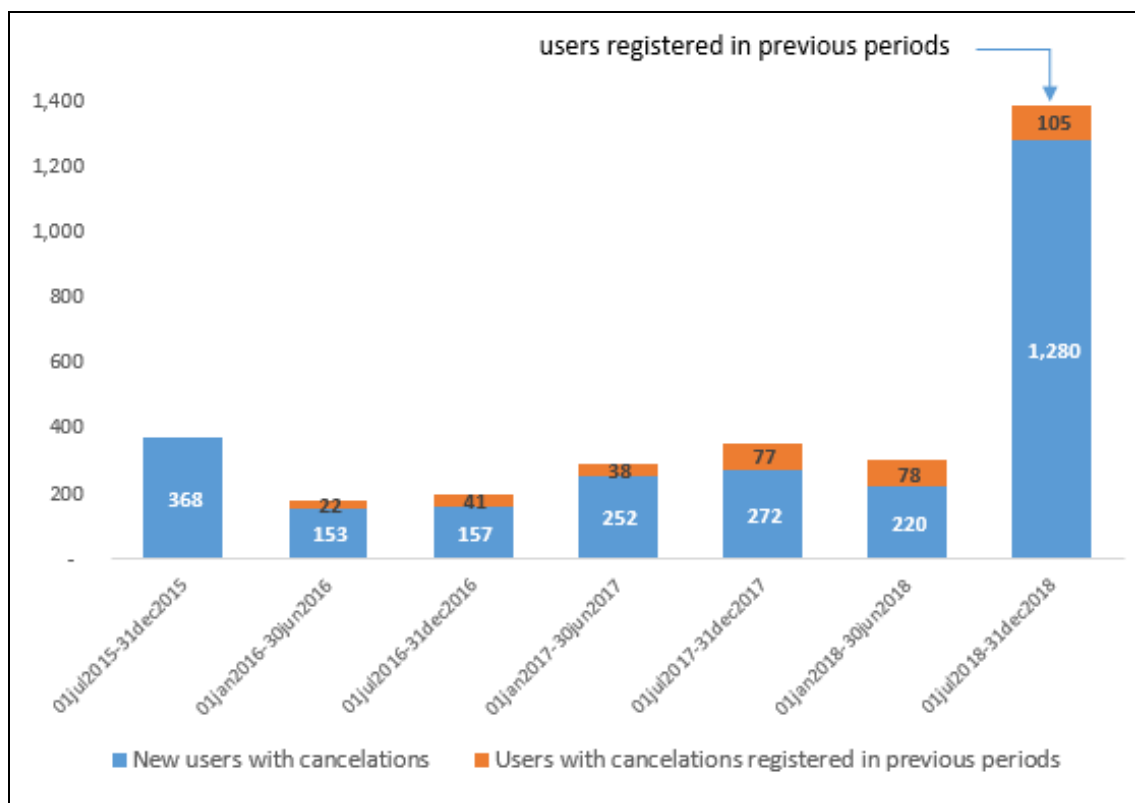


Table 6. Countries with purchasers who completed cancellations by period

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

² <https://offset.climateutralnow.org/climatequiz>.

Reporting period	Countries with cancellations
1 July to 31 December 2018	59
Total	87^a

(a) The total of 87 countries applies to the entire period of operations of the VC platform.

8. Purchasers from 59 different countries cancelled CERs during the reporting period. Purchasers from 87 different countries cancelled CERs on the VC platform since September 2015. Purchasers from the top five countries – United States of America, Switzerland, Germany, Sri Lanka and Australia – represent 54 per cent of the CERs cancelled. The website has been visited by users from 187 different countries since 1 September 2015.

Table 7. Top 10 countries by number of CERs cancelled

Countries	Total		Last 6 months (1 July to 31 December 2018)	
	Cancellations	CERs cancelled	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
United States of America	1,522	102,186	783	58,426
Switzerland	88	90,247	26	45,776
Germany	353	46,887	119	21,240
Sri Lanka	11	40,992	1	31,315
Australia	263	34,523	101	7,783
Sweden	163	32,010	94	16,081
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	329	21,941	177	12,199
Kenya	8	21,870	2	21,336
France	137	18,237	44	1,457
Other countries	1,410	170,200	589	80,256
Total	4,284	579,093	1,936	295,869

9. The total number of online sessions since September 2015, including sessions not resulting in cancellations, reached 145,149 (77,985 in the second half of 2018). More than 50 per cent of the sessions were redirected from the Climate Neutral Now website³ (61 per cent in the second half of 2018).

³ www.climateneutralnow.org.

10. To date, 63 CDM activities have started the process of opening an account in the VC platform, and 59 of them have offered and received cancelled CERs. Geographically, these projects represent 12 different host parties (Brazil, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Fiji, India, Kenya, Malawi, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand).
11. The CERs cancelled by project participant, host party and sectoral scopes of the CDM activities are shown in tables 8 and 9 below.

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

Host party	CDM activities	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
India	35	2,619	458,390
Brazil	6	175	39,173
Chile	9	536	23,960
Thailand	3	321	20,293
Pakistan	1	85	13,793
China	1	173	11,689
Kenya	1	161	7,646
Malawi	1	155	2,948
Costa Rica	1	75	1,112
Republic of Korea	1	8	89
Total	59	4,308	579,093

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

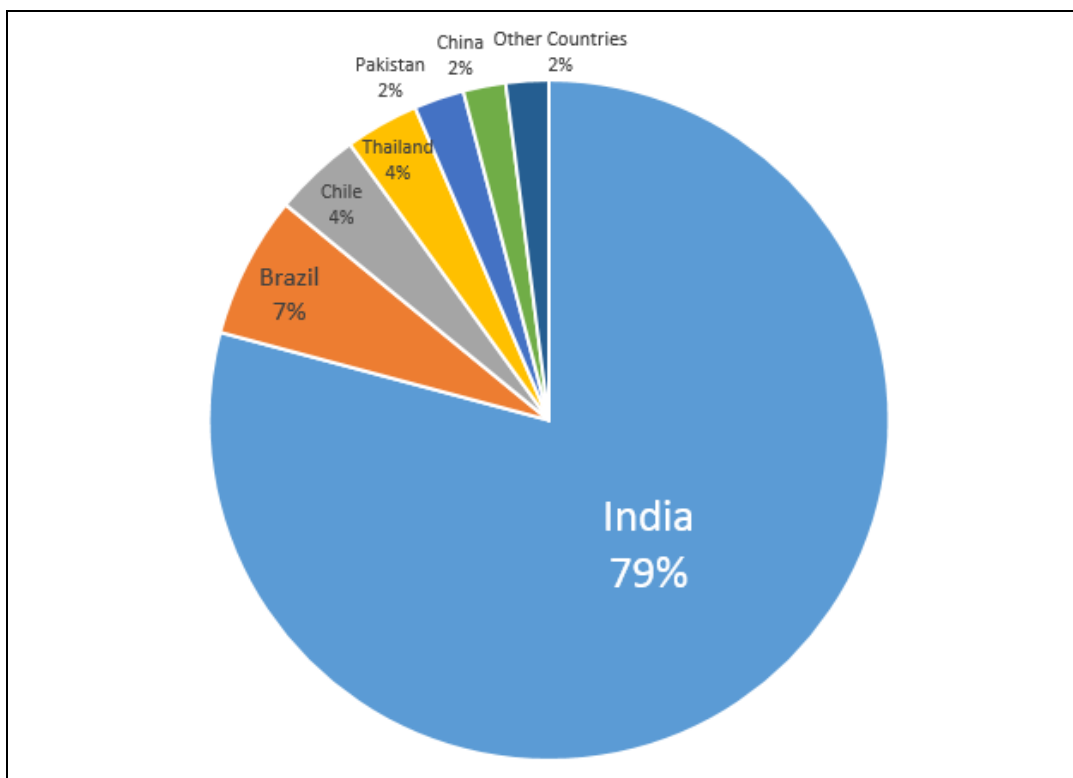
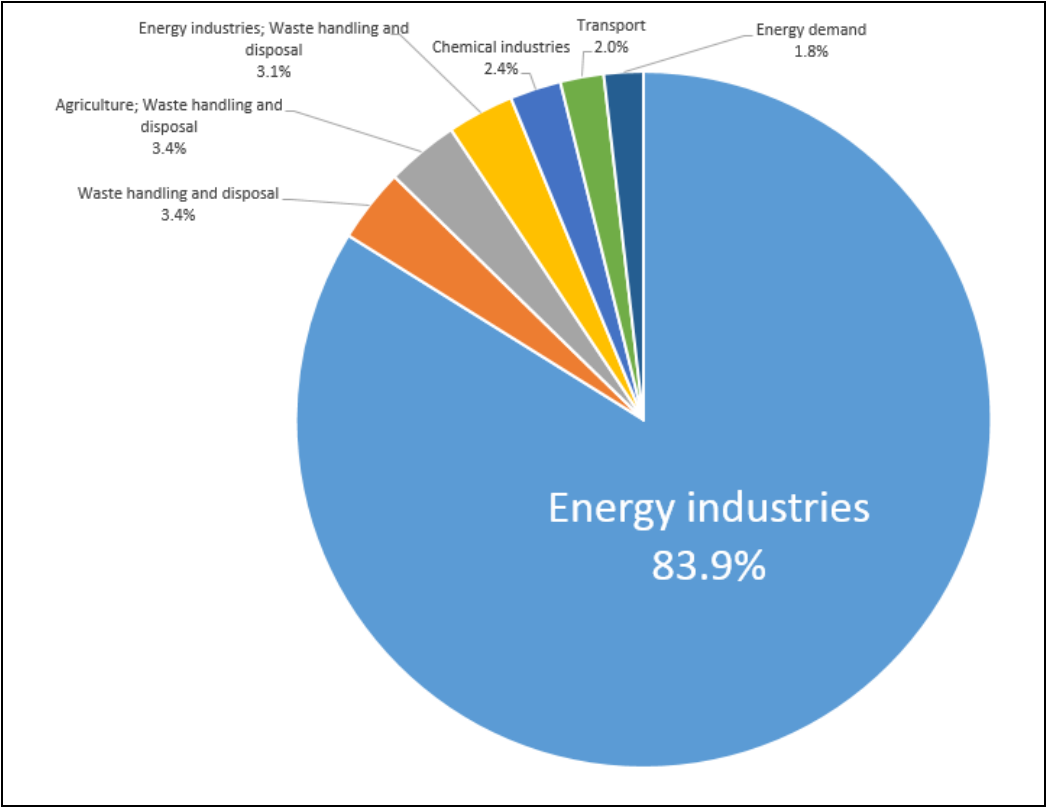


Table 9. Cancellations by sectoral scope of CDM activities to date

Sectoral scope	CDM activities	Cancellations	CERs cancelled
Energy industries	46	2742	485,712
Waste handling and disposal	4	202	19,830
Agriculture; Waste handling and disposal	1	349	19,526
Energy industries; Waste handling and disposal	4	441	17,949
Chemical industries	1	85	13,793
Transport	1	173	11,689
Energy demand	2	316	10,594
Total	59	4,284^a	579,093

(a) 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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