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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 2024 and includes a summary and analysis of communications to the Board and the secretariat.

2. Analysis of communications

2.1. Scope

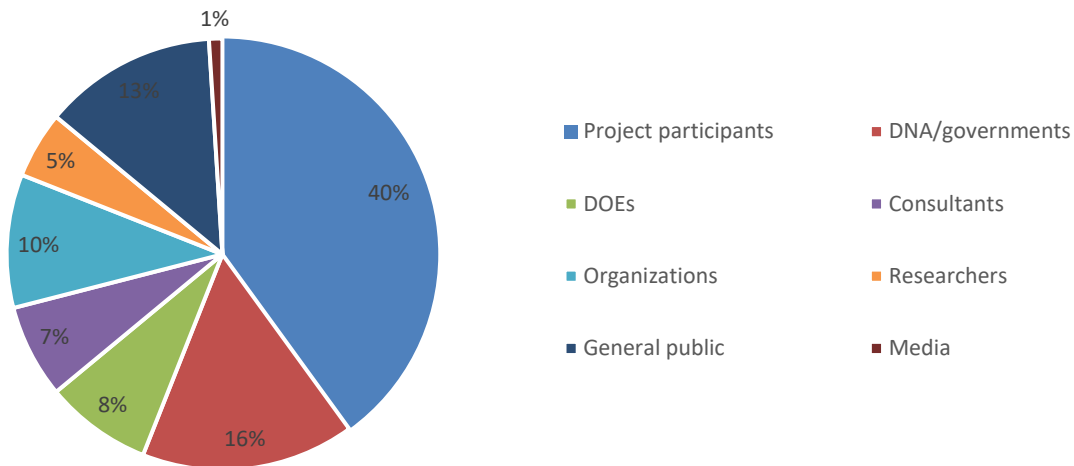
3. The scope of the analysis includes: (i) stakeholder communications related to improving the understanding and application of CDM rules; and (ii) feedback on existing CDM rules. Stakeholder communications that are “case-specific” (e.g. dealing with the processing of cases relating to registration, issuance, accreditation, methodologies or standardized baselines) fall outside the scope.
4. During the reporting period, a total of 436 stakeholder communications were processed. Of these, 5 were letters to the Board and 431 were queries to the secretariat.

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.

Figure 1. Per cent of communications by stakeholder type (n=436)

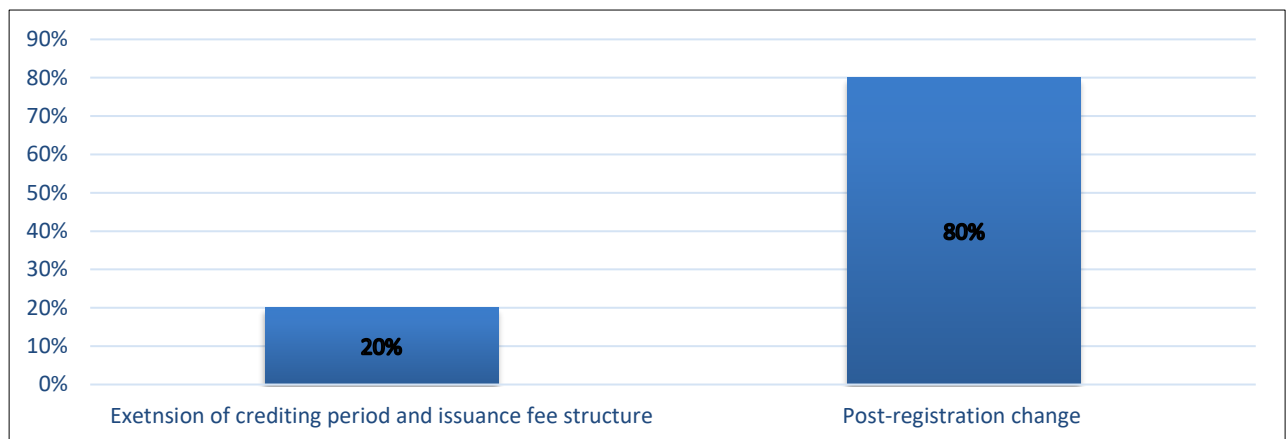


2.3. Main topics

2.3.1. Letters to the Board

7. Letters to the Board were primarily related to: (i) post-registration change (4); and (ii) extension of crediting period and issuance fee structure (1).
8. Figure 2 below shows the most frequent topics of enquiry.

Figure 2. Letters to the Board by topic (n=5)



9. Table 1 below 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

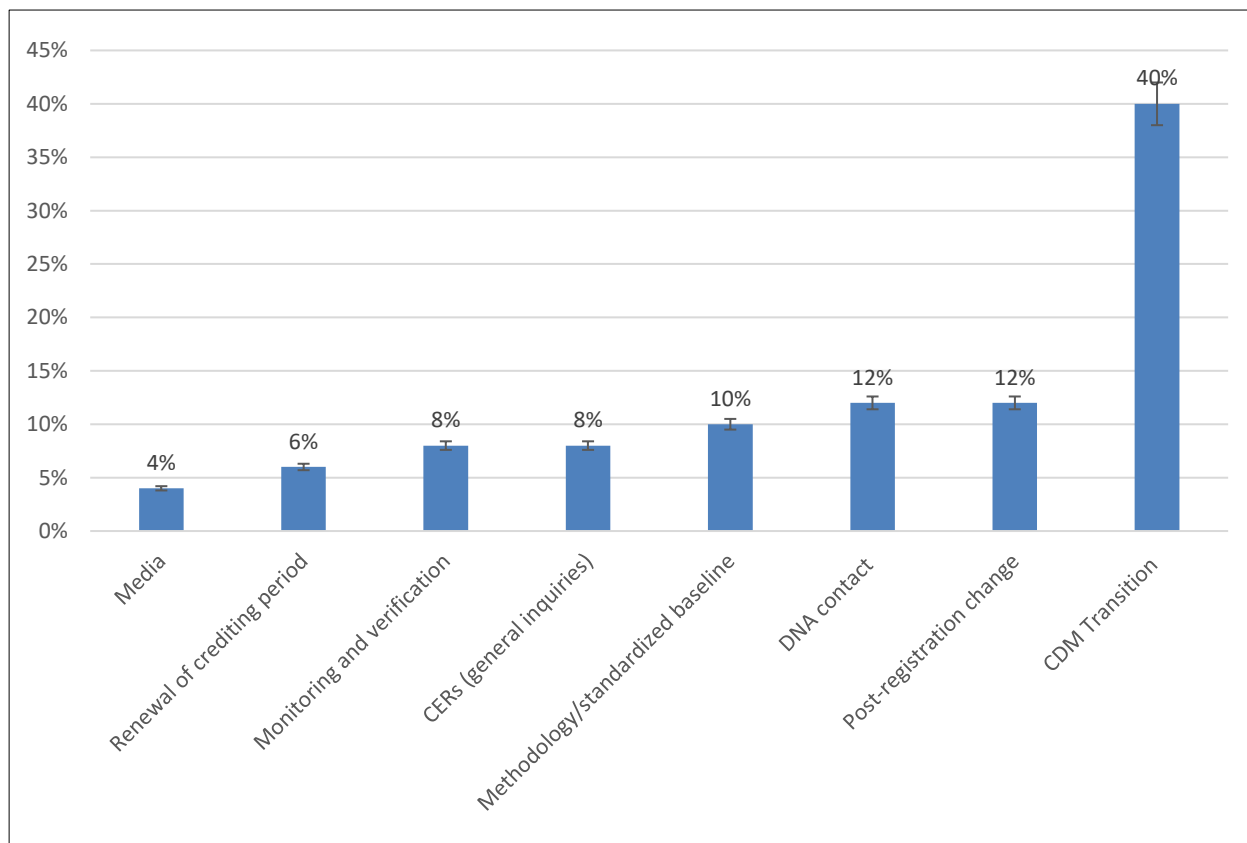
Reporting year: 1 January to 31 December 2024		
Most common topics	Issues raised	Resolution/outcome
Post-registration change (PRC)	Clarification on the cases of addition or change of technologies/measures and of missing the deadline to notify the PRC due to marginal increase in capacity of power generation	Clarification provided on specific PRC cases in accordance with the CDM project cycle procedure
Crediting period and issuance fee structure	Proposal for extension of crediting period and alternative issuance fee structure	Clarification provided on these specific requests in line with the CMP decisions and the Board's mandate

2.3.2. Substantive queries to the secretariat

10. Queries to the secretariat were primarily related to: (i) Media; (ii) Renewal of crediting period; (iii) Monitoring and verification; (iv) CERs; (v) Methodology/standardized baseline; (vi) DNA contact; (vii) Post-registration change; and (viii) CDM Transition.

11. Figure 3. shows the most frequent topics of enquiry.

Figure 3. Queries to the secretariat by topic



12. 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 2024		
Most common topics	Issues raised	Resolution/outcome
DNA contact	Enquiries on DNA contact details from project developers; notification of new DNA focal point	Establishment of new approaches to contact non-responsive DNAs and reference to relevant information on the UNFCCC CDM website
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
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
CERs	General requests concerning the voluntary cancellation of CERs and CERs in general	Provision of general information
Media	Enquiries from the media outlets	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

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

13. The information received through the stakeholder communications process is reviewed and assessed regularly and supports the continual improvement of CDM operations. Additionally, annual reports are published on the UNFCCC CDM website² on the following key performance indicators related to stakeholder communications:

- (a) Proportion of communications to the Board processed within the specified timelines;
- (b) Proportion of communications to the secretariat processed within the specified timelines;

² See annual reports on key performance indicators at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/report>.

- (c) Proportion of communications escalated to the Chair of the Board by a stakeholder after a response is received from the secretariat;
 - (d) Proportion of stakeholders using the correct channels of communication.
14. As a result of the monitoring and continual improvement processes, considerable 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.

4. Conclusion

15. Many of the stakeholder concerns raised in 2024 were related to transition of CDM projects, similar to the previous year. These concerns were addressed through clarifications to the to existing rules and requirements and the establishment of approaches to enhance CDM operation.

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