



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

Project Cycle Stage [Choose an item] 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)

Project/PoA Title

Technology Type [Choose an item] If other:

SECTION 3: YOUR COMMUNICATION

Title/Subject
Maximum 250 characters Request for Alternatives to On-Site Inspection Due to Global Travel Restrictions

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

Considering the ongoing global outbreak of Coronavirus, the PD Forum seeks the EB's guidance on alternatives to on-site inspection. Due to current and future travel restrictions, many projects will have to delay site visits for validation and verification, this will have a significant impact on project timelines for registration and CER delivery schedules.

As Coronavirus is still in its infancy there is no way to predict when on-site audits will be postponed to. Therefore, we request that the criteria for mandatory site visits in paragraph 30 and 339 of the VVS v.2. be temporarily removed, to allow all projects to continue with remote validation and verification during this period of uncertainty. We suggest the use of the following methods:

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.

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| | <p>Video conferencing and telephone calls as an alternative to on-site interviews.</p> <p>Video calls and images for on-site inspection of physical aspects of a project, including observation of monitoring practices.</p> <p>Remote crosschecking of plant logbooks, inventories, purchase records, calibration certificates etc.</p> <p>We wish all of you a good health and take care.</p> |
| <p>Supplemental Documents If applicable, list the title(s) of any attached file(s) or link(s)</p> | 200316 'Request for Alternatives to On-Site Inspection Due to Global Travel Restrictions' |
| <p>This communication may be made public</p> | Yes |

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To Mr Piotr Dombrowicki and members of the
CDM Executive Board
From Sven Kolmetz
Date 16/03/2020
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Subject Request for Alternatives to On-Site Inspection Due to Global
Travel Restrictions

Honourable Members of the CDM Executive Board,
Dear Mr Piotr Dombrowicki

The Project Developer Forum (PD Forum) is a collaborative association and collective voice of companies and practitioners that are developing and financing greenhouse gas emission reduction projects worldwide. Our members work on a global scale and evaluate opportunities to deploy climate financing and carbon market instruments to accelerate investments for greenhouse gas mitigation and sustainable development.

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Kind regards,



Dr. Sven Kolmetz
Chairman, Project Developer Forum