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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 2022,¹ 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 January to 31 December 2022. Cumulative figures covering the beginning of RCC operations in 2013 until 31 December 2022 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.²

2. Regional support

2.1. Support for project activities and programmes of activities

4. From 1 January to 31 December 2022, the RCCs provided direct technical support to 59 CDM project activities and PoAs, of which approximately 60 per cent were in countries underrepresented in the CDM.³ In addition, RCCs responded to 61 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) temporary measures agreed by the Board at EB 108; and (iv) transition of CDM activities.
5. From the beginning of their operations until 31 December 2022, the RCCs provided direct support to 1,745 CDM project activities and PoAs, contributing to 263 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, 132 new CDM project activities and PoAs were identified and their notification of CDM prior consideration submitted.

¹ The CDM Executive Board workplan 2022 is available at https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20220314131647432/Info_Note99.pdf.

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

³ 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.

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 January to 31 December 2022, the RCCs supported the development of 3 new bottom-up standardized baselines, in addition to 14 bottom-up standardized baselines which were continuations from the previous reporting period, of which approximately 94 per cent originated from DNAs of underrepresented countries. As a result of the support provided by the RCCs, 1 bottom-up standardize baseline was approved by the Board and entered into force in August 2022 (ASB0054-2022”- Grid emission for the national power grid of Uganda).
7. From the beginning of their operations until 30 June 2022, the RCCs directly supported the development of 346 standardized baselines, of which 58 were approved by the Board.

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

8. The RCCs supported CDM stakeholders under goal 2 of the CDM two-year business and management plan 2022–2023⁴ (“Enable stakeholders to understand and adjust to the evolving operating environment taking into account decisions of CMP 16”), under objectives 2(a) (“Engage with regulatory authorities using certified emission reductions for compliance purposes”) and 2(b) (“Engage with stakeholders using certified emission reductions for voluntary purposes”).
9. 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: COP 26 debrief on the role of market mechanism in Eastern Africa, 16 and 17 March 2022;
 - (ii) Workshop: Capacity building for the Uganda National Task Force on Climate Change Mechanisms, 21 to 22 September 2022;
 - (b) Asia-Pacific region:
 - (i) Webinar: Outcomes from COP 26 and how United Nations Global Compact Malaysia and Brunei members can take ambitious and credible actions through the race to zero campaign, 18 February 2022;
 - (ii) Webinar: Experience in the capacity-building programme for host countries – Achievements and experiences of the RCCs, 7 March 2022;
 - (iii) Webinar: How organizations can decarbonize by 2050 to achieve the race to zero (hybrid), 5 April 2022;
 - (iv) Side event: Which data are necessary for baseline development? 5th Transport and Climate Change Week 2022, 9 May 2022;
 - (v) Training workshop: CDM session on the clean development mechanism project cycle, 31 August 2022;

⁴ The CDM two-year business and management plan 2022–2023 is available at https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20220317123305450/Info_Note95.pdf.

- (c) Latin America and the Caribbean region:
 - (i) Workshop: Capacity building on carbon pricing, in Grenada from 20 to 22 April and in Saint Lucia from 25 to 27 April 2022;
 - (ii) Webinar: Improving knowledge of carbon markets among youth, 23 May 2022;
 - (iii) Webinar: 3rd Caribbean AGYLE Webinar on Carbon Markets, 23 May 2022
 - (d) Middle East, North Africa and South Asia region:
 - (i) Conference: Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Climate Week, 28 to 31 March 2022;
 - (ii) Workshop: Carbon Markets in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries: Accelerating Robust Market Development, Promoting Regional Cooperation, 5 December 2022.
10. In this reporting period, the RCCs published 29 newsletters on their individual websites:⁵ six for the Africa region; eight for the Asia-Pacific region; nine for the Latin America and the Caribbean region; and six 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 annual RCC Global Forum for 2022 was held in-person on 31 March 2022 with support and contribution from all six RCCs. At the Forum, each RCC's overview and update on 2022–2023 workplans showcased how RCCs are contextualizing the global climate action agenda with unique regional specificity for optimal impact. The Forum highlighted how regional partnerships are proving to be key to collaboratively move towards achieving targets set under the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals, including through a market mechanism such as the CDM.
12. All six RCCs supported the organization of the Global DNA Forum that took place from 28 to 29 March 2022 at the margin of the MENA Climate Week 2022. DNA representatives from 39 countries attended the meeting to exchange views, share their experiences relating to the CDM and bring forward common views and issues to the attention of the Board.

2.4. Inter-agency partnerships

13. 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 Finance⁶ and organized a workshop on transition of CDM activities and strengthening private sector

⁵ 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>.

⁶ <https://easternafrikaalliance.org/>.

- engagement in Eastern Africa, in Entebbe, Uganda, from 16 to 17 March 2022;
- (ii) RCC Lomé continued its activities under the framework of the West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance,⁷ including setting up of virtual platforms for online trainings and exchanges. A permanent communication channel has been set up by the West and the East African Alliance for improving coordination and facilitation of planned regional activities. The collaboration between the two alliances has contributed to improved understanding and consensus on key carbon market issues of regional interest particularly among African negotiators;
 - (iii) RCC Kampala and RCC Lomé supported the organization of the Africa Climate Week held from 28 August to 2 September, in particular by liaising with the Government of Gabon;
- (b) Asia-Pacific region:
- (i) RCC Bangkok acted as knowledge partner for United Nations Global Compact Network Malaysia and Brunei for 2 events held on 18 February and 5 April 2022. RCC Bangkok will continue to reach out to national networks of the United Nations Global Compact to help with their ongoing knowledge sharing platforms and events to encourage governments towards planning and implementing inclusive actions for net-zero targets along with the business communities;
- (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 to increase the private sector’s involvement and impact on climate action in Latin America and the Caribbean region;
 - (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 Panama supported the organization of the Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week held from 18 to 22 July, in particular by liaising with the Government of Dominican Republic;
- (d) Middle East, North Africa and South Asia region:
- (i) RCC Dubai supported the organization of the first-ever MENA Regional Climate Week, which took place from 28 to 31 March 2022, in particular by liaising with the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

⁷ <https://westafricaclimatealliance.org/>.

14. In this reporting period, a total of 21 RCC host partner staff members worked together with 6 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 6:1;
 - (ii) East African Development Bank to UNFCCC is 3:1;
 - (b) Asia-Pacific region:
 - (i) Institute for Global Environmental Strategies to UNFCCC is 3:1;
 - (c) Latin America and the Caribbean region:
 - (i) UN Environment Panama to UNFCCC is 0:1;
 - (ii) Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation to UNFCCC is 3:1;
 - (d) Middle East, North Africa and South Asia region:
 - (i) World Green Economy Organization to UNFCCC is 6:1.

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