



**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](mailto: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**

*Please provide your contact information.*

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**Country:** SPAIN

**Stakeholder Type:** CDM Designated Operational Entity (DOE)                      If other:

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

**This communication is addressed to<sup>1</sup>:** 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**                      10398                      If applicable, CPA Ref. Number:  
*5-digit# format 01234*                      *8-digit# format 0123-4567*

**Project Cycle Stage**                      Issuance                      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)**                      Burkina Faso

**Project/PoA Title**                      Off-grid Solar PV project at IAMGOLD Essakane SA Gold Mine

**Technology Type**                      Renewable energy                      If other:

**SECTION 3: YOUR COMMUNICATION**

**Title/Subject**  
*Maximum 250 characters*                      Exemption regarding the necessity of site visit due to unsafe situation and terrorism

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

Dear UNFCCC Secretariat,

This communication is to ask for exemption of conduction of site visit for a particular verification (1<sup>st</sup> Verification for our DOE for the project, hence VVS 02.0 Para 339 (a) applicable).

In line with the instructions given by the CDM Info Team, we hereby communicate the request for exemption in this way expecting to have a fast track response, due to the ongoing project assessment and client willing to perform the site visit if finally required during the last days of October.

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the "Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders" (version 02.0), stakeholders may address communications either (a) to the secretariat, in order to seek a fast-track technical or operational explanation regarding the implementation of existing CDM rules, or (b) to the CDM Executive Board, in order to communicate to the Board their views on CDM rules and their implementation, or to seek official clarifications of CDM rules.

	<p>The current situation in the area, and the type of facilities in which the CDM project is implemented, make a mix of circumstances that creates an unaffordable risk to our team leader assigned to the project assessment.</p> <p>The project site is a Gold Mine in the Sahel region near to the north region of Malí and Niger borders, in which there is actually a big presence of terrorist groups and recent activities with several attacks causing deaths (particularly gold mines are a declared objective by this terrorist groups).</p> <p>You can kindly check the given below links to information regarding the issues described above (paying particular attention to the attack made on a gold panning site this past weekend causing at least 20 dead persons).</p> <p><a href="https://www.news18.com/news/world/around-20-dead-after-suspected-jihadi-attack-on-burkina-fasos-gold-mine-2335111.html">https://www.news18.com/news/world/around-20-dead-after-suspected-jihadi-attack-on-burkina-fasos-gold-mine-2335111.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/burkina-faso-travel-advisory.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/burkina-faso-travel-advisory.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/burkina-faso">https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/burkina-faso</a></p> <p>Given the recent attack to the gold mining site and other recent attacks in the north of the country, suspected presence near Ouaga city too, our people is concerned about security and life risk concerning the project site visit.</p> <p>Please kindly check also that there is a declared emergency state in Burkina Faso due to these incidents that has been extended recently, as per the below news:</p> <p><a href="https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2019/07/12/au-burkina-faso-l-etat-d-urgence-a-ete-prolonge-de-six-mois_5488507_3212.html">https://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2019/07/12/au-burkina-faso-l-etat-d-urgence-a-ete-prolonge-de-six-mois_5488507_3212.html</a></p> <p>Furthermore, the area of the project is considered as a maximum risk area as per the following travel advise of the US Embassy (qualified as "do not travel" area):</p> <p><a href="https://bf.usembassy.gov/burkina-faso-travel-advisory-map-may-2019/">https://bf.usembassy.gov/burkina-faso-travel-advisory-map-may-2019/</a></p> <p>Our humbly request is to get approval from the Secretariat to perform the assessment for verification by alternative means that can ensure the level of assurance, by interviews, document review and, most of all, objective visual evidences of the implementation of the project activity taken by local project site's personnel and PPs representatives in order to have an accurate view of the implementation of the project design and monitoring plan, accordingly with the requirements for CDM Verification and professional due care of the DOE.</p> <p>Thanks so much for your kind attention.</p> <p>We keep awaiting for your timely response in order to be able to give an answer to the client.</p> <p>We also are at your service for any further information and/or details that you may need to consider this request and/or alternative measures considered by the UNFCCC Secretariat in order to ensure maximum level of assurance while conducting the assessment.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>Agustín Calle.</p>
<p><b>Supplemental Documents</b> <i>If applicable, list the title(s) of any attached file(s) or link(s)</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>This communication may be made public</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>

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**Document information**

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