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1. Progress report on operational activities and resources utilized

1. The clean development mechanism (CDM) business and management plan 2024–2025 (CDM-MAP 2024–2025), adopted at the 119th meeting of the Executive Board of the CDM (hereinafter referred to as the Board) (EB 119), documents the goals and objectives of the Board and the activities and resources required to support its effective operation¹.
2. This document includes and complements the mid-year review report² published in October 2024. It describes the status of implementation of the CDM-MAP 2024–2025 for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024, the activities underway and the financial and human resources of the secretariat's Mitigation Division, which supports the Board and operation of the CDM.³

1.1. Goal 1: Ensure that project participants are enabled to efficiently seek issuance of CERs for remaining monitoring period until 31 December 2020

1.1.1. Objective 1a: Operate efficient project and entity assessment processes

Registry

3. As shown in Figure 1 below, during the reporting period, 5,953 registry transactions were undertaken against the forecasted volume for the reporting period of 7,800 transactions. This corresponds to 76 per cent of the forecasted volume.
4. A total of 988 changes to modalities of communication (MoC) were completed against the forecasted volume for the reporting period of 1000 requests. The majority of MoC changes requested in January through April were prompted by requests for transition of projects to the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the Article 6.4 mechanism) as many focal points had to update their MoC statements. After April, the requests for change of MoC statements rapidly decreased.
5. In the reporting period, the total number of submissions for registration and issuance processed was much lower than the forecasted volume, as CDM submissions have greatly decreased comparing to the previous years (see Appendix, Table 1).
6. The orders placed on the United Nations online platform for voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions (CERs) (hereinafter referred to as the VC platform) are 10 per cent lower than in the previous reporting period with 4,612 orders placed in 2024

¹ See document CDM-EB119-A06-INFO available at:
https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20230929104556766/Info_note105.pdf.

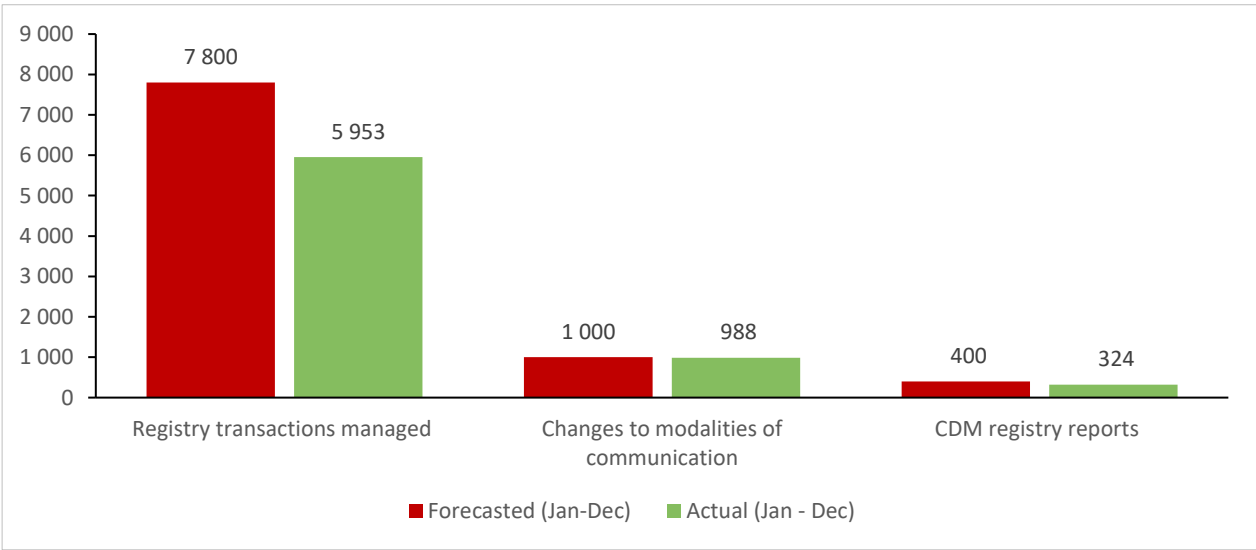
² See document CDM-2024Q2-INFO01 available at
<https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20241007172258438/CDM%20Mid-year%20Report%202024.pdf>

³ Prior end-year status of implementation of the CDM-MAP review report is available on the CDM website. See, for example, CDM MAP End-Year Review (1 January to 31 December 2023) available at
<https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20240507185727602/CDM%20End-year%20Review%20Report%202023.pdf>

compared to 5,139 in 2023. This trend is also evident in CER cancellations through the VC platform, with 2,307,801 CERs cancelled in the reporting period compared to 3,650,792 CERs in the same period in 2023. This represents a 36 per cent decrease in units cancelled.⁴

- 7. During the reporting period, 11 new voluntary cancellation seller accounts were opened. This brought the total number of accounts to 117 by the end of December 2024. Out of these, 110 accounts remain active, with 46 having current listings of CERs representing 86 projects. Additionally, 12 new projects were added to existing seller accounts.
- 8. At the end of the reporting period, approximately 21 million CERs were available for listing on the VC platform.
- 9. As shown in Figure 1 below, regarding the CDM registry reporting function, 324 reports were produced during the reporting period. These included designated national authority (DNA) reports, monthly reports to the Board, reports to the World Bank, and ad hoc registry reports. This number is 20 per cent below the forecasted volume of 400 reports.

Figure 1. CDM registry operation against the linear forecasted volume for the period under review (January – December 2024)



Project assessments

- 10. The total CERs issued over the reporting period is 19,304,489, of which 3,104,653 CERs were issued for programmes of activities (PoAs), and 16,199,836 CERs were issued for project activities.
- 11. In terms of caseload, details of the project assessments processed during the reporting period are included in Table 1 and Figure 2 below.

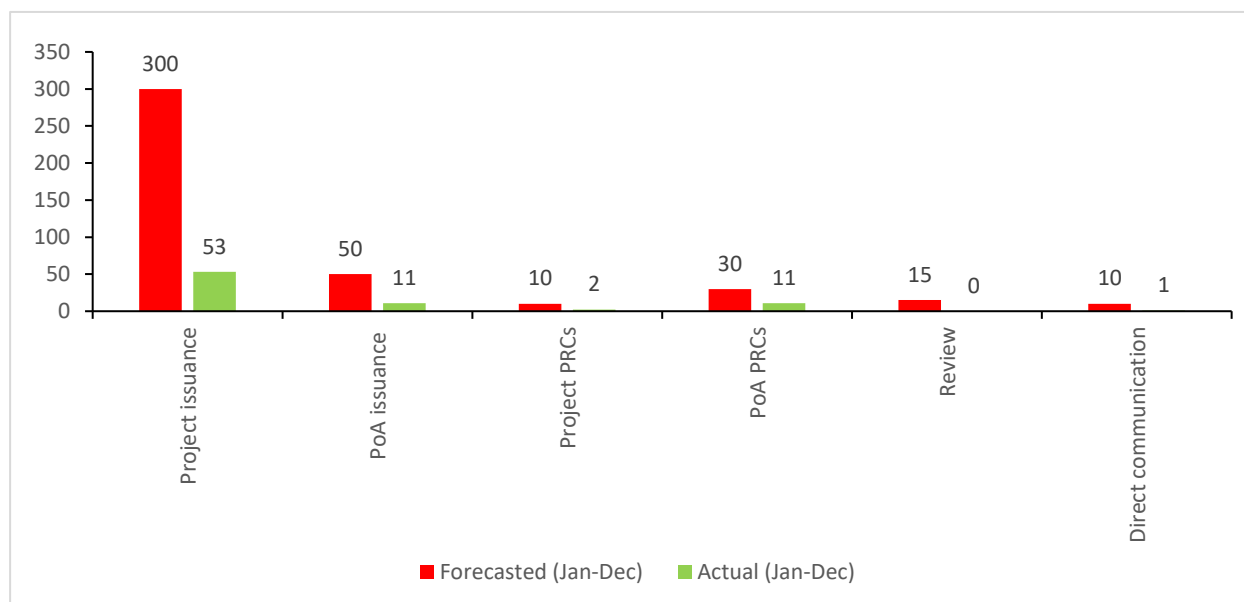
⁴ Detailed information on the VC platform is available on an annual basis on the CDM website: <https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/report/index.html>.

Table 1. Project assessments (January – December 2024)

Activity	Forecasted volume Jan–Dec 2024	Actual volume Jan–Dec 2024
Requests for project activity issuance	300	53
Requests for programme of activity (PoA) issuance covering component project activities (CPAs)	50	11 ^(a)
Requests for project activity post-registration change (PRC)	10	2
Requests for PoA PRC	30	11
Requests for direct communication, renewal of crediting period, and review	25	1
Requests for PoA registration	N/A	0
Requests for project activity registration	N/A	0
PoA post-registration CPA inclusion	N/A	0
Sustainable development co-benefits, including reporting and promotional activities	N/A	0

(a) These included the processing of 42 CPAs.

Figure 2. Type and number of project assessments processed against the linear forecasted volume for the period under review (January – December 2024)

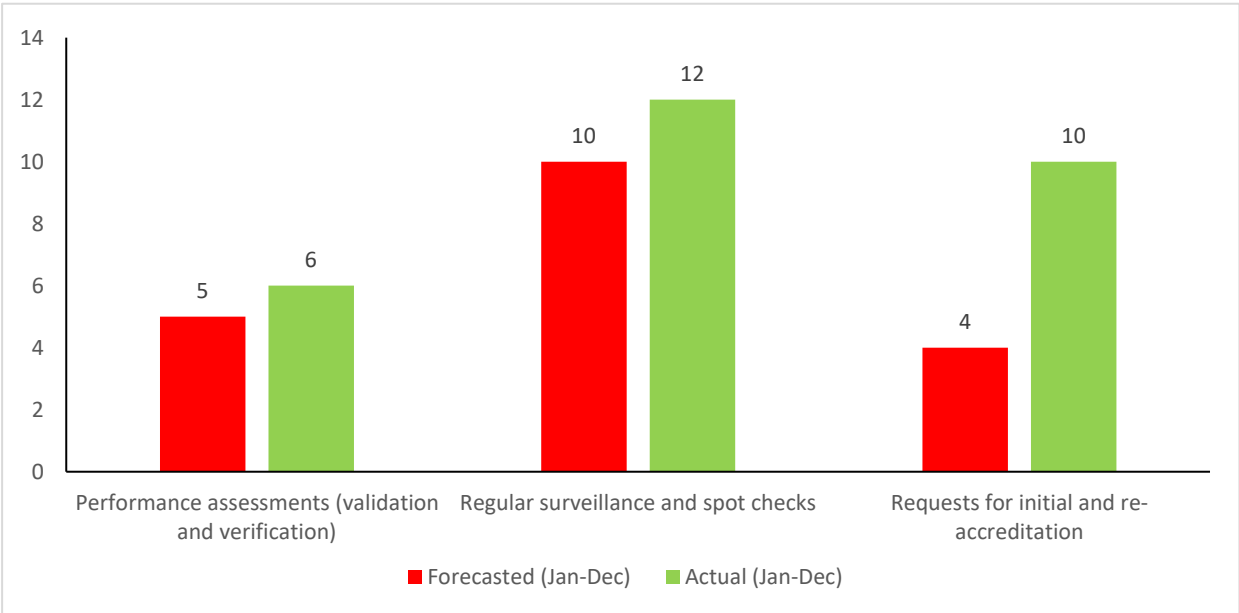


12. During the reporting period, the waiting times for the commencement of project assessments for registration and issuance were below 15 days, as mandated by the Board and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP).
13. No sustainable development co-benefit reports were received and published during the reporting period.

Entity Assessment

- 14. As at 31 December 2024 there were 28 accredited designated operational entities (DOEs) and two applicant entities (AEs).
- 15. As shown in Figure 3, during the reporting period, 6 performance assessments were conducted⁵ against the forecasted volume of 5 for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024. A total of 12 regular surveillance assessments and spot checks were conducted against the forecasted volume of 10 for the reporting period. A total of 10 initial and re-accreditation assessments were conducted⁶ against the forecasted volume of 4 for the reporting period.

Figure 3. Type and number of entity assessments processed against the linear forecasted volume for the period under review (January – December 2024)



- 16. A calibration workshop for the assessment team was held from 16 to 17 September 2024 in Bonn, Germany, in conjunction with the 99th meeting of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP 99). Activities included organizing the calibration sessions and providing training on the recently approved regulatory documents for the Article 6.4 mechanism including accreditation requirements.
- 17. A DOE calibration workshop was held in Beijing, China from 3 to 4 September 2024. The workshop provided an opportunity to strengthen the capacity of DOEs, promote deeper understanding with respect to the implementation of the recently approved regulatory documents for the Article 6.4 mechanism amongst the auditing and technical staff of CDM DOEs and provide opportunities for sharing experiences. The workshop aimed to

⁵ Figure 3: All six are verification performance assessments by type.

⁶ Figure 3: One initial accreditation is an extension of sector scope and seven re-accreditation assessments by type.

assist CDM DOEs to undertake verification of transitioned CDM activities and to prepare them to become Article 6.4 DOEs.

1.1.2. Objective 1b: Operate an effective regulatory framework

Servicing of the regulatory body and its panels and working groups

18. At its first meeting of the calendar year, the Board adopted its workplan and those of its panels and approved the calendar of meetings. During the reporting period, three meetings of the Board (EB 121, EB 122 and EB 123), three meetings of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP 97, CDM-AP 98 and CDM-AP 99), and three meetings of the Methodologies Panel (MP 93, MP 94 and MP 95) were held. The terms of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG) and of the Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Working Group (CCS WG) members were extended at EB 121. During the reporting period, no meetings of the A/R WG and CCS WG were organized. Table 2 in the Appendix includes information on the number of documents under consideration by the Board during the reporting period.
19. As per the workplan approved by the Board at EB 121,⁷ 33 products were forecasted to be delivered in 2024 and three additional items were added during the reporting period, which was updated at EB 123.⁸ A total of 36 products were delivered as part of the workplan in 2024.

Accreditation system

20. During the reporting period, 35 entities were supported (i.e. 28 current DOEs, 3 DOEs that withdrew their accreditation status, 2 applicant entities (AEs) withdrawing their CDM DOE initial accreditation applications and 2 current AEs). The support included day-to-day activities related to the administration of the accreditation workflow.
21. During the reporting period, 23 accreditation assessments were launched, of which 9 were regular surveillance assessments, 7 were performance assessments, 1 was an extension of sectoral scope, 5 were re-accreditation assessments and 1 was initial accreditation.
22. One under-observation was requested by a DOE. The request was processed in accordance with the “CDM accreditation procedure”.
23. The Board accredited one DOE, re-accredited six DOEs and extended additional sectoral scopes (EoS) for three DOEs.⁹
24. The Board took note of the notification from the CDM-AP on the completion of regular on-site surveillance assessments and performance assessments for 19 DOEs and withdrawal of accreditation for three DOEs.
25. The first and second iteration of the DOE performance monitoring reports of the twenty-third monitoring period (1 May to 31 August 2023), twenty-fourth monitoring period

⁷ See document CDM-EB121-A01 available at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/UserManagement/FileStorage/R6KFL894Y3IW5PXCBA7N1SJO0UTMEV>.

⁸ See document CDM-EB123-AA-A03 available at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/UserManagement/FileStorage/3XULZCR1WKJAE68MN2BV4D9FY07HQT>.

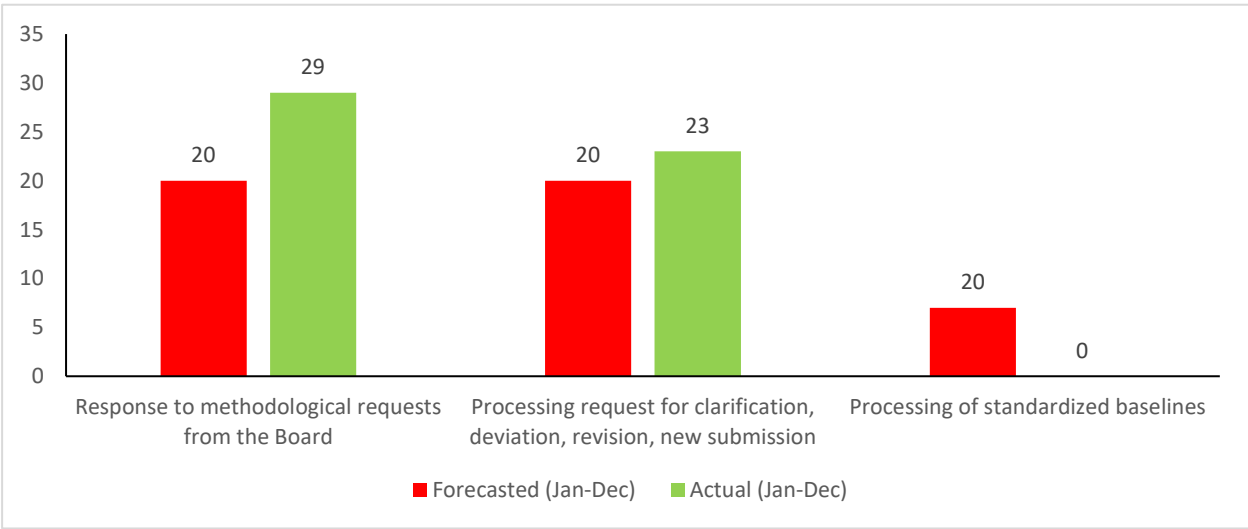
⁹ One EoS from one DOE and two EoS applied together with re-accreditation from two DOEs.

(1 September to 31 December 2023), twenty-fifth monitoring period (1 January to 30 April 2024) and the first of iteration of the DOE performance monitoring report of the twenty-sixth monitoring period (1 May to 31 August 2024) were published as per the “Procedure: Performance monitoring of designated operational entities” (version 05.0). The ninth annual analysis report to the Board on the results of DOE performance monitoring was published in May 2024.

Methodologies

26. As shown on Figure 4,¹⁰ during the reporting period 29 methodological requests from the Board were processed, whereby 6 requests were received in 2023 and 23 requests submitted during reporting period, which exceeds the forecasted volume of 20 submissions. Out of a total of 23 requests, 11 requests for clarifications were fully concluded¹¹ and 6 requests for revision were considered, 1 of which is still being processed.¹² During the reporting period, no new submissions on standardized baselines were received.

Figure 4. Responses to methodology requests and processing of standardized baselines against the forecasted volume for the period under review (January – December 2024)



27. During the reporting period, ten new methodology requests were considered:
- (a) One new methodology request was approved¹³ by the Board;

¹⁰ The data in Figure 4 also includes submissions from earlier reporting periods that are still in process owing to these items requiring additional work during the reporting period.

¹¹ For large-scale: AM_CLA_0050, AM_CLA_0311, AM_CLA_0312, AM_CLA_0313, AM_CLA_0314, AM_CLA_0315, AM_CLA_0316, AM_CLA_0317, AM_CLA_0318, for small-scale: SSC_842 and SSC-844.

¹² For large-scale: AM_REV_263 (rejected), AM_REV_264 (withdrawn), AM_REV_0265 (approved), AM_REV_266 (approved), AM_REV_0267 (rejected) and AM_REV_0268 (work in progress).

¹³ NM0382 (approved) (AM0125).

- (b) Four new methodology requests were rejected;¹⁴ and
 - (c) Five new methodologies are still being processed.¹⁵
28. During the reporting period, in response to mandates received from the Board, two requests for revision of a tool were concluded.¹⁶

Interactions with stakeholders

(i) Support to stakeholders/capacity-building (designated operational entities)

29. The 62nd DOE teleconference, which was originally planned in October 2024, took place on 9 January 2025.

(ii) Regional Collaboration Centre on-site support to projects activities

30. During the reporting period, the Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) supported five CDM PoAs and twenty-one CDM project activities with issues related to the CDM requirements and transition to Article 6.4 mechanism. In addition, they responded to twenty-five queries on CDM transitioning and other generic methodological matters (four from Asia-Pacific, seven from East and Southern Africa, five from Latin America, five from Middle East and North Africa and four from West and Central Africa).
31. From the beginning of the RCCs' operations in 2013 until 31 December 2024, the RCCs directly supported:
- (a) 1,778 CDM project activities and PoAs, of which 259 CDM project activities and PoAs progressed at least one step forward in the CDM project cycle;
 - (b) The provision of technical advice and capacity-building, through which 128 new CDM project activities and PoAs were identified and their notification of CDM prior consideration submitted;
 - (c) The development of 366 standardized baselines, of which 58 were approved by the Board.

Registration and issuance system

32. Information system support for CDM activities/cycles, including the uploading of monitoring reports, summary notes, Board member objections, rejection rulings, updated documents related to direct communication, and queries from project participants, was carried out according to the established procedures.

¹⁴ For large-scale: NM0383 (rejected); NM0384 (rejected), NM0385 (rejected) and NM0387 (rejected).

¹⁵ For large-scale: NM0386 (work in progress), NM0388 (work in progress), NM0389 (work in progress), for small-scale: SSC-NM108 (work in progress) and SSC-NM109 (work in progress).

¹⁶ TOOL07 and TOOL27.

Regulatory management

33. With regard to CDM regulations, during the reporting period, the Board:
- (a) Revised the procedure: “CDM accreditation procedure” from version 16.0 to version 17.0 to extend the validity of footnote 7 of the revised CDM accreditation procedure for four years, which is valid until 28 May 2028 (EB121) and incorporated amendments to change the fees for various accreditation assessment tasks by the CDM assessment team, based on the change of the standard daily fee rate as adopted during the EB 117.
 - (b) Revised the “Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines” to replace the option for DNAs to omit submission of the assessment report for a proposed standardized baseline, thereby relying on the secretariat to prepare such assessment report, with an option for DNAs to seek funding support from the secretariat for the preparation of the assessment report (EB 118);
 - (c) Revised the “Terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM Executive Board” and the “Procedure: Selection and performance evaluation of members of panels and working groups under the CDM Executive Board” to change the size and composition of the Methodologies Panel and reflect such change (EB 118);
 - (d) Adopted amendments to the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities”, “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities”, “CDM project standard for project activities” and “CDM project standard for programmes of activities” on the transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism (EB 119).
 - (e) Adopted the Procedure “Submission of requests for transfer of CERs in accordance with paragraph 11 of decision 2/CMP.17, agreed that the procedure enters into force with immediate effect and reported its adoption in the addendum to the 2024 EB report to the CMP, during EB 123.
34. In response to decision 1/CMP.18, the Board, at its 121st meeting, considered information on non-responsive DNAs and requested the secretariat to initiate written communication with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) National Focal Points of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol with regards to non-responsive DNAs, as identified by project participants, to confirm whether the DNA is no longer operational. At EB 122, the Board considered updated information from the secretariat on the matter and requested the secretariat to assess the consequences of not having a DNA for project participants of CDM projects.
35. At EB 123, the Board (i) considered the updated information on the status of non-responsive DNAs and (ii) took note that all identified DNAs that were communicated as operational. The Board requested the secretariat to follow the established approach for addressing the non-responsive DNAs, as required and bring any future updates on the status of non-responsive DNAs to the Board’s attention, when deemed necessary. The Board reported the successful addressing of the non-responsive DNAs in the addendum to the 2024 EB report to the CMP.

1.2. Goal 2: 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

1.2.1. Objective: Engage with regulatory authorities and stakeholders using CERs for both compliance and voluntary purposes

Market and policy analysis

36. Market and policy updates enable the Board's work programme to be informed by broader ongoing developments. During the reporting period, the secretariat continued to gather intelligence on developments in global carbon markets, including analysis of reports and information regarding the evolution and direction of carbon-pricing instruments globally. The secretariat is using this intelligence to provide updates to the Board on developments in the UNFCCC process in relation to the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement. In particular, the secretariat provided an update on carbon market and policy developments at EB 121.
37. As part of this work, the secretariat continued to develop its contacts with policymakers and other relevant experts globally to ensure that the Board is informed of the latest developments.

Interactions with stakeholders

38. On behalf of the Board and its support structures, three calls for public input were sought on issues included in the annotated agenda and related annexes prepared for EB 121, EB 122, and EB 123.¹⁷ Furthermore, six calls for public input were sought on issues related to methodologies in 2024.
39. The Board met virtually with representatives of the Designated Operational Entity/Accredited Independent Entity Coordination Forum at EB 121. It took note of the Forum's input, expressed thanks for the input and encouraged the Forum to continue raising issues related to the Board's guidance; and proposing solutions.
40. The Board interacted with the DNA Forum's Co-Chairs via video conference and took note of the Forum's input at EB 121.
41. The six RCCs organized, co-organized or participated in 98 events on carbon markets and Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, during which they addressed stakeholders' queries about requirements for transitioning CDM project activities and PoAs to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
42. No activities related to the Nairobi Framework Partnership took place during the reporting period.
43. During the reporting period, a total of 436 CDM-related queries from stakeholders were processed. These included five communications addressed to the Board, 279 communications addressed to the secretariat, and 152 queries of an administrative nature (e.g., login troubleshooting, updating the contact database).

¹⁷ See the archive of calls for public input at http://cdm.unfccc.int/public_inputs/index.html.

44. Further, in response to communications from stakeholders, the Board considered, on a case-by-case basis, (a) three requests related to exemption for missing the deadline to notify the post-registration change request (INQ-11722, INQ-11724 and INQ-11725), (b) one request for clarification on how to proceed with verification provided, as it was found that one of their plants (of two small hydroelectric plants) was not additional when the ex-post generation was considered (INQ-11721), and (c) one request for a waiver of issuance fee and extension of crediting periods (INQ-11731).
45. The VC platform has a global reach, attracting visitors from nearly every country worldwide, with completed cancellations recorded in 123 countries. The total number of CERs cancelled through the VC platform since its launch in September 2015 is 13,591,092. The average historical price per tonne purchased on the VC platform is USD 1.62, which is lower in comparison with the historic average at the end of the previous reporting period.¹⁸
46. No significant upgrades or changes to the VC platform's software were conducted for the reporting period. Ongoing maintenance and support for the daily operations were stable.

1.2.2. Other activities

Strategic coordination and oversight

47. Alignment, monitoring and reporting of activities were conducted to ensure the implementation of the CDM-MAP 2024–2025.

Communications

48. The secretariat's main social media accounts and websites are the online assets that are used to promote the CDM. The United Nations Climate Change social media accounts comprise Facebook, with 514,000 followers; X (formerly Twitter), with over a million followers; Instagram, with 937,000 followers; LinkedIn, with 545,000 followers; and YouTube, with 64,900 followers.
49. Media items relevant to the work of the Board were collected and incorporated in the weekly news email compiled by the secretariat's Communications and Engagement Division.

Cross-cutting

(i) Data management

50. Data management processes were executed efficiently, ensuring timely and high-quality results that significantly aid the Mitigation Division's operations. These processes include the production of automated reports, the execution of personalized email campaigns, the preparation and analysis of surveys, the creation of automatic data ingestion tools to facilitate data integration, and the regular review and updating of various data and reporting tools and codes

¹⁸ Detailed information on the VC platform is available on an annual basis on the CDM website at: <https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/report/index.html>.

(ii) Information and knowledge management

51. During the reporting period, a total of 105 documents that included the Board’s regulatory documents and documentation of its supporting meeting bodies, were catalogued, and indexed. This ensures transparency of and access to the regulatory decisions via the public website and the CDM Catalogue of Decisions.¹⁹ Over 3,700 searchable documents are contained in the Catalogue of Decisions, which utilizes over 500 controlled vocabulary terms in the integrated taxonomy.
52. The secretariat continues to leverage SharePoint technology. The Mitigation Division, which supports the CDM work programme, manages over 150 internal SharePoint sites with nearly 500 subsites. These sites house a wide range of libraries and lists that contain records and information relating to work supporting the Board, its working groups, and the CDM activities. To ensure efficient and user-friendly search and retrieval, the platforms are organized using a robust taxonomy featuring CDM-specific keywords.

(iii) Secretariat-wide responsibilities

53. During the reporting period, the Mitigation Division fulfilled its secretariat-wide responsibilities, including contributions to several UNFCCC internal processes and meeting bodies.

(iv) Quality management

54. During the reporting period, the internal committee continued to review CDM regulatory documents to enhance their quality prior to publication and consideration by the Board. The secretariat also continued to engage professional document editors.

Cross-cutting: Internal administration

(i) Human resources, skill development and learning, materials

55. During the reporting period, the secretariat had a skilled and flexible workforce with a specialized focus on delivering results effectively and efficiently against the approved CDM-MAP 2024–2025 activities.
56. As part of workforce planning, priority continues to be placed on (a) optimizing the organizational structure to ensure the effective use of the full range of expertise across the secretariat; (b) adopting a strategy of natural attrition; and (c) ensuring the full use of available staff resources over consultants or temporary hires in consideration of the expertise required.

¹⁹ Searchable catalogue of CDM EB decisions available at:
<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/catalogue/search>.

(ii) Intra-secretariat engagement agreements (information communication technology)

57. During the reporting period, the following CDM information technology (IT) operational activities were supported under the engagement agreement:

(a) CDM systems application, maintenance and support:

- (i) Authoring tool for preparing and cataloguing the documentation of the Board and its panels and working groups – No maintenance support was required;
- (ii) CDM Registry – Continuation of operational maintenance, software maintenance and security support;
- (iii) CDM Information System (CDM-IS) –Activities included defining requirements and testing and handling of deployments. During the reporting period there were 13 content management updates, 126 manual interventions, 34 user administration requests, 29 user help requests, 12 reported problems, 2 change requests and 1 issue on business process activity – in total 215 service responses;
- (iv) Simplified Processing Tool – Activities included application service management for support testing of activities with external users and oversight of development work for improving functionalities. The tool was migrated to SharePoint online and will be deployed into production in 2025;

(b) Meetings and workshops: Technical support was provided to the virtual meetings and workshops supporting CDM-related activities and the work of the EB during the reporting period;

(c) Data centre hosting services: Business-as-usual and recovery services were provided for the CDM-IS content management system, CDM registry and CDM mailing lists;

(d) Licenses: Business-as-usual services were provided in support of desktop and specialized software support.

58. During the reporting period, the CDM activity lifecycle module of the CDM-IS continued to be enhanced in response to the transition of projects to the Paris Agreement.

59. Table 2 below indicates the expenditure for services received under the IT engagement agreement.

Table 2. Information technology services expenditure for the reporting period (January – December 2024)

Services received	Expenditure (USD)
Operational	
Application, maintenance and support to CDM systems	312 263
System infrastructure services (data hosting services)	145 489
Service desk support for workshops/meetings	20 598
Licenses	19 643

Services received	Expenditure (USD)
Total*	497 993

* Includes obligations

60. During the reporting period, 9 internal newsletters and 1 internal survey were prepared and published to inform staff of the progress made in operational activities and projects. The survey was conducted to monitor the uptake of internal news and information sharing among staff.

(iii) Planning, monitoring and reporting

61. The Board receives regular reports relating to the implementation of its CDM-MAP for consideration on a regular basis. These reports provide information on progress made in specific areas. The following reports were delivered and published during the reporting period and are available on the UNFCCC CDM website:²⁰ CDM-MAP Mid-Year Review; Regional Collaboration Centres; Voluntary Cancellation Platform; Key Performance Indicators; Stakeholder Communications; and Synthesis report of the annual activity of the DOEs.

2. Financial update

2.1. Status of income from 1 January to 31 December 2024

62. Table 3 shows the balance brought forward from 2023 and the income received from 1 January to 31 December 2024.

Table 3. Income received in 2024, including carry-over from 2023 (USD)

Carry-over figure from 2023 (A)	34 610 286
Income received in 2024	
Accreditation fees	104 965
Fees from the accreditation process	104 272
Registration fees ^(a)	—
Share of proceeds (SOP) ^(b)	3 455 638
Subtotal – Income: 1 January to 31 December 2024 (B)	3 664 875
Current balance of 2023 carry-over and 2024 income (A + B)	38 275 161

Note: USD 45 million held in reserve (EB 45, 2009) are not included in the above figures.

^(a) This fee is based on the average annual issuance of CERs over the first crediting period and calculated as share of proceeds (SOP) to cover administrative expenses, as defined in decision 7/CMP.1, paragraph 37. Projects with annual average emission reductions of less than 15,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent are exempt from the registration fee, and the maximum fee applicable is USD 350,000. This fee is a prepayment of the SOP to cover administrative expenses.

^(b) The SOP, payable at the time of issuance of CERs, is USD 0.10 per CER issued for the first 15,000 CERs for which issuance is requested in each calendar year, and USD 0.20 per CER issued for amounts in excess of 15,000 CERs.

²⁰ Detailed information: <https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/report/index.html>

63. The total income received as at 31 December 2024 amounted to USD 3.6 million (see Table 3 above). This represents 52.2 per cent of the projected income of USD 7.0 million for 2024,²¹ which is significantly lower than the forecasted income for 2024. The total fees received during the same period last year (January–December 2023) were USD 8.7 million.
64. CERs held in the CDM registry with pending fees at the end of December 2024 amounted to 236.1 million. The secretariat has already performed all related tasks for the corresponding issuance requests. The SOPs for administration due on CERs held in the pending account of the CDM registry amounted to USD 46.5 million at the end of the reporting period. This is a decrease of USD 14.4 million in comparison to August 2018, when the outstanding SOP for administration peaked at USD 60.9 million. This amount was accumulated as per the standard practices applied up to that time for SOP, by which payment was due after issuance but before CER transactions. The change in SOP rules in 2018, which brought the payment forward to the submission of requests for issuance, ended the accumulation of additional SOP due.

2.2. Expenditure from 1 January to 31 December 2024

65. Table 4a shows the expenditure incurred and the utilization rate against the 2024 reporting period (12 months). Table 4b shows the expenditure incurred and the utilization rate against the 2024–2025 budget period (24 months).

Table 4a. Comparison of budget and expenditure from 1 January to 31 December 2024 (USD)

Expenditure classification	Budget 2024 a	Expenditure Jan–Dec 2024 b ^(a)	Difference to 2024 budget (a–b) c	% Rate of expenditure vs. 2024 budget (b/a) d
Staff costs ^(a)	6 786 821	4 456 683	2 330 138	65.7
Consultants ^(b)	165 325	176 706	- 11 381	106.9
Experts ^(c)	128 000	141 513	- 13 513	110.6
Expert travel ^(d)	67 750	98 812	- 31 062	145.8
Travel of representatives ^(e)	420 103	1 404	418 699	0.3
Travel of representatives – Executive Board ^(f)	326 700	189 560	137 140	58.0
Travel of staff ^(g)	115 600	181 354	- 65 754	156.9
Training ^(h)	11 000	4 774	6 226	43.4
Operating expenses ⁽ⁱ⁾	170 330	94 986	75 344	55.8
Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) Operations ⁽ⁱ⁾	140 000	64 487	75 513	46.1

²¹ As per the CDM-MAP 2024–2025 (document CDM-EB119-A06, Table 11):
<https://cdm.unfccc.int/UserManagement/FileStorage/961WKJDFC4E0VOQRMH8AZPYX2U5GL7>.

Expenditure classification	Budget 2024 a	Expenditure Jan–Dec 2024 b^(q)	Difference to 2024 budget (a–b) c	% Rate of expenditure vs. 2024 budget (b/a) d
Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) ^(k)	728 127	574 659	153 468	78.9
Engagement agreement (information technology) ^(l)	733 000	497 993	235 007	67.9
Mobile telecommunication ^(m)	3 750	1 616	2 134	43.1
Supplies and materials ⁽ⁿ⁾	28 350	31 110	- 2 760	109.7
Executive Board grants ^(o)	345 000	249 841	95 159	72.4
Programme support costs (PSC) ^(p)	1 322 081	879 515	442 566	66.5
Total	11 491 937	7 645 015	3 846 922	66.5

Table 4b. Comparison of the budget 2024–2025 with expenditure from 1 January to 31 December 2024 (USD)

Expenditure classification	Budget 2024 a	Budget 2025 b	Total 2024–2025 (a+b) c	Expenditure Jan–Dec 2024 d ^(q)	Difference to 2024–2025 budget (c–d) e	% Rate of expenditure against 2024- 2025 budget (d/c) f
Staff costs ^(a)	6 786 821	5 032 143	11 818 964	4 456 683	7 362 281	37.7
Consultants ^(b)	165 325	36 200	201 525	176 706	24 819	87.7
Experts ^(c)	128 000	91 000	219 000	141 513	77 487	64.6
Expert travel ^(d)	67 750	55 200	122 950	98 812	24 138	80.4
Travel of representatives ^(e)	420 103	420 103	840 206	1 404	838 801	0.2
Travel of representatives – Executive Board ^(f)	326 700	326 700	653 400	189 560	463 840	29.0
Travel of staff ^(g)	115 600	115 600	231 200	181 354	49 845	78.4
Training ^(h)	11 000	11 000	22 000	4 774	17 226	21.7
Operating expenses ⁽ⁱ⁾	170 330	168 755	339 085	94 986	244 099	28.0
Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) Operations ^(j)	140 000	100 000	240 000	64 487	175 513	26.9
Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) ^(k)	728 127	541 862	1 269 989	574 659	695 330	45.2
Engagement agreement (information technology) ^(l)	733 000	733 000	1 466 000	497 993	968 007	34.0
Mobile telecommunication ^(m)	3 750	3 750	7 500	1 616	5 884	21.5
Supplies and materials ⁽ⁿ⁾	28 350	28 350	56 700	31 110	25 590	54.9
Executive Board grants ^(o)	345 000	345 000	690 000	249 841	440 159	36.2
Programme support costs (PSC) ^(p)	1 322 081	1 041 126	2 363 207	879 515	1 483 692	37.2
Total	11 491 937	9 049 789	20 541 726	7 645 015	12 896 711	37.2

- (a) Staff costs include staff salaries, general temporary assistance costs, fellow- and staff-related costs such as dependency allowance, education grants, rental subsidies, home-leave travel, travel on appointment, separation, and overtime payments.
 - (b) Consultant costs include consultant and individual contractor fees and associated travel costs.
 - (c) Expert fees refer to panel and working group attendance fees and case fees.
 - (d) Expert travel refers to ticket costs and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) of panel and working group members.
 - (e) Travel of representatives includes ticket costs and DSA for participants in the CDM meetings and workshops, including the DNA Forum.
 - (f) Travel of representatives (Board) includes ticket costs, DSA and 40 per cent additional DSA for members/alternate members attending meetings of the Board and Board events at sessions of the UNFCCC.
 - (g) Travel of staff includes ticket costs, DSA, terminal expenses and miscellaneous expenses.
 - (h) Training includes attendance and/or course fees, ticket costs and DSA.
 - (i) Operating expenses include rental of equipment, shipping and transport costs, maintenance costs and other logistical costs.
 - (j) Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) operations costs include costs related to administering the RCCs, RCC staff missions (including travel and mission subsistence allowance costs), and the RCC Global Forum.
 - (k) Total cost of ownership (TCO) – Service programmes in the secretariat (Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Administrative Services) render services to all secretariat activities funded from both core and non-core sources of funding. The purpose of TCO charges is to ensure the allocation of costs of these support services to the sources of funding to which they relate. In 2024, the TCO charge per capita of EUR 17,000 is applied.
 - (l) Engagement agreement includes information technology (IT) costs related to the support for management plan projects and the maintenance of the operational IT infrastructure required to operate the CDM project activity cycle workflows (e.g., registry, project submission workflows).
 - (m) Mobile telecommunications costs are official mobile telephone charges and do not include the charges incurred on the regular office telephones (those are covered through TCO).
 - (n) Supplies and material costs include the acquisition of hardware, supplies, software and subscriptions.
 - (o) Grants (Executive Board) include support to individual members/alternate members of the Board for:
 - (i) secretarial/administrative support (e.g., temporary secretarial staff and related services, printing, stationery and consumable materials, telephone and internet costs, insurance to cover the loss or theft of laptops); and
 - (ii) IT-related expenses (e.g., laptop and software, printers).
 - (p) Programme support costs (PSC) – In accordance with the financial procedures of the United Nations, 13 per cent of overhead charges are payable on all UNFCCC trust funds to cover administrative services provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva and the UNFCCC secretariat.
 - (q) Expenditure includes obligations.
66. Column (d) in table 4a shows the rate of expenditure as a percentage against the 2024 budget for each cost category. The total rate of expenditure (66.5 per cent) is below the linear rate of expenditure (100 per cent) for the reporting period.
67. Column (f) in table 4b shows the rate of expenditure as a percentage against the 2024–2025 biennium budget for each cost category. The total rate of expenditure (37.2 per cent) is lower than the linear projected rate of expenditure (50.0 per cent) for the reporting period.

68. Staff costs amount to 65.7 per cent of the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is lower than the projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent) for the reporting period. The lower expenditure rate was ensured by the prudent management of resources, the allocations against other areas of work and natural attrition.
69. Consultant costs amount to 106.9 per cent of the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is higher than the projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). The higher expenditure rate is due to obligations for which the services are to be received in the first quarter of 2025.
70. Expert fees amount to 110.6 per cent of the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is which is a higher than the projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). The higher expenditure rate is due to higher number of cases assessed by panels and working groups than initially estimated.
71. Expert travel amounts to 145.8 per cent of the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is significantly higher than the projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). The higher rate of expenditure was because of an in-person meeting that was initially planned to be virtual.
72. Travel of representatives amounts to 0.3 per cent of the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is significantly lower than the linearly projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). This is because no meetings were organized in the reporting period.
73. Travel of Board members amounts to 58.0 per cent of the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is lower than the projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). This is because of increased virtual participation in meetings.
74. Travel of staff amounts to 156.9 per cent of the 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is significantly higher than the projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). This is because it includes the entity-assessments related travel costs, which are refunded through the accreditation process fees.
75. Training costs amount to 43.4 per cent against the projected 2024 budget, which is significantly lower than the linearly projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). The lower expenditure rate was ensured by the prudent management of resources.
76. Operating expenses amount to 55.8 per cent of the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is lower than the linearly projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). This reflects savings in logistical costs associated with the meetings delivered during the reporting period.
77. RCC operations costs amount to 46.1 per cent against the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is significantly lower than the projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). The lower expenditure rate was ensured by the prudent management of resources.
78. TCO costs amount to 78.9 per cent of the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is lower than the linearly projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). The lower expenditure is in line with a lower rate of expenditure for staff.
79. Engagement agreement costs (Information and Technology) amount to 67.9 per cent of the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is lower the projected rate

of expenditure (100 per cent). The lower expenditure rate was ensured by the prudent management of resources.

80. Mobile telecommunications costs amount to 43.1 per cent of the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is lower than the projected rate of expenditure (50 per cent). This reflects savings in the mobile communications as a result of the lower than planned number of meetings and events held outside of Bonn.
81. Supplies and materials costs amount to 109.7 per cent of the projected 2024 budget for this object of expenditure, which is higher than the projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). The higher expenditure rate is due to renewal of subscriptions which extend into 2025.
82. The expenditure for Executive Board grants amounts to 72.4 per cent of the projected 2025 budget for this object of expenditure, which is lower than the projected rate of expenditure (100 per cent). This is because of the difference between the forecasted support to members/alternate members of the Board and actual support requested.

2.3. Summary of financial position (income and expenditure status, as at 31 December 2024)

83. Table 5 below shows the balance of the CDM Trust Fund as at 31 December 2024.

Table 5. Income and expenditure status, as at 31 December 2024 (USD)

Carry-over figure from 2023 (A)	34 610 286
Status of funds for the period Jan–Dec 2024	
Income: 1 Jan–30 Dec 2024 (B)	3 664 875
Current balance of 2023 carry-over and 2024 income (A+B)	38 275 161
Expenditure: 1 Jan–30 Dec 2024 (C)	7 645 015
Balance available as at 31 December 2024 (A+B-C)	30 630 146

Note: USD 45 million held in reserve (EB 45, 2009) are not included in the above figures.

84. Table 6 below shows the income and expenditure trend for the period January to December for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Table 6. Income and expenditure trend, as at 31 December 2024 (USD)

	As at 31 December 2022	As at 31 December 2023	As at 31 December 2024
Income	27 068 953	8 914 697	3 664 875
Expenditure	12 941 405	11 435 436	7 645 015
Income minus expenditure	14 127 548	-2 520 739	-3 980 140
Income as a rate of projected income of USD 9 /USD 7 million ²²	300.8%	99.1%	52.3%
Expenditure as a rate of the annual budget	92.4%	81.6%	66.5%

²² As per the CDM-MAP 2024–2025 (document CDM-EB119-A06, Table 11):
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Appendix. Reporting data (January–December 2024)

Table 1. Volume of operational activities and projects completed in comparison with annual forecasted volumes (January–December 2024)

Objective 1 (a) – Operate efficient project and entity assessment processes

Management Plan (MAP) activity	Units	Forecasted volume (Jan–Dec 2024)	Actual volume (Jan–Dec 2024)
Changes to modalities of communication and transactions	Transactions	8 800	6941
Registry reports	Reports	400	324
Opening and maintenance of the United Nations online platform for voluntary cancellation of CERs (VC platform) seller accounts	Accounts	80	117 ^(a)
Requests for project activity issuance	Requests	300	53
Requests for programme of activity (PoA) issuance covering component project activities (CPAs)	Requests	50	11 ^(b)
Requests for project activity post-registration change (PRC)	Requests	10	2
Requests for PoA PRC	Requests	30	11
Requests for direct communication, renewal of crediting period, and review	Requests	25	1
Performance assessments (validation and verification)	Assessments	5	6
Regular surveillance and spot checks	Assessments	10	12
Requests for initial and re-accreditation	Requests	4	10
Calibration of assessments	Workshop	1	1
Designated operational entities calibration workshop	Workshop	1	1

^(a) Total number of accounts is 117 by the end of December 2024 (Two new accounts opened during the reporting period).

^(b) Included the processing of 42 CPA.

Objective 1 (b) – Operate an effective regulatory framework

CDM-MAP 2024–2025 activity	Units	Forecasted volume (Jan–Dec 2024)	Actual volume (Jan–Dec 2024)
Support to the Accreditation Panel, including preparation of meetings	Meetings	3	3
Support to the Methodologies Panel including preparation of meetings	Meetings	3	3
Support to the Executive Board, including preparation of meetings	Meetings	4	3
Additional benefits for members/alternates of the regulatory body	Meetings	4	3
Entity administration	Entities	30	32.5
Entity assessment planning	Assessment	20	23
Entity performance monitoring system	System	1	1
Handling of complaints and requests for review	Report	1	0
Processing of standardized baselines	Evaluation of submissions	7	0
Processing of requests for clarification, deviation and revision, and new submissions	Requests	20	21
Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) support to bottom-up standardized baselines	Requests	7	2
Methodological requests from the Executive Board	Requests	20	29
Support to stakeholders/capacity-building (designated operational entities)	Interactions	11	1
RCCs on-site support to projects	Supported projects	60	100
Registration and issuance system support	Tasks	1 500	154

Objective 1 (c) – Engage with regulatory authorities and stakeholders using CERs for both compliance and voluntary purpose; and other activities

CDM-MAP 2024–2025 activity	Units	Forecasted volume (Jan–Dec 2024)	Actual volume (Jan–Dec 2024)
Public policy analysis, development and reports	Reports	1	1
Calls for input and feedback to stakeholders	Transactions and reports	20	9
Regional designated national authority forums	Events	4	1
Nairobi Framework Partnership coordination and regional activities with a specific focus on Africa, least developed countries and small island developing States	Coordination	4	0
External queries (Stakeholder communications)	Transactions	500	436
Information and knowledge-management (including websites, extranets, repositories, catalogue of decisions taxonomy, records management, capacity-building, software licenses, etc.)	KM systems developed, supported, and maintained	42	42

Table 2. Documents under consideration by the Board for the reporting period

Meeting body	No. of meetings	Product	Total documents
Executive Board of the clean development mechanism	3	Annotations, annexes (e.g. information notes, concept notes, CDM regulatory documentation, etc.), regular reports (e.g. financial reports, regional collaboration centres, voluntary cancellation platform, key performance indicators, Nairobi framework partnership, stakeholder communications, synthesis report of the annual activity reports by DOEs)	24
CDM Accreditation Panel	3	Meeting reports	6
Methodologies Panel	3	Meeting report and annexes (e.g. standards, tools, methodologies)	20
TOTAL			50

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