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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 2023,¹ 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. In 2023, the names of the RCCs have been rebranded as follows in order to clearly communicate to stakeholders the regional coverage of each RCC:
 - (a) RCC Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, Thailand);²
 - (b) RCC Caribbean (St. George's, Grenada);³
 - (c) RCC East and Southern Africa (Kampala, Uganda);⁴
 - (d) RCC Latin America (Panama City, Panama);⁵
 - (e) RCC MENA and South Asia (Dubai, United Arab Emirates);⁶ and
 - (f) RCC West and Central Africa (Lomé, Togo).⁷
4. The current reporting period covers 1 January to 31 December 2023. Cumulative figures covering the beginning of RCC operations in 2013 until 31 December 2023 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.⁸

¹ The CDM Executive Board workplan 2023 is available [here](#).

² See <https://unfccc.int/RCCAsiaPacific>.

³ See <https://unfccc.int/RCCCaribbean>.

⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/RCCSEASAfrica>.

⁵ See <https://unfccc.int/RCCLatinAmerica>.

⁶ See <https://unfccc.int/RCCMENAandSA>.

⁷ See <https://unfccc.int/RCCWACAfrica>.

⁸ Previous reports are available on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change CDM website at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/report/>.

2. Regional support

2.1. Support for project activities and programmes of activities

5. From 1 January to 31 December 2023, the RCCs provided direct technical support to eight CDM project activities and PoAs, of which two are in Latin America, five are in East and Southern Africa and one is in West and Central Africa. In addition, RCCs responded to 43 queries received from stakeholders (7 from Latin America, 18 from East and Southern Africa, 15 from West and Central Africa and 3 from Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) and South Asia), 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; and (iii) temporary measures agreed by the Board at its 108th meeting (EB 108). The RCCs also responded to 50 queries relevant to the transition of CDM project activities and PoAs under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (Article 6.4 mechanism).
6. From the beginning of their operations until 31 December 2023, the RCCs provided direct support to 1,742 CDM project activities and PoAs, contributing to 259 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, 128 new CDM project activities and PoAs were identified and their notification of CDM prior consideration submitted.

2.2. Support in the development of standardized baselines

7. In 2023 RCCs supported seven countries in the development of bottom-up standardized baselines, including two countries from Asia and the Pacific, three from East and Southern Africa, and two from West and Central Africa. The majority of the interactions were about procedures for the renewal of expired or about-to-expire standardized baselines.
8. From the beginning of the RCCs' operations in 2013 until 31 December 2023, the RCCs directly supported the development of 366 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

9. The RCCs supported CDM stakeholders under goal 2 of the CDM two-year business and management plan 2022–2023⁹ (“Enable stakeholders to understand and adjust to the evolving operating environment taking into account decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its sixteenth session), specifically for 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”).
10. 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) RCC East and Southern Africa and RCC West and Central Africa:
 - (i) Webinar: Eastern Africa Carbon Market Profiles Launch, 17 March 2023;

⁹ 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.

- (ii) Webinar: COP 27 Debrief session for Eastern Africa Alliance member countries, 9 May 2023;
 - (iii) Workshop: Session on operationalizing Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement, 31 May 2023;
 - (iv) Workshop: Assessment of Carbon Pricing Initiatives in Nigeria, 4 to 5 July 2023;
 - (v) Workshop: Africa Carbon Pricing, Article 6 Training and DNA Forum, 4–7 September 2023;
 - (vi) Side event: Blending climate finance and carbon markets for enhancing climate action, 6 September 2023;
 - (vii) Workshop: West Africa Carbon Market Hub training, 26–28 September 2023;
 - (viii) Webinar: Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, 22 and 29 August 2023 seminars/tools/courses);
 - (ix) Workshop: Technical Committee and Financial Institutions Training on Article 6 and Rwanda National carbon market Framework, 18–20 October 2023;
 - (x) Workshop: Technical training of Uganda's youth on Carbon Markets and UNFCCC Processes, 27 October 2023;
 - (xi) Workshop: COP 28: Negotiators' Capacity Building Workshop for Uganda's Negotiators, 30–31 October 2023;
 - (xii) Workshop: National stakeholder consultation meeting on draft Uganda Carbon Markets Regulations, Guidelines and Training manual, 7 November 2023;
 - (xiii) Webinar: CDM Transition: Seizing opportunities under the Article 6.4 Mechanism in Eastern Africa, 8 November 2023;
 - (xiv) Workshop: CDM transition for Uganda's Project Developers, 20 November 2023;
- (b) RCC Asia and the Pacific:
- (i) Workshop: Briefing of the United Nations to the Thailand Standing Committee (of the House of Representative) on Monetary, Finance and Financial Institution and Capital Market, 26 January 2023;
 - (ii) Workshop: Youth Empowerment in Climate Actions (YECAP) platform, 15–17 May 2023;
 - (iii) Workshop: Capacity-building workshop on Carbon Pricing and Paris Agreement Article 6 for Mongolian Governmental stakeholders, 24–25 May 2023;
 - (iv) Workshop: Climate Finance Forum for Central Asia & South Caucasus countries, 3–7 July 2023;
 - (v) Side Event: Carbon Pricing Implementation in Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Session 3: Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, 24–26 July;

- (vi) Webinar: Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organisation Corresponding Adjustment Clinic, 19 September 2023;
- (vii) Workshop: Carbon Pricing for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Lao People's Democratic Republic, 31 October 2023;
- (viii) Workshop: ASEAN Carbon Pricing Conference, 6–7 November 2023;
- (c) RCC Latin America and RCC Caribbean:
 - (i) Webinar: Introduction e-course on Carbon Pricing, 23 March 2023;
 - (ii) Webinar: Climate Action & Carbon Markets – towards a sustainable future for all, 14 March 2023;
 - (iii) Workshop: First Climate Investment Forum in Central America: Session on Nationally Determined Contributions Ambition and Cooperative Approaches under Article 6, 15 May 2023;
 - (iv) Webinar: Carbon Markets and Article 6 in Latin America, 25 May 2023;
 - (v) Workshop: Regional Climate Change Platform of Economy and Finance Ministries. Session on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, 29 May–2 June 2023;
 - (vi) Workshop: Mesoamerican Indigenous People and Local Communities Climate Week: Session on Carbon Markets and Article 6, 8 June 2023;
 - (vii) Workshop: Carbon Markets, Article 6 and Agricultural Sector, 15 June 2023;
 - (viii) Workshop: Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: Key Actions for Panama, 15 August 2023;
 - (ix) Workshop on Carbon Footprint in Aquaculture in Brazil, 21 September 2023;
 - (x) Workshop: Emissions trading scheme simulation in the Dominican Republic, 26–27 September 2023;
 - (xi) Webinar: Solutions Seminar for Youth: Article 6 Session and Carbon Markets;
 - (xii) Workshop: CDM Transition: Consultation and Clarification in Brazil, September 2023;
 - (xiii) Webinar: Session CDM Transition, September 2023;
 - (xiv) Webinar: Session CDM Transition (El Salvador), November 2023;
 - (xv) Webinar: Clean Development Mechanism Transition: Consultation and Clarification, Panama December 2023;
- (d) MENA and South Asia region:
 - (i) Workshop: Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and Climate Finance Mechanisms in Qatar 13–14 September 2023;
 - (ii) Workshop: Understanding Carbon Markets & Potential in Pakistan, 18 September 2023;
 - (iii) Webinar: Decarbonising Industrial Sectors and Accelerating Low-Carbon Pathways in India 22 August 2023;

- (iv) Workshop: Capacity-Building Workshop for Private Sector Readiness for Article 6 Participation in Abu Dhabi 5 October 2023;
 - (v) Workshop: MENA and South Asia regional Carbon Pricing, Article 6 Training and Designated National Authority Forum (DNA Forum), 8–10 October 2023;
 - (vi) Workshop: Capacity-Building Workshop for Private Sector Readiness for Article 6 Participation in Dubai, 29 November 2023;
 - (vii) Workshop: Private Sector Readiness for Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, in Morocco, 22 December 2023;
 - (viii) Workshop: Capacity Development of Article 6 and the Clean Development Mechanism Transition in Bhutan 29 December 2023.
11. In this reporting period, the RCCs published 109 global and regional newsletters on their individual websites: 27 for the Africa region; 19 for the Asia-Pacific region; 33 for the Latin America and the Caribbean region; 15 for the MENA and South Asia region; and 15 global newsletters and campaigns. 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.
12. The annual RCC Global Forum for 2023 will take place in the first half of 2024 to take stock of 2023 achievements in the context of the new 2024–2025 RCC workplan.
13. The RCCs supported the organization of a regional DNA Forum for each region on the margin of the Regional Climate Weeks 2023.¹⁰ A total of 73 DNA representatives attended the meetings to exchange views and share their experiences relating to the CDM.

2.4. Inter-agency partnerships

14. The RCCs forged and maintained collaborations for the implementation of their workplan, including the delivery of the events listed in paragraph 10 above, with a wide variety of entities. These include but are not limited to:
- (a) Multilateral and development banks:
 - (i) World Bank;
 - (ii) Inter-American Development Bank;
 - (iii) West African Development Bank;
 - (iv) East African Development Bank;
 - (b) United Nations agencies and organizations:
 - (i) United Nations Development Programme;
 - (ii) United Nations Environment Programme;
 - (iii) United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization;
 - (iv) United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

¹⁰ See <https://unfccc.int/about-us/regional-collaboration-centres/regional-dialogues-on-carbon-pricing-article-6-training-and-dna-forum>.

- (v) United Nations Children’s Fund;
 - (vi) United Nations Office for Project Services;
 - (vii) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.
- (c) International cooperation and development agencies:
- (i) Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit;
 - (ii) Institut de la Francophonie pour le Développement Durable;
 - (iii) Japan International Cooperation Agency;
 - (iv) Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office;
- (d) Regional economic and political organizations:
- (i) Economic Community of West African States;
 - (ii) African Union;
 - (iii) Organization of Eastern Caribbean States.
15. In this reporting period, a total of 30 RCC technical experts and administrative support staff worked together with the 6 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change regional leads. Technical experts and administrative support staff were mobilized through various sources, including the RCC host partners, internships, and the United Nations Junior Professional Officer and volunteers’ programmes. The staffing situation at each RCC is as follows:
- (i) RCC East and Southern Africa: 6;
 - (ii) RCC West and Central Africa: 5;
 - (iii) RCC Asia and the Pacific: 7;
 - (iv) RCC Latin America: 6;
 - (v) RCC Caribbean: 5;
 - (vi) RCC MENA and South Asia: 8.

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