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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 2021,<sup>1</sup> requested regular reports on progress made in specific areas.
2. This report covers the regional support provided by Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) for the development and implementation of CDM project activities and programmes of activities (PoAs) and the development of standardized baselines in the respective regions. The report also includes information on the promotion of the CDM, capacity-building and inter-agency partnerships of the RCCs. The first RCC was established in Lomé, Togo, in 2013, followed by RCCs in Kampala, Uganda; St. George's, Grenada; Bogotá, Colombia; Bangkok, Thailand; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. RCC Bogotá, which has been in operation since August 2013, was moved to Panama City, Panama, in March 2017. These RCCs focus on supporting the implementation of the CDM in their regions.
3. The current reporting period covers 1 July to 31 December 2021. Cumulative figures covering the beginning of RCC operations in 2013 until 31 December 2021 are also presented in this report to reflect the support provided for the development and implementation of CDM project activities and PoAs and the development of standardized baselines.<sup>2</sup>

## 2. Regional support

### 2.1. Support for project activities and programmes of activities

4. From 1 July to 31 December 2021, the RCCs provided direct technical support to 75 CDM project activities and PoAs, of which approximately 92 per cent were in countries underrepresented in the CDM.<sup>3</sup> In addition, RCCs responded to 125 queries received from stakeholders, which were primarily related to: (i) requests for clarification of CDM rules (e.g. prior consideration of the CDM, applicability of methodologies/standardized baselines/tools, post-registration changes); (ii) renewal of crediting period; (iii) issuance and voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions; and (iv) transition of CDM activities.
5. From the beginning of their operations until 31 December 2021, the RCCs provided direct support to 1,686 CDM project activities and PoAs, contributing to 255 CDM project activities and PoAs progressing at least one step forward in the CDM project cycle. In addition, through the provision of technical advice and capacity-building, 126 new CDM project activities and PoAs were identified and their notification of CDM prior consideration submitted.

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<sup>1</sup> The CDM Executive Board workplan 2021 is available at [https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20210312135758223/Info\\_note93.pdf](https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20210312135758223/Info_note93.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Previous reports are available on the UNFCCC CDM website at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/report/>.

<sup>3</sup> The list of countries with 10 or fewer registered CDM projects as of 31 December 2010 is available at [https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/standard\\_base/cdmprojects.pdf](https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/standard_base/cdmprojects.pdf).

## 2.2. Support in the development of standardized baselines

6. The RCCs have also provided direct technical assistance to designated national authorities (DNAs) for the development of standardized baselines. From 1 July to 31 December 2021, the RCCs supported the development of 14 bottom-up standardized baselines which were continuations from the previous reporting period, of which all originated from DNAs of underrepresented countries. As a result of the support provided by RCCs in the previous years, one proposed standardized baseline (PSB0058 (initial submission)) was successfully submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat, and the Board approved two standardized baselines (ASB0005-2021 and ASB0053-2021). In addition, the RCCs continued to support the work on three top-down standardized baselines during the reporting period (continuation from the previous reporting period).
7. From the beginning of their operations until 31 December 2021, the RCCs directly supported the development of 343 standardized baselines, of which 57 were approved by the Board.

## 2.3. Promotion of the clean development mechanism and other climate actions and capacity-building

8. The RCCs supported the work relating to financing and use of the CDM by international finance institutions under goal 2 of the CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021<sup>4</sup> (“Nurture the demand for, and participation in, the CDM”), under objectives 2b (“Enhance the use of the CDM for voluntary purposes”) and 2c (“Further develop the CDM as a tool for monitoring, reporting and verifying the outcomes of mitigation finance”).
9. Virtual events supported, organized or co-organized by RCCs in this reporting period to promote the CDM and to build CDM capacity in key regional and national institutions include:
  - (a) Africa region:
    - (i) Workshop: West Africa Needs-based Finance (NBF) Validation Workshop, 1 to 2 July 2021;
  - (b) Asia-Pacific region:
    - (i) Webinar: Carbon Pricing and Regulated Power Sectors in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), 14 and 16 December 2021;
  - (c) Latin America and the Caribbean region:
    - (i) Workshop: Regional Workshop on Carbon Markets and Related Mechanisms, 1 July 2021;
    - (ii) Workshop: National Climate Finance Mobilization and Access Strategy of Honduras, 3 to 17 July 2021;
    - (iii) Webinar: 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Mexican Carbon Markets and Greenhouse Gas Emission Programme, 12 August 2021;

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<sup>4</sup> The CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021 is available at [https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20190913162610355/Info\\_note83.pdf](https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20190913162610355/Info_note83.pdf).

- (iv) Webinar: Carbon Pricing in the Caribbean, 8 October 2021;
  - (d) Middle East, North Africa and South Asia region:
    - (i) Webinar: Green Economy and Green Jobs in the Context of Post-Pandemic Recovery, 17 August 2021.
10. In this reporting period, the RCCs published 13 newsletters on their individual websites:<sup>5</sup> three for the Africa region; two for the Asia-Pacific region; six for the Latin America and the Caribbean region; and two for the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia region. These newsletters provide technical advice, inform readers on relevant events, facilitate cooperation and promote opportunities for project funding. The newsletters have received positive feedback from the CDM stakeholders.
11. The regional virtual platform<sup>6</sup> that was launched in early 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic continued to provide a list of 36 events organized by the RCCs, the UNFCCC secretariat and their partners, including CDM-related virtual meetings for DNAs and project participants, either already taken place or that will be taking place in the six RCC regions.

#### **2.4. Inter-agency partnerships**

12. Inter-agency partnerships forged and maintained in this reporting period to nurture the CDM and its tools include:
- (a) Africa region:
    - (i) RCC Kampala continued its activities under the framework of the East African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance<sup>7</sup> and organized an online dialogue for the regional carbon project developers and a training for carbon market negotiators;
    - (ii) RCC Lomé continued its activities under the framework of the West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance,<sup>8</sup> including capacity-building for negotiators and the release of the first issue of the Alliance's quarterly newsletter;<sup>9</sup>
  - (b) Asia-Pacific region:
    - (i) RCC Bangkok, in partnership with the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change, organized two webinars aimed at providing policymakers and regulators in ASEAN member countries with knowledge and experience relating to the design of carbon pricing instruments, in particular emissions trading schemes, for the power sector;

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<sup>5</sup> Accessible at <https://unfccc.int/rcc-bangkok>, <https://unfccc.int/rcc-dubai>, <https://unfccc.int/rcc-kampala>, <https://unfccc.int/rcc-panama> and <https://unfccc.int/rcc-st-georges>.

<sup>6</sup> Accessible at <https://unfccc.int/about-us/partnerships/current-calls-for-partnerships/regional-collaboration-centres/regional-virtual-platform>.

<sup>7</sup> <https://easternafrikaalliance.org/>.

<sup>8</sup> <https://westafricaclimatealliance.org/>.

<sup>9</sup> <https://westafricaclimatealliance.org/carbon-news-in-west-africa-n-001-august-2021/>.

- (c) Latin America and the Caribbean region:
    - (i) RCC Panama continued supporting the Alliance of Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Management Programs for Latin America and the Caribbean – a partnership between the UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now Initiative, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank’s Partnership for Market Readiness Programme. On the margins of the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, the alliance organized a dialogue of voluntary programmes for the management of greenhouse gases for climate action, highlighting the value of the alliance and the potential for synergies between programmes at the regional level;
    - (ii) RCC St. George’s continued its partnerships with (1) the United Nations Development Programme through its Japanese-Caribbean Climate Change Partnership for the development of three top-down standardized baselines; and (2) the Greenhouse Gas Management Institute and the Global Support Programme to support the Caribbean Cooperative MRV Hub;
    - (iii) RCC St. George’s in partnership with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Global Carbon Markets project team, expanded the project to cover the Caribbean region. The partnership organized workshops and seminars targeting the Caribbean stakeholders;
  - (d) Middle East, North Africa and South Asia region:
    - (i) RCC Dubai supported the organization of the first-ever Middle East and North Africa Regional Climate Week, scheduled to take place from 28 February to 3 March in 2022, in particular by liaising with the Government of the United Arab Emirates.
13. In this reporting period, a total of 18 RCC host partner staff members worked together with 4 UNFCCC staff members in the RCCs. The staffing ratio of RCC host partner staff to UNFCCC staff in the RCCs is as follows:
- (a) Africa region:
    - (i) West African Development Bank to UNFCCC is 4:0;
    - (ii) East African Development Bank to UNFCCC is 3:1;
  - (b) Asia-Pacific region:
    - (i) Institute for Global Environmental Strategies to UNFCCC is 4:1;
  - (c) Latin America and the Caribbean region:
    - (i) Development Bank of Latin America to UNFCCC is 2:1;
    - (ii) Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation to UNFCCC is 2:0;
  - (d) Middle East, North Africa and South Asia region:
    - (i) World Green Economy Organization to UNFCCC is 3:1.

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