

**CDM-EB72**

## Meeting report

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## Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

### Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. Mr. Peer Stiansen, Chair of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) (hereinafter referred to as the Board), opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met.
2. Table 1 below represents the attendance of members and alternate members at the meeting. The names of members and alternate members present at the meeting are in bold print. Where only the name of an alternate member is in bold print, the alternate participated as a member.

**Table 1 . Attendance**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Alternates</b>
<b>Mr. Martin Cames<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Christopher Faris<sup>(a)</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Maosheng Duan<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Qazi Ahmad<sup>(a)</sup></b>
<b>Ms. Diana Harutyunyan<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Ms. Natalie Kushko<sup>(a)</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Antonio Huerta-Goldman<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Eduardo Calvo<sup>(b)</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Victor Kabengele<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Kadio Ahossane<sup>(b)</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Shafqat Kakahel<sup>(b, 1)</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Hussein Badarin<sup>(b, 2)</sup></b>
<b>Mr. José Miguez<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Washington Zhakata<sup>(a)</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Lambert Schneider<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Kazunari Kainou<sup>(b)</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Hugh Sealy<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Amjad Abdulla<sup>(a)</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Peer Stiansen<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Olivier Kassi<sup>(a)</sup></b>

(a) Term: Two years (term of service ends immediately before the first meeting in 2014)

(b) Term: Two years (term of service ends immediately before the first meeting in 2015)

(1) As the nomination for this seat by the Asia-Pacific Group constituency was not received at CMP8, Mr. Shafqat Kakahel will remain in office until the successor is nominated.

(2) As the nomination for this seat by the Asia-Pacific Group constituency was not received at CMP8, Mr. Hussein Badarin will remain in office until the successor is nominated.

### Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The Board adopted the agenda of the meeting.

## **Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters**

### **Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues**

4. The Board considered information provided by members and alternate members with respect to any potential conflict of interest. The statements on conflict of interest from members and alternate members can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website at <http://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/index.html>.

### **Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction**

5. Following the request by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), at its eighth session, the Board considered the report on UNFCCC secretariat experience in implementing the CDM and a summary of stakeholders' inputs from the public call on possible changes to the modalities and procedures of the CDM. The compilation document, including inputs from Board members, the secretariat and stakeholders, that was used as the basis for the Board's discussions on this matter is contained in [annex 1](#) to this report.
6. bis The Board agreed to forward the recommendations, as contained in [annex 2](#) to this report, on possible changes to the CDM modalities and procedures to the thirty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI). The secretariat informed the Board that it will prepare the official document for the SBI on this basis in accordance with the United Nations official documentation process, including its editorial review, and liaise with the Chair as necessary.

### **Agenda item 2.3. Performance management**

7. The Board took note of the information note on the first update report on the status of implementation of the Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) initiative. The Board took note of the progress in implementing the following five RCCs in:
  - (a) Lome, Togo, with Central Bank of West African States;
  - (b) Kampala, Uganda, with East African Development Bank;
  - (c) Manila, the Philippines, with the Asian Development Bank;
  - (d) Bogota, Colombia, with Development Bank of Latin America;
  - (e) St. George's, Grenada, with Windward Islands Research & Education Foundation.

The Board expressed its appreciation for the update and requested the secretariat to continue reporting on the status of implementation and operation of the RCCs. In particular, the Board requested that future updates contain further details regarding the specific deliverables, key performance indicators and budgets for the workplans.

8. The Board took note of the results of the performance monitoring of designated operational entities (DOEs) through its quarterly reports. The results of the monitoring for the period from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 show that four DOEs (GLC, JCI, RINA, TÜV SÜD) fall in the yellow zone for registration and one DOE (JQA) falls in the yellow zone for issuance corresponding to indicator I<sub>2</sub>. The DOEs have been requested to conduct a root-cause analysis and identify and implement appropriate corrective actions.

The public reports on the DOE performance monitoring are available at: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Notes/index.html#accr>.

9. The Board established an internal committee on finance and nominated Mr. Christopher Faris (co-chair), Mr. Antonio Huerta-Goldman (co-chair), Mr. Olivier Kassi, and Mr. José Miguez to serve on this committee. The committee is to work closely with the secretariat during the year to further enhance the transparency of the financial and resource information contained in the 2014 CDM-MAP.

#### **Agenda item 2.4. Matters related to the Board and its support structure**

10. The Board approved the workplan of the Board for 2013, as contained in [annex 3](#) to this report. The document, which is in line with the approved 2013 CDM-MAP, provides information on the work planned for each meeting of the Board in 2013. The Board requested the secretariat to include in future versions of the workplan any new mandates arising from meetings and to provide an update on the status of work at each meeting.
11. The Board adopted the workplan of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP), the Methodologies Panel (Meth Panel), the Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG), the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG) and the Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Working Group (CCS WG) for 2013, as contained in [annex 4](#) to this report.
12. The Board requested the secretariat, in consultation with the relevant Chair of the panel or working group, to liaise with the Chair of the Board to:
  - (a) Make best use of electronic means to facilitate interaction between panel and working group members outside of the context of physical meetings, including through electronic decisions and scheduling electronic meetings on an as needed basis;
  - (b) Amend the duration of panel and working group meetings, where appropriate, to match the requirements of the meeting agenda.

The Board also agreed to compensate panel and working group members for their work undertaken through such electronic measures as outline above.

13. The Board took note of the 2013 workplan and the 2012 report on the activities of the Nairobi Framework Partners (NFP) to improve the regional distribution of the CDM. The Board welcomed the cooperation among the NFP and thanked them for their efforts.
14. The Board took note of the status of submissions of requests for registration and issuance in 2013 and the processing of these requests by the secretariat following the guidance provided by the Board. The Board also noted that the processing of submissions of requests for registration and issuance resumed on first-come-first-serve basis as of March 2013.

## **Agenda item 2.5. Reports from panels**

### ***(a). CDM accreditation panel***

15. The Board took note of the report of the 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the CDM-AP. The report summarized information relating to the work of the panel, including the status of applications and developments with respect to accreditation assessments and other accreditation-related issues. The CDM-AP meeting considered 74 accreditation cases, of which 35 were submitted for consideration by the Board in accordance with the CDM accreditation procedure.

## **Agenda item 3. Rulings (case specific)**

### **Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation**

16. The Board considered the recommendation of the CDM-AP and agreed to request E-0022 "TÜV NORD CERT GmbH" (TÜV NORD) to address the non-conformity identified during the spot-check assessment, within regular procedural timelines and processes, in accordance with paragraph 134(b) of the CDM accreditation procedure.
17. The Board considered the notification and the recommendation of the CDM-AP and agreed to accredit and provisionally designate for three years the entity E-0060 "Korean Register of Shipping" (KR) for validation, verification and certification functions in sectoral scopes 1, 7 and 13.
18. The Board considered the recommendation of the CDM-AP and agreed to extend by six months the accreditation of the following entities:
  - (a) E-0002 "JACO CDM., LTD" (JACO);
  - (b) E-0009 "Bureau Veritas Quality Holdings SAS" (BVCH);
  - (c) E-0020 "Conestoga Rovers & Associates Limited" (CRA);
  - (d) E-0022 "TÜV NORD CERT GmbH" (TÜV NORD);
  - (e) E-0023 "Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd." (LRQA);
  - (f) E-0031 "Perry Johnson Registrars Carbon Emissions Services" ( PJRCES).
19. The Board took note of the notification by the CDM-AP of the positive outcome on the regular surveillance and desk review of the CDM-E-0009 "Bureau Veritas Quality Holdings SAS" (BVCH) central office located in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.
20. The Board took note of the notifications by the CDM-AP on the positive outcome of the regular on-site surveillances of the following entities:
  - (a) CDM-E-0032 "LGAI Technological Center, S.A." (Applus) central office, Barcelona, Spain;
  - (b) CDM-E-0038 "SIRIM QAS INTERNATIONAL SDN.BHD" (SIRIM) non-central site located at Bangalore, India;
  - (c) CDM-E-0046 "China Quality Certification Center" (CCSC) central office, Beijing, China;

- (d) CDM-E-0047 "CEPREI certification body" (CEPREI) central office, Guangzhou, China;
  - (e) CDM-E-0050 "Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency" (HKQAA) central office, Hong Kong;
  - (f) CDM-E-0052 "Carbon Check (Pty) Ltd" (Carbon Check) central office, Johannesburg, South Africa.
21. The Board took note of the notifications by the CDM-AP on the positive outcome of performance assessments of the following entities:
- (a) CDM-E-0001 "Japan Quality Assurance Organisation"(JQA);
  - (b) CDM-E-0003 "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV);
  - (c) CDM-E-0009 "Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS" (BVCH);
  - (d) CDM -E-0010 "SGS United Kingdom Limited" (SGS);
  - (e) CDM-E-0013 "TÜV Rheinland (China) Ltd." (TÜV Rheinland);
  - (f) CDM-E-0016 "ERM Certification and Verification Services Limited" (ERM CVS);
  - (g) CDM-E-0021 "Spanish Association for Standardisation and Certification" (AENOR);
  - (h) CDM-E-0022 "TÜV NORD CERT GmbH" (TÜV NORD);
  - (i) CDM-E-0023 "Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd." (LRQA);
  - (j) CDM-E-0024 "Colombian Institute for Technical Standards and Certification" (ICONTEC);
  - (k) CDM-E-0039 "Korean Standards Association" (KSA);
  - (l) CDM-E-0040 "Korea Environment Corporation" (KECO);
  - (m) CDM-E-0041 "Japan Management Association" (JMA);
  - (n) CDM-E-0047 "CEPREI certification body" (CEPREI);
  - (o) CDM-E-0054 "Re-consult Ltd." (Re-consult).
22. The Board agreed to conduct a spot-check of the entity E-0003 "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV), in accordance with paragraph 117 of the CDM accreditation procedure. The Board agreed on the scope of the spot-check and requested the CDM-AP to complete the process in an expedited manner and submit its recommendation for consideration by the Board.

### **Agenda item 3.2. Programmes of activities**

23. The Board noted that 129 CDM programmes of activities (PoAs) have been registered by 8 March 2013. The status of requests for registration of PoAs can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/>>.

**Agenda item 3.3. Registration**

24. The Board noted that 6,627 CDM project activities have been registered as of 8 March 2013. The status of requests for registration of project activities can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/>>.
25. In accordance with the applicable regulation, the Board considered 10 requests for registration for which assessments of the secretariat and the Registration and Issuance Team (RIT) contained different proposed decisions or the same proposed decision which received an objection from a member of the Board.
26. The Board agreed to register the following proposed project activities:
- (a) "Dak Me 1 Hydropower Project in Vi" (4955), submitted by the DOE "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV);
  - (b) "Shanxi Linfen 2×6 MW Coke Oven Gas Power Generation Project" (5154), submitted by the DOE "Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd." (LRQA);
  - (c) "Waste Heat Recovery and Utilization for Power Generation at Maple Leaf Cement Factory Limited, Iskanderabad, Pakistan" (5406), submitted by the DOE "TÜV SÜD South Asia Private Limited" (TÜV SÜD);
  - (d) "Methane Recovery in Wastewater Treatment and its utilization for Thermal Energy at PT Indah Kiat Pulp & Paper, Serang" (6619), submitted by the DOE "RINA Services S.p.A." (RINA);
  - (e) "Grid connected clean energy project in Jamnagar, Gujarat" (6621), submitted by the DOE "RINA Services S.p.A." (RINA);
  - (f) "Jeddah Old Landfill (JOLF) and Jeddah New Landfill (JNLF) Landfill Gas Recovery Bundled Project" (6802), submitted by the DOE "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV).
27. The Board could not register the following proposed project activities:
- (a) "India-FaL-G Brick and Blocks Project No.4." (5348), submitted by the DOE "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV);
  - (b) "Yuecheng Coal Mine Methane Power Generation Project" (6242), submitted by the DOE "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV);
  - (c) "Wujia coalmine power generation project" (6259), submitted by the DOE "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV);
  - (d) "Rio Grande do Norte and Ceará Wind Energy Complex Project Activity" (7682), submitted by the DOE "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV).

**Agenda item 3.4. Issuance**

28. The Board noted that 1,232,611,907 certified emission reductions (CERs) have been issued as of 8 March 2013 and that the secretariat, in its capacity as the CDM registry administrator, continues to process requests for opening of holding accounts and for forwarding of CERs. The status of requests for issuance of CERs can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance>>.



29. In accordance with the applicable regulation, the Board considered three requests for issuance for which assessments of the secretariat and the RIT contained different proposed decisions or the same proposed decision which received an objection from a member of the Board.
30. The Board agreed to approve the request for issuance of the project activity “Shenmu County Jieneng Multipurpose Use Power Co. Ltd. 100 MW Semi-coke Waste Gas for Power Generation Project” (2964) submitted by the DOE “ERM Certification and Verification Services Limited” (ERM CVS) for the monitoring period from 9 November 2010 to 31 August 2011.
31. The Board could not approve the request for issuance of the following project activities:
- (a) “Bionersis Project Thailand 1” (2514) submitted by the DOE “SIRIM QAS INTERNATIONAL SDN.BHD” (SIRIM) for the monitoring period from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011;
  - (b) “Yunnan Hongta Cement Waste Heat Recovery Power Generation Project” (3674) submitted by the DOE “TÜV NORD CERT GmbH” (TÜV NORD) for the monitoring period from 8 October 2010 to 17 October 2011.
32. In accordance with the relevant regulation, the Board considered one request for permission to resubmit a previously rejected request for issuance, and agreed to permit the resubmission of the request for issuance of project activity “Bentong Biomass Energy Plant in Malaysia” (0501), submitted by the DOE “Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS” (BVCH) for the monitoring period from 1 January 2008 to 30 June 2009.
33. In accordance with the relevant regulation, the Board considered three requests for permission to resubmit previously withdrawn requests for issuance, and agreed to permit the resubmission of the request for issuance of project activities:
- (a) “10.6 MW wind farm at Village Badabagh, District Jaisalmer, Rajasthan” (0571) submitted by the DOE “Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS” (BVCH) for the monitoring period from 30 March 2003 to 30 November 2006;
  - (b) “Low Pressure Gas Recovery Project of Shandong Weifang Hongrun Petrochemical Auxiliary Co., Ltd., China” (3775) submitted by the DOE “Japan Quality Assurance Organisation” (JQA) for the monitoring period from 3 March 2011 to 1 November 2011;
  - (c) “Low Pressure Gas Recovery Project of Shandong Changyi Petrochemical Co., Ltd., China” (3776) submitted by the DOE “Japan Quality Assurance Organisation” (JQA) for the monitoring period from 3 March 2011 to 31 October 2011.

## **Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters**

### **Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools**

#### ***(a). Standards for CDM project activities and programme of activities***

34. The Board considered a concept note on the revision of the “CDM accreditation standard for operational entities”, and requested the secretariat to prepare a draft revised standard, taking into account the guidance provided by the Board on the concept note, for consideration by the Board at its seventy-third meeting. The Board agreed with the proposed approaches in the concept note, except several areas where it provided the following specific guidance:
- (a) Take into account how entities can demonstrate, and how CDM assessment teams can assess, the change of the competence requirement to sector-knowledge based;
  - (b) Required knowledge specific to carbon dioxide capture and storage should also be included, in addition to that specific to afforestation and reforestation;
  - (c) Reconsider deletion of a separate dispute process within DOEs;
  - (d) Consider cost implications for DOEs (i.e. how the revised standard could reduce the cost of acquiring and maintaining accreditation);
  - (e) Consider transitional measures for shifting from the current standard to the revised standard, in order not to have adverse impacts on DOEs.

The Board also requested the secretariat to consult with the CDM-AP and DOEs in the preparation of the draft revised standard.

#### ***(b). Methodological standards***

35. The Board considered a concept note on the challenges and opportunities for standardization and simplification in the context of the transport sector and requested the secretariat to develop guidelines on standardized baselines for the transport sector covering standardization at the following levels:
- (a) Standardized parameters or approaches that are country- or region-specific;
  - (b) The development of the draft guidelines should be done in consultation with the Meth Panel and the SSC WG, for consideration of the Board at its seventy-fifth meeting.

The Board also requested the Meth Panel to develop, where suitable, standardized parameters or approaches that can be applied at the global level in the form of a methodological tool, for its consideration at its seventy-fifth meeting.

36. The Board agreed to consider the standardized baseline “Grid emission factor for the Southern African power pool” at its seventy-third meeting, once the written feedback from all submitters has been received.

**Agenda item 4.2. Procedures**

37. The Board considered a concept note on the remaining issues for the revision of the "Procedure for accrediting operational entities by the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM)". The Board requested the secretariat to prepare a draft revised procedure, taking into account the guidance provided by the Board, for consideration by the Board at its seventy-third meeting. The Board agreed with the proposed approaches in the concept note, except for several areas on which it provided the following specific guidance:
- (a) Regarding the modalities to address non-conformities raised in accreditation assessments, requiring DOEs to conduct unnecessary root-cause analysis should be avoided;
  - (b) Regarding the proposed "under observation" status of DOEs, the measure may be modified so that it would provide stronger incentive to DOEs under observation to close the open non-conformities;
  - (c) Regarding the proposed review process of assessment reports prepared by CDM assessment teams, this needs to be further considered at the next meeting;
  - (d) Regarding the modalities to determine the number of performance assessments, the following two options should be included in the draft revised procedure, and the implications on the actual number of performance assessments for each option should be presented for decision by the Board at its seventy-third meeting:
    - (i) The number of performance assessments comprises a fixed minimum number applicable to all DOEs and a number dependent on the actual performance of DOE, as monitored through the DOE performance monitoring procedure;
    - (ii) The number of performance assessments comprises a fixed minimum number applicable to all DOEs, a number dependent on the actual number of submissions of requests for registration and issuance, and a number dependent on the actual performance of DOE, as monitored through the DOE performance monitoring procedure.

The Board also requested the secretariat to consult with the CDM-AP and DOEs in the preparation of the draft revised procedure.

38. The Board considered the package of "Documents on performance monitoring of designated operational entities", comprising a concept note on proposed thresholds for indicators on completeness check and information and reporting check for registration and issuance, and a draft revised "Procedure on performance monitoring of designated operational entities". On the definition of the thresholds for the indicator on the completeness check ( $I_{1CC}$ ) and the indicator on the information and reporting check ( $I_{1IRC}$ ), the Board:
- (a) Agreed, rather than having an absolute threshold, to set a relative threshold based on the percentage of DOEs that would be crossing the threshold. The percentage is to be agreed at the next meeting of the Board;
  - (b) Requested the secretariat, using the expertise of a statistician, to define the optimal number of submissions in a given monitoring period that, when reached,

should make a DOE subject to monitoring, for consideration by the Board at its next meeting. Based on this number, an approach for smaller DOEs that would not reach the defined number of submissions completed should be agreed.

The Board also requested the secretariat to present a draft revised procedure incorporating the results of the work to be undertaken by the secretariat, as described in (b) above, for consideration by the Board at its future meeting.

### **Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues**

39. The Board considered an assessment on the appropriate determination of plant load factors (PLFs) for wind power projects and agreed to maintain the current procedure described in the "Guidelines for the reporting and validation of plant load factors", adopted by the Board at its forty-eighth meeting.
40. The Board considered operational changes that could be considered permanent and within the control of project participants and requested the secretariat to provide further analysis, taking into account the comments given by Board during this meeting, for the consideration of the Board at a future meeting.
41. The Board considered issues in relation to E-/E- policies with regard to additionality, as triggered by cases, and agreed to continue its discussion on this matter at its next meeting.

## **Agenda item 5. Relation with forums and other stakeholders**

### **Agenda item 5.1. Designated national authorities**

#### ***(a). Interaction with the DNA Forum co-chairs***

42. The Board agreed to meet with the global DNA Forum through its co-chairs during the seventy-third and seventy-sixth meeting of the Board.

#### ***(b). Information on activities related to DNAs***

43. The Board took note of the DNA Forum meeting held in Doha, Qatar on 24 and 25 November 2012 and the teleconference with the chairing committee of the DNA Forum that was held on 14 February 2013. The Board also took note that a regional training and workshop for African DNAs focused on standardized baselines and PoAs will be carried out in Cote d'Ivoire in the first week of July 2013 in conjunction with the African Carbon Forum.

### **Agenda item 5.2. Designated operational entities**

#### ***(a). Interaction with the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair***

44. The Board took note of the inputs from the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum, as reported by its Chair, Mr. Werner Betzenbichler. The Chair of the forum informed the Board about the plans for this current year, the difficult business environment that DOEs are facing in 2013 and the DOE Forum's objectives for 2013.

45. The Chair of the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum provided the following comments to the agenda:
- (a) CDM-AP workplan 2013: highlighted some inconsistencies and the lack of interaction at the workshop for the accreditation standard and procedure;
  - (b) CDM accreditation standard for operational entities: further work necessary regarding some knowledge-based requirements;
  - (c) Procedure for accrediting operational entities: improvements compared to the last version, on the performance assessment option 1, should be prioritized;
  - (d) Performance monitoring of DOEs: ensure consistency with the accreditation standard and procedure and take into account the carbon market developments.
46. Mr. Betzenbichler also asked the Board to provide clear guidance on the E+/E- issue, how it should be applied and ensure calibration among DOEs.
47. The Board thanked Mr. Betzenbichler for his inputs and encouraged the forum to continue to raise issues related to its guidance and to offer appropriate solutions and recommendations.

***(b). Information activities related to AEs/DOEs***

48. The Board took note of the following activities with DOEs:
- (a) 13<sup>th</sup> DOE teleconference, 18 December 2012 (web-based);
  - (b) 14<sup>th</sup> DOE teleconference, 26 February 2013 (web-based).
49. The Board also took note that three regional calibration workshops will take place in 2013, one in China on 3 and 4 June, the second in India on 7 and 8 June and the third in Germany on 5 and 6 September. These workshops will focus on PoAs and standardized baselines.

***(c). Letters to the Board from AEs/DOEs***

50. The Board considered the following letters from DOEs:
- (a) A confidential letter (2012-187-DOE) submitted by a DOE asking for guidance on how to voluntarily cancel excess CERs erroneously issued in past issuances. The Board requested the secretariat to prepare a new procedure for voluntary cancellation of CERs erroneously issued in past verifications for its consideration at a future meeting;
  - (b) A confidential letter (2013-220-DOE) submitted by a DOE asking for guidance on how to comply with the requirement to send a notification to the host Party designated national authority (DNA), for demonstration of prior consideration of CDM, in case the DNA has not been established. The Board issued a clarification as contained in annex 5 to the meeting report;
  - (c) The Board considered a letter submitted by a DOE (2013-213-DOE) asking for guidance on whether the removal of a methodology from a project activity or PoA applying multiple methodologies constitutes a change in the context of paragraph 19 of the "CDM project cycle procedure" (version 03.1) and whether it requires

republication of the project design document or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation. The Board issued a clarification as contained in [annex 6](#) to the meeting report.

### **Agenda item 5.3. Communication and activities with stakeholders**

#### ***(a). External input to items on the agenda of the meeting***

51. The Board took note of the external input on the issues included on the annotated agenda of the seventy-second meeting of the Board and its annexes, as received from the call for input in accordance with the “Modalities and procedures for direct communications with stakeholders”. The input received on specific agenda items was considered by the Board in the relevant agenda item. The Board thanked stakeholders for the comments.

#### ***(b). Information on activities related to stakeholders***

52. The Board took note of the plans for the organization of the CDM round tables for 2013. These events aim at providing stakeholders with an opportunity for a face to face discussion with the Board and its support structure in order to provide input and views on the development of the regulatory framework. Three round tables are planned to be organized on 20 April, 17 June and 23 August 2013. All of them will take place in Bonn, Germany. The next round table will be focused on sampling standards for projects and PoAs, accreditation procedure and standard.

#### ***(c). Letters to the Board from stakeholders***

53. The Board considered the following letters from stakeholders:

- (a) Letter 2013-218-S from the Project Developer Forum asking the Board to consider temporary abolition of the registration fees and share of proceeds (SOP) due to the current market conditions. The Board decided to consider this issue at a future meeting and requested the secretariat to prepare an analysis of the impact of the proposed changes on the market and on the financial situation of the CDM.
- (b) Letters 2012-195-S and 2012-196-S both from Lushui County Quanyi hydropower development Co. Limited, asking the Board to adopt procedures that would allow the project owner to regain focal point rights where the sole focal point has terminated its Emissions Reduction Purchase Agreement with the project owner without changing the modalities of communication. The Board requested the secretariat to undertake a legal analysis of this issue and propose options on how to address it without interfering with the contractual arrangements between the project participants.

### **Agenda item 5.4. Interaction with registered observers**

54. The Board met with one of the registered observers for an informal interaction. The observer welcomed the Board's hard work during this meeting and raised concerns regarding the backlog of submissions awaiting processing and the possibility of the quality of the secretariat's assessments falling due to this backlog. The Board clarified that submissions are always assessed to the same standard of quality and that all efforts are being done to process the backlog.

55. The Board thanked the observer for the comments and encouraged to continue the interaction with the Board.
56. The Board further agreed to continue its practice to meet with registered observers at the end of the meeting and to reconsider this arrangement when necessary. Observers to the seventy-third meeting of the Board shall have registered with the secretariat by 6 May 2013. The Board emphasized that this deadline will be strictly enforced by the secretariat.

## **Agenda item 6. Other matters**

57. The Board agreed on the provisional agenda for its seventy-third meeting, to be held in Bonn, Germany, from 27 to 31 May 2013, as contained in annex 7 to this report.

## **Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting**

58. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the meeting.
59. Any decisions taken by the Board shall be made publicly available in accordance with paragraph 17 of the CDM modalities and procedures and with rule 31 of the Rules of procedure of the Board. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting can be accessed via webcast under <http://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/Meetings>.

## **Annexes to the report**

### ***Matters related to the Board and its support structure***

- Annex 1 - Compilation of inputs considered by the Board in its review of the CDM modalities and procedures (version 01.0)
- Annex 2 - Recommendation to the SBI: Possible changes to the CDM modalities and procedures (version 01.0)
- Annex 3 - Workplan of the CDM Executive Board for 2013 (version 01.0)
- Annex 4 - Workplan for panels and working groups for 2013 (version 01.0)

### ***Relation with forums and other stakeholders***

- Annex 5 - Clarification: Implementation of the prior consideration of the CDM requirement in the absence of the host Party DNA (version 01.0)
- Annex 6 - Clarification: Removal of a methodology from a programme of activities or a project activity applying multiple methodologies after global stakeholder consultation (version 01.0)

### ***Other matters***

- Annex 7 - Provisional agenda: CDM Executive Board seventy-third meeting (version 01.0)



***List of documents undergone editorial changes or issued since the last meeting***

***Regulatory Document***

1. Terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM Executive Board (version 03.1)
2. EB69 Summary - French
3. EB69 Summary - Russian
4. EB70 Summary - Russian
5. EB70 Summary - French
6. EB69 Summary - Español
7. EB69 Summary - Arabic
8. EB70 Summary - Español
9. EB70 Summary - Arabic

***Forms***

1. F-CDM-FR - Final assessment report form (version 04.0)

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