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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 2025 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 218 stakeholder communications were processed. Of these, four were letters to the Board and 162 were queries to the secretariat and 52 queries of an administrative nature.

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.

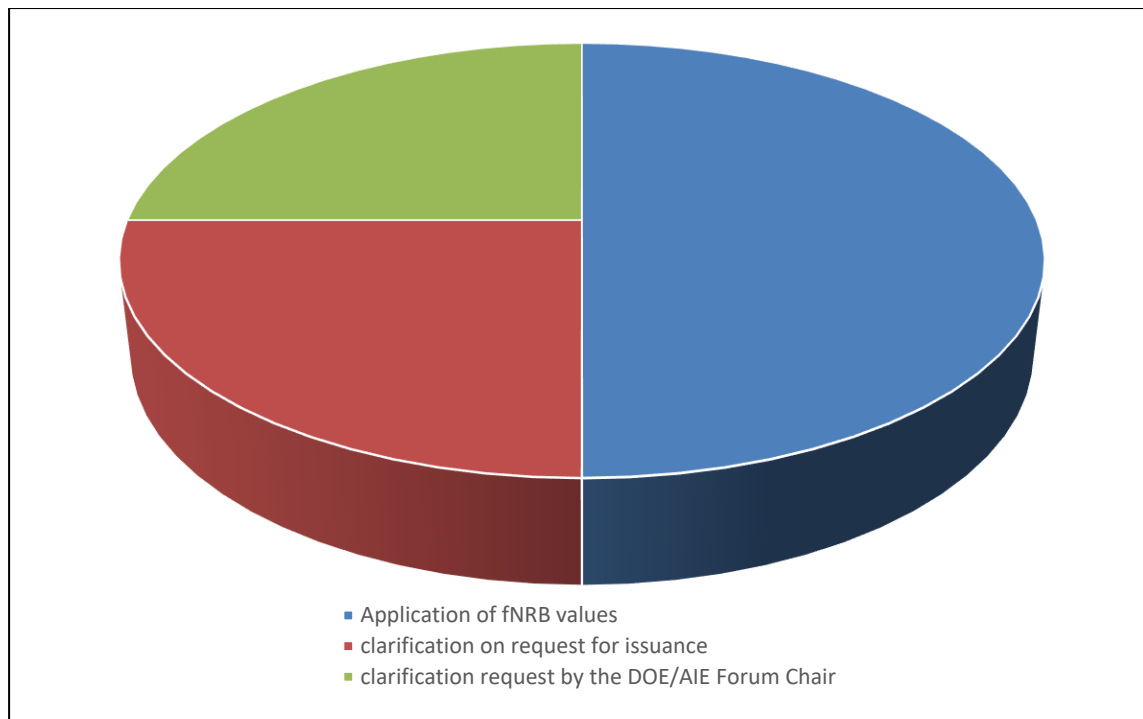
2.3. Main topics

2.3.1. Letters to the Board

7. Letters to the Board were primarily related to the application of new Fraction of Non-Renewable Biomass (fRNB) values adopted by CDM EB, clarifications on requests for issuance from specific projects and the DOE/AIE Forum Chair requests regarding the DOE Calibration Workshop
8. Figure 2 below shows the most frequent topics of enquiry.

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

Figure 1. Letters to the Board by topic (n=4)



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

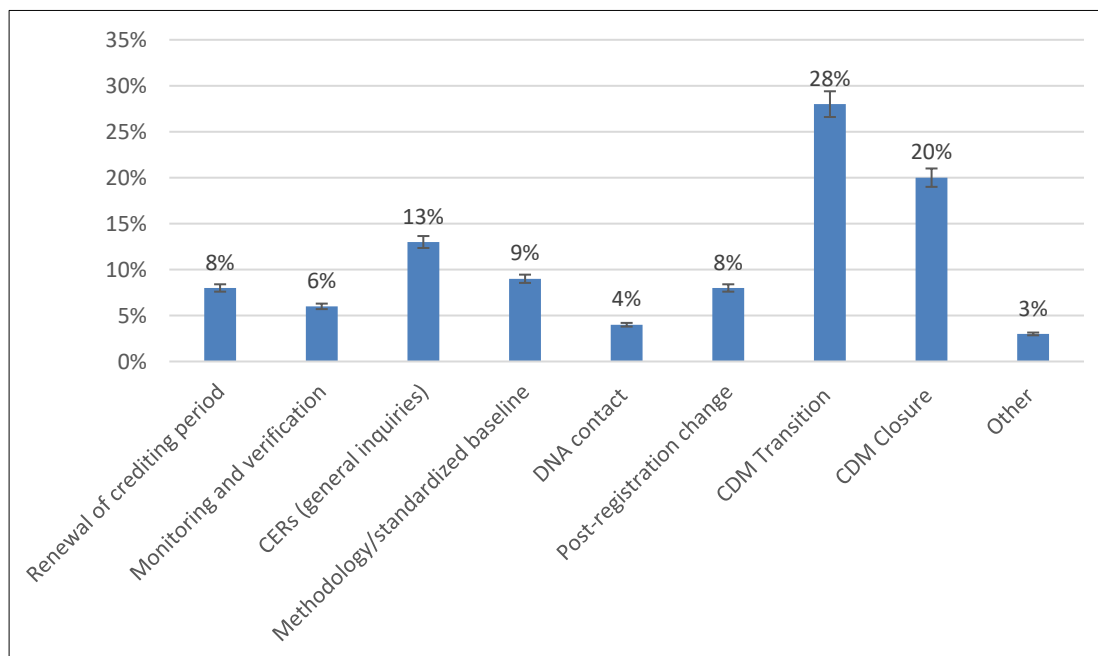
Reporting year: 1 January to 31 December 2025		
Most common topics	Issues raised	Resolution/outcome
Post registration change	Clarification was sought on whether the timeframe rules for approving a capacity-increase design change also apply to credit issuance under the registered PDD, and, if so, whether paragraph 258 of the CDM PCP-PA could be used to resubmit the issuance request with revised verification and monitoring documents covering the period up to the commissioning or implementation of the changes.	Clarified that projects may resubmit the request for issuance for emission reductions up to the date of commissioning of the new units, provided that the revised verification confirms conformity with the registered PDD in accordance with paragraph 258 of the CDM project cycle procedure for project activities

Reporting year: 1 January to 31 December 2025		
DOE/AE under Article 6.4 mechanism	CDM DOE/AE Forum Chair requested the Board to facilitate the participation of CDM DOEs and AEs in the calibration workshop organized under the auspices of the Supervisory Body as well as coordination with the Supervisory Body	The Board responded that DOEs and AEs under the CDM and Article 6.4 mechanism were invited to the Calibration Workshop, and that, following a request from the Accreditation Expert Panel, the invitation was also extended to validation and verification bodies from other independent standards.

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; (viii) CDM Transition; and (ix) CDM closure
11. Figure 3. shows the most frequent topics of enquiry.

Figure 2. 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 2025		
<i>Most common topics</i>	<i>Issues raised</i>	<i>Resolution/outcome</i>
CDM closure	Enquiries pertaining to the CDM closure following CMP20	Refer to different provisions stipulated in CMP20
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 improvement of CDM operations [OOB]. Additionally, an annual KPI report published on the UNFCCC CDM website presents these specific key performance on [OOB] :
- (a) Proportion of communications to the Board processed within the specified timelines;
 - (b) Proportion of communications to the secretariat processed within the specified timelines;
 - (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.

4. Conclusion

15. Many of the stakeholder concerns raised in 2025 were related to the CDM closure, and transition of CDM projects and PoAs to the Article 6.4 mechanism. These concerns were addressed through clarifications to the existing rules and requirements and the establishment of approaches to enhance CDM operations.

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