



Stakeholder Communication Form

(Version 01.0)

This form shall be used for any CDM-related communication with the UNFCCC secretariat or the CDM Executive Board. All the questions are mandatory unless otherwise indicated.

The completed form and any supplemental documents shall be submitted electronically to cdm-info@unfccc.int, or via fax to +49-228-815-1999 or via post to: Sustainable Development Mechanism (SDM) Programme, UNFCCC secretariat, P.O. Box 260124, D-53153 Bonn, Germany.

SECTION 1: COMMUNICATION HEADER

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Stakeholder Type: Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) If other:

Please indicate from whom you would like to get an answer.

This communication is addressed to¹: Chair of CDM Executive Board (normal track)

SECTION 2: PROJECT ACTIVITY OR PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES (PoA)

If this communication refers to a specific CDM project activity/PoA, please answer questions in this section (otherwise proceed to Section 3).

Project/PoA Ref. Number 4653 If applicable, CPA Ref. Number:
5-digit# format 01234 8-digit# format 0123-4567

Project Cycle Stage Renewal If other:

If there is no specific CDM Reference Number, please answer the remaining questions in this section (otherwise proceed to Section 3).

Host Country(ies) Uganda

Project/PoA Title Kachung Forest Project: Afforestation on Degraded Lands

Technology Type Afforestation/reforestation If other:

SECTION 3: YOUR COMMUNICATION

Title/Subject
Maximum 250 characters End Certification of the Kachung Forest Project

Communication Text
Include background, details, and conclusion (unlimited length)

I am writing to inform you of our latest report, Evicted for Carbon Credits: Norway, Sweden, and Finland Displace Ugandan Farmers for Carbon Trading. This report concerns Green Resources' forestry plantation in Kachung, Uganda. Despite numerous credible allegations against the company over the years, the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) has continued to certify the company. As such, the CDM shares responsibility for the disastrous impact of the project on the local communities in Kachung. The threatening eviction letters and company documents released alongside our report corroborate the Institute's previous publications in 2014 and 2017. This evidence explicitly contradicts statements made in the plantation's monitoring and validation report for the plantation's CDM

¹ In accordance with the "Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders" (version 02.0), stakeholders may address communications either (a) to the

	<p>accreditation. For example, the CDM's 2011 validation report stated that the "the audit team concluded that no negative environmental and social impacts are expected."</p> <p>Though the report concedes to that "pre-project activities such as grazing, cropland and fuelwood/charcoal production" would be displaced as a result of the plantation, it is troubling that the destruction of the livelihoods of Kachung's locals was not considered a negative social impact. The CDM is meant to "stimulate sustainable development and emission reductions." In its public denials of any wrongdoings, Green Resources often points to its certifications, including that of the CDM's, as evidence of good practice. However, Green Resources' project in Kachung runs contrary to CDM's mandate as it has had a devastating impact on the livelihoods of the local villagers, including an on-going hunger crisis by cutting them off from life-sustaining resources and land. Kachung has held CDM certification since 2011, but it is based on flawed monitoring reports that omitted critical facts about Green Resources' operations. Kachung's continued CDM certification is hard to comprehend given the lack of development outcomes and the devastating impact on the local villagers.</p> <p>Given the CDM's certification of the Kachung project, it is responsible for taking immediate action to produce an accurate, unbiased, assessment of the Green Resources' activities in Kachung, which should be the basis for reconsidering your certification of the project. We appreciate your prompt attention to this important matter and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest.</p>
<p>Supplemental Documents If applicable, list the title(s) of any attached file(s) or link(s)</p>	<p>Evicted for Carbon Credits: Norway, Sweden, and Finland Displace Ugandan Farmers for Carbon Trading (2019)</p> <p>Carbon Colonialism: The Failure of Green Resources' Carbon Offset Program in Uganda (2017)</p> <p>Darker Side of Green: Plantation Forestry and Carbon Violence in Uganda (2014)</p> <p>Setting the Record Straight on Green Resources' Carbon Credit Project in Uganda (2019)</p>
<p>This communication may be made public</p>	<p>Yes</p>

Document information

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