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1. Introduction

1. At its sixty-second meeting, the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) (hereinafter referred to as the Board) adopted the “Procedure: direct communication with stakeholders” and subsequently revised the procedure at its eighty-second meeting.¹ The procedure requires the secretariat to submit an annual report to the Board on all communications received through the dedicated interface on the UNFCCC CDM website, including letters to the Board, emails, and inputs received during workshops and events.
2. The report covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023 and includes a summary and analysis of communications to the Board and the secretariat.

2. Analysis of communications

2.1. Scope

3. The scope of the analysis includes: (i) stakeholder communications related to improving the understanding and application of CDM rules; and (ii) feedback on existing CDM rules. Stakeholder communications that are “case-specific” (e.g. dealing with the processing of cases relating to registration, issuance, accreditation, methodologies or standardized baselines) fall outside the scope.
4. During the reporting period, a total of 478 stakeholder communications were processed. Of these, 11 were letters to the Board and 467 were queries to the secretariat. In addition, during the reporting period, 93 queries were processed by the regional collaboration centres (RCCs).²

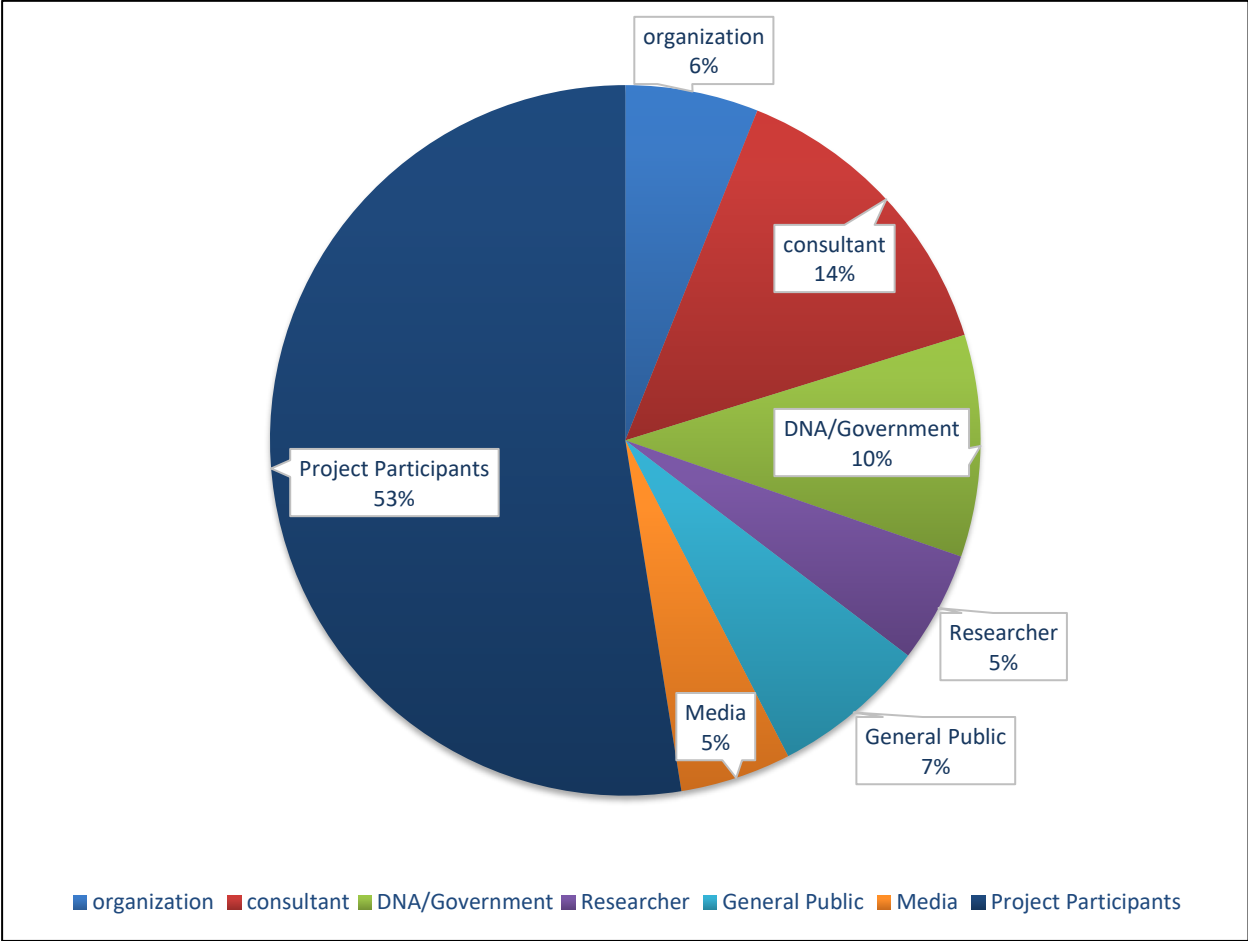
2.2. Communications by stakeholder type

5. Project participants, coordinating/managing entities (CMEs), designated operational entities (DOEs), consultants, organizations (intergovernmental and non-governmental), researchers, the media, the public, national governments and designated national authorities (DNAs) were among the submitters.
6. Figure 1 below shows the share of communications by stakeholder type.

¹ See the latest version of the procedure at https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20150224183036545/eb_proc03.pdf.

² See the RCC operation reports at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/report/>.

Figure 1. Per cent of communications by stakeholder type

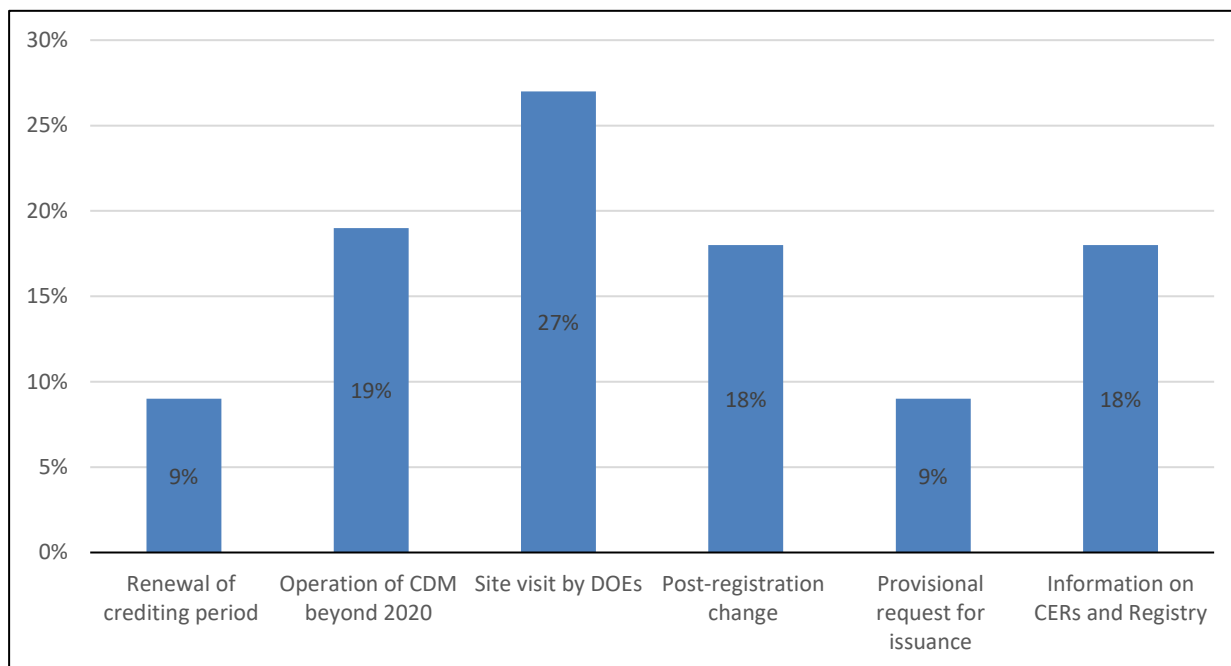


2.3. Main topics

2.3.1. Letters to the Board

- 7. Letters to the Board were primarily related to: (i) provisional request for issuance; (ii) post-registration change; (iii) renewal of crediting period (iv) CDM Registry; (v) site visit by DOEs; (vi) CDM transition; and (vii) inquiry about the procedure on the stakeholder communication.
- 8. Figure 2 below shows the most frequent topics of enquiry.

Figure 2. Letters to the Board by topic



9. Table 1 summarizes the main resolution/outcome for each main topic included in letters to the Board.

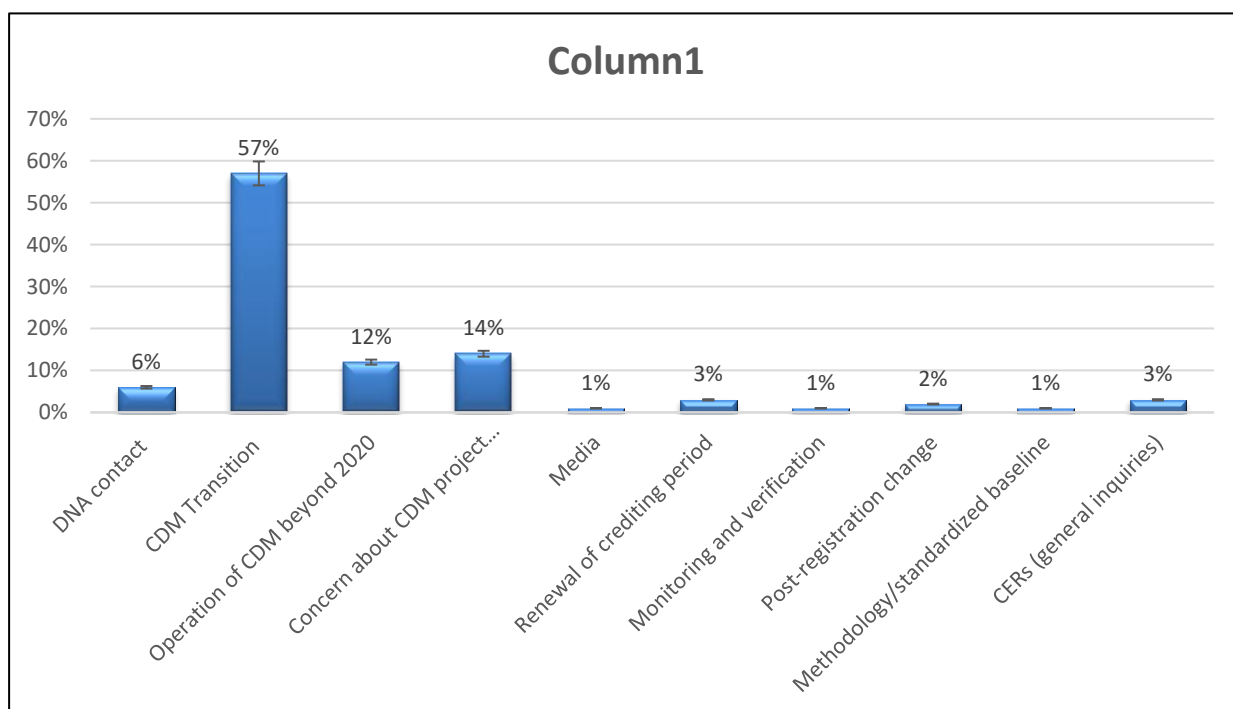
Table 1. Letters to the Board by topic and resolution/outcome

Reporting year: 1 January to 31 December 2023		
Most common topics	Issues raised	Resolution/outcome
Information on CERs and Registry	Public availability of credit history by CDM activities; Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) eligible CERs	Response provided in line with the modalities and procedures for a CDM and Board's decisions
Re-registration of CDM activities	Implementation of a new CDM project activity on the existing project area of CDM	Clarification provided in line with the CDM project standard/procedure
Post-registration change	Addition or change of technologies/measures; extension of deadline for capacity increase and addition of technology/measures	Clarification provided on specific post-registration change cases in accordance with the CDM project cycle procedure
Site visit by DOEs (3 similar cases)	Travel restrictions in project sites	The Board agreed to allow, to allow remote on-site inspection on an exceptional basis
Operation of CDM beyond 2020	Request for clarification on temporary measures and CDM Transition	Clarifications are provided on Temporary measures and CDM transition
Renewal of crediting period	Extension of the deadline for submission of request for renewal of crediting period	Extension of deadline considered on a case-by-case basis

2.3.2. Substantive queries to the secretariat

10. Queries to the secretariat were primarily related to: (i) DNA contact; (ii) operation of CDM beyond 2020; (iii) CDM transition; (iv) concern about CDM project activity/PoA; (v) queries from the media outlets; (vi) renewal of crediting period; (vii) monitoring and verification; (viii) post-registration change (shift of start date of crediting period, increase of capacity/addition of technology in CDM activities); (ix) validity/applicability of methodologies/standardized baselines/tools; and (x) CERs (cancellation, carry-over, price, share of proceeds, issuance).

Figure 3. Queries to the secretariat by topic



11. Table 2 summarizes the main resolution/outcome for each main topic.

Table 2. Queries to the secretariat by topic and resolution/outcome

Reporting year: 1 January to 31 December 2023		
Most common topics	Issues raised	Resolution/outcome
DNA contact	Enquiries on DNA contact details from project developers; notification of new DNA focal point	Reference to relevant information on the UNFCCC CDM website
CDM Transition	Enquiries about transition of CDM projects	Reference to existing rules and requirements; provision of general information
Operation of CDM beyond 2020	Enquiries on application of temporary measures	Reference to existing rules and requirements; provision of general information

Reporting year: 1 January to 31 December 2023		
Most common topics	Issues raised	Resolution/outcome
Concern about CDM project activity/PoA	Receipt of case-specific information for which assessment was ongoing; environmental concern	Considered during the project assessment; reference to existing rules and requirements; provision of general information
Media	Enquiries from the media outlets	Reference to relevant information on the UNFCCC CDM website
Renewal of crediting period	Enquiries about renewal of CDM project activity/PoA	Reference to existing rules and requirements
Monitoring and verification	Enquiries on CDM rules and regulations related to monitoring and verification of project activity/PoA	Reference to existing rules and requirements; provision of general information
Post-registration change	Enquiries on CDM rules and regulations related to post-registration change (other than renewal of crediting period)	Reference to existing rules and requirements; provision of general information
Methodology/standardized baseline	Enquiries on validity/applicability of methodologies/standardized baselines/tools	Reference to existing rules and requirements; provision of general information
CERs	General requests concerning the voluntary cancellation of CERs and CERs in general	Provision of general information

3. Impact of stakeholder communications on the regulatory framework and/or operations of the CDM

12. The information received through the stakeholder communications process is reviewed and assessed regularly and supports the continual improvement of CDM regulations and operations. Additionally, annual reports are published on the UNFCCC CDM website³ on the following key performance indicators related to stakeholder communications:
- Proportion of communications to the Board processed within the specified timelines;
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 - Proportion of communications escalated to the Chair of the Board by a stakeholder after a response is received from the secretariat;
 - Proportion of stakeholders using the correct channels of communication.
13. As a result of the monitoring and continual improvement processes, significant work was carried out during the reporting period. Much of this work took place under regulatory adjustment. The adjustments described in this section were primarily accelerated by stakeholder communications, as outlined in Tables 1 and 2 above.

³ See annual reports on key performance indicators at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/report>.

4. Conclusion

- 14. Many of the stakeholder concerns raised in 2023 were related to transition of CDM projects, operationalization of CDM beyond 2020, and application of temporary measures. These were addressed through regulatory adjustments, reference to existing rules and requirements, and case-by-case consideration of requests due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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