



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	<small>5-digit# format 01234</small>	If applicable, CPA Ref. Number:	<small>8-digit# format 0123-4567</small>
Project Cycle Stage	[Choose an item]	If other: Validation and Verification Standard	

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

Host Country(ies)	global
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Project/PoA Title	
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Technology Type	[Choose an item]	If other:
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SECTION 3: YOUR COMMUNICATION

Title/Subject <small>Maximum 250 characters</small>	Lifting of requirements regarding on-site inspections because of travel restrictions caused by Covid-19
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Communication Text <small>Include background, details, and conclusion (unlimited length)</small>	<p>Within the Validation and Verification Standard v2 and the Validation and Verification Standards for PoA v2 the essential requirements are set whether on-site inspections are considered mandatory, or whether a DOE, when providing proper justification, can abstain from. These requirements refer to project characteristics, project size, timing of last inspections etc.</p> <p>The recent pandemia COVID-19 and related policy measures create restrictions all over the world impacting travel activities on an international level and partly even for in-country distances. These restrictions put massive burden on DOEs and project owners when trying to fulfil their contractual obligations.</p>
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¹ 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>It is therefore requested through the submission of this communication form, to temporarily (e.g. for three or four months from now on, with optional extension, if needed) lift the obligation to run on-site inspections by taking away thresholds on project size and timing. Nonetheless the requirement of providing confirmations at a reasonable level must be kept. In case a DOE makes use of this exceptional ruling, the following evidences/confirmations might be requested to be given (either within reports or by other means):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there is a contractual obligation (either by the DOE towards the project owner or by the project owner with regard to any CER buyers) already in place to finalize the validation or verification within the period of exceptional ruling; - the DOE does not have available and qualified staff (according to the list of appointed auditors) that would enable to run inspections without any travel restrictions; - the DOE conducted a specific risk assessment and provides information by which measures any additional risk has been addressed; <p>Considering the urgency we hope for a fast decision.</p>
<p>Supplemental Documents <i>If applicable, list the title(s) of any attached file(s) or link(s)</i></p>	
<p>This communication may be made public</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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Document information

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01.0	02 March 2015	<p>This form supersedes and replaces the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F-CDM-RtB: <i>Form for submission of Letters to the Board</i> (version 01.2) • F-CDM-RtB-DOE: <i>Form for communication on policy issues initiated by AEs/DOEs</i> (version 01.1) • CDM-RtB-DNA: <i>Form for communication on policy issues initiated by DNAs</i> (version 01.1)

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