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1. Introduction

1. The Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM), through its workplan 2025,¹ requested yearly reports on progress made in specific areas.
2. The six Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) provide support for the development and implementation of CDM project activities and programmes of activities (PoAs) and the development of standardized baselines in the respective regions:
 - (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 Middle East and North Africa (MENA) (Dubai, United Arab Emirates);⁶
 - (f) RCC West and Central Africa (Lomé, Togo).⁷
3. This report includes information on the capacity-building activities organized by the RCCs and the collaborations undertaken with other organizations in the period from 1 January to 31 December 2025. Cumulative figures covering the beginning of RCC operations in 2013 all the way through to 31 December 2025 are 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

2. Regional support

2.1. Support for project activities and programmes of activities

4. From 1 January to 31 December 2025, the RCCs provided direct technical support to project developers of 27 CDM project activities and PoAs (3 from East and Southern Africa and 24 from Latin America,) with issues related to the requirements for transition of CDM project activities and PoAs to the Article 6.4 mechanism. In addition, RCCs responded to 33 queries from other stakeholders (3 from Asia and the Pacific, 2 from the Caribbean, 5 from East and Southern Africa, 9 from Latin America, 3 from MENA and 11 from West and Central Africa), which were primarily related to CDM transitioning and other generic methodological matters.
5. From the beginning of their operations until 31 December 2025, the RCCs provided direct support to 1,805 CDM project activities and PoAs, contributing to 259 CDM project

¹ The CDM Executive Board workplan 2025 is available at:

<https://cdm.unfccc.int/UserManagement/FileStorage/UK2NB6W85Q73HEYZCAPD941X0IORJV>.

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

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

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

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/>.

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

6. In 2025, RCCs supported one country (Dominican Republic) by clarifying procedural matters related to the update of the grid emission factor of the electricity system of the Dominican Republic and its approval as a standardized baseline under the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism.
7. From the beginning of the RCCs' operations in 2013 until 31 December 2025, the RCCs directly supported the development of 366 standardized baselines, of which 58 were approved by the Executive 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 2024–2025.⁹ To this end, the RCCs organized, co-organized or participated in 93 events on carbon markets, during which they addressed stakeholders' queries about CDM methodological and procedural matters, including the requirements for transitioning CDM project activities and PoAs to the Article 6.4 mechanism. Below is a **selection of key events** organized or co-organized by the RCCs:

- (a) RCC East and Southern Africa and RCC West and Central Africa:
 - (i) Inception workshop on Ethiopia National Carbon Market, 3 January 2025 – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 - (ii) Webinar on Article 6 Outcomes from Baku and What's Next, 6 February 2025 – Online
 - (iii) Co-organization of the Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on Operationalizing a Pilot Carbon Tax in Nigeria's Telecommunications Sector, 10–12 February 2025 – Abuja Nigeria
 - (iv) Eastern Africa Regional carbon market dialogue on Public-private engagement on the role of Article 6 and the Voluntary Carbon Market, 16–19 March 2025 – Nairobi, Kenya
 - (v) Regional Dialogues on Carbon Pricing and Article 6 Training, 21–26 April, 2025 – Nairobi, Kenya
 - (vi) Workshop on Unlocking Kenya's Carbon Market Potential, 18–21 May 2025 – Nairobi, Kenya
 - (vii) Workshop on West Africa Carbon Market Hub 2nd Edition, 27–31 May 2025 – Mbour, Senegal
 - (viii) Second regional multistakeholder workshop on The Establishment of a Standardized Regional Carbon Credit Platform in West Africa, 15–19 September – Accra, Ghana

⁹ CDM-EB119-A06-INFO, section 3.2. available at https://cdm.unfccc.int/sunsetcms/storage/contents/stored-file-20230929104556766/Info_note105.pdf.

- (ix) Capacity-building workshop on Article 6 and Carbon Market Implementation Readiness in Togo, 27 November 2025 – Lomé, Togo
- (b) RCC Asia and the Pacific:
 - (i) Capacity-building workshop and [Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action] CIACA – validation workshop, 12–15 January 2025 – Luang Prabang, Lao People’s Democratic Republic
 - (ii) Regional dialogue on Carbon Pricing for East Asia, 24–28 February 2025 – Siem Reap, Cambodia
 - (iii) Workshop on Exploring Carbon Market Opportunities in Johor and [Association of Southeast Asian Nations] ASEAN, 24–26 September 2025 – Johor Malaysia
 - (iv) Regional workshop on Scaling Carbon Markets in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program: Lessons, Opportunities, and Regional Cooperation, 8–10 October – Almaty, Kazakhstan
 - (v) Workshop on The ASEAN Inclusive Programme on Ambitious Climate Action through International Market-Based Approaches, 13–17 October 2025 – Bangkok, Thailand
- (c) RCC Latin America and RCC Caribbean:
 - (i) Dominican Republic Emissions Trading System Pilot Validation Workshop, 24-27 February 2025 – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
 - (ii) Webinar series on Building Capacity for Effective Implementation of Article 6.8 Non-Market Approaches (NMAs), 5 March 2025 for the Bahamas, 26 May 2025 for Haiti, and 27 May for Suriname – Online
 - (iii) Event on Carbon Markets, Blue Carbon and Blue Bonds in the Caribbean, 1 April 2025 – St Georges, Grenada
 - (iv) Session on COP29 Outcomes Related to Article 6 and Their Impact on the [Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Uses] AFOLU Sector in Latin America, 15 April 2025 – Online
 - (v) Regional Dialogue on Carbon Pricing (REDiCAP) for Latin America (held during Climate Week), 22 May 2025 – Panama City, Panama
 - (vi) Webinar on CDM Transition for A6.4 Designated National Authorities, El Salvador (also held for other countries at other dates), 5 June 2026 – Online
 - (vii) Technical working session for Panama DNA on CDM Transition: Elaboration of the Host Party Participation Requirement (HPPR) Form, 18 June 2025 – Online
 - (viii) Webinar on Capacity Building for Effective Implementation of Article 6.8 Non-Market Approaches (NMAs) for Latin America and the Caribbean, 12 August 2025 – Online
 - (ix) First National Forum on Climate Finance Management and Access for the Implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, 27–30 July 2025 – Santa Cruz, Bolivia

- (x) Regional workshop on Strengthening Transparency for Article 6 Reporting and Accounting, 2 October 2025 – Online
 - (xi) Event on Strategic Pathways for Small Island States in International Carbon Markets: Exploring Opportunities and Trade-offs, 20–24 October 2025 – Castries, Saint Lucia
 - (xii) Webinar on Making Carbon Pricing Work for Central America and Caribbean [Small Islands Developing States] SIDS, 1-3 December 2025 – Online
- (d) MENA and South Asia:
- (i) Oman Climate Week RCC MENA and South Asia intervention on "Operationalizing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement in the MENA Region", 22–25 February 2025 – Muscat, Oman
 - (ii) Regional dialogue on Article 6 and Carbon Pricing, 26–30 May 2025 – Istanbul, Türkiye
 - (iii) Event on Unlocking Article 6: Accelerating Carbon Market Readiness in the MENA Region, 6–8 October 2025 – Doha, Qatar
 - (iv) MENA webinar series on Article 6 Reporting and Linkages with the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), 25–26 November 2025 – Online
9. During the reporting period, the RCCs published 49 global and regional newsletters on their individual websites: 12 for the Africa region; 10 for the Asia and the Pacific region; 16 for the Latin America and the Caribbean region; 4 for the MENA and South Asia region; and 7 global newsletters and campaigns. These newsletters provide technical advice, inform readers about relevant events, facilitate cooperation, and promote opportunities for project funding. They have received positive feedback from CDM stakeholders.
10. The annual RCC Global Forum for 2025 will take place in the first quarter of 2026 to take stock of 2025 achievements in all regions in the context of the new 2026 RCC workplan. The Forum will comprise the RCC hosting partners, development organizations, key partners and collaborators, and UN Climate Change secretariat senior management.

2.4. Inter-agency partnerships

11. The RCCs forged and maintained collaborations with a wide variety of entities to implement their workplan, including delivering the events listed in paragraph 8 above. These include but are not limited to:
- (a) Multilateral and development banks:
 - (i) African Development Bank;
 - (ii) Asian Development Bank;
 - (iii) CAF—Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (iv) Development Bank of Central Africa States;
 - (v) East African Development Bank;
 - (vi) Inter-American Development Bank;
 - (vii) West African Development Bank;
 - (viii) World Bank;

- (b) United Nations agencies and organizations:
 - (i) United Nations Development Programme;
 - (ii) United Nations Environment Programme;
 - (iii) United Nations Industrial Development Organization;
 - (iv) International Labor Organization;
 - (v) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;
 - (vi) United Nations Economic Commission for Africa;
 - (vii) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (Eastern Europe and Central Asia);
 - (viii) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;
 - (ix) United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (x) UN Women;
 - (xi) World Meteorological Organization;
- (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.

12. In this reporting period, a total of 32 RCC technical experts and administrative support staff worked under the supervision of four regional leads. Technical experts and administrative support staff were mobilized through various sources, including the RCC host partners, internships, and the United Nations Volunteers programmes. The staffing situation at each RCC is as follows:

- (i) RCC East and Southern Africa: 6;
- (ii) RCC West and Central Africa: 6;
- (iii) RCC Asia and the Pacific: 8;
- (iv) RCC Latin America: 5;
- (v) RCC Caribbean: 6;
- (vi) RCC MENA and South Asia: 5.

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