



CDM Validation & Verification Manual

Introduction and Overview

EB 41

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CDM-VVM (the manual) | Background

- Decision 1/CMP.2 requested the Executive Board to develop guidance for designated operational entities for their validation verification work
- Decision 2/CMP.3 requested the Board to conclude, as its highest priority, the clean development mechanism validation and verification manual as a standard for designated operational entities
- The secretariat at EB 37 presented its initial work on preparation of the manual and sought guidance from the Board
- The Board at EB 38 provided broad guiding principles to the secretariat in undertaking the work on the development of the manual
- The Board at EB 39 considered the draft manual and agreed to invite public comments on the draft manual.
- The Board also requested the secretariat to compile these comments and prepare a revised draft document for consideration by the Board at its forty-first meeting



The manual | Process Steps

- The draft manual prepared by the secretariat under the guidance of the Executive Board
- Two workshops held with AEs/DOEs (11-18 Jan & 11 April 2008)
- Inputs received from CDM Panels and Working group members
- Public inputs Invited (16 May to 15 June 2008)
- Inputs from Board members
- Editorial review by UNFCCC editors
- Legal review by the UNFCCC CDM legal support
- Consideration by the Board at this meeting

The manual | Overview of Inputs from Workshops

- Effective date of the manual with grace period for the DOEs
- Definitions for level of assurance and materiality
- Is a site visit necessary at the validation stage
- Coherence and consistency in compiling all the existing guidance/clarifications and relevant decisions
- Further guidance on means of validation and verification (good practices)
- Clarity on definition of start date to provide more clarity on what comprises decision or first action
- Consider standardizing the IRR calculations
- Clarity on roles of DOEs to check parameters used in the financial calculations

The manual | An Overview of Public Inputs

- Clarity on modalities for updating and calls for grace period and an outreach program
- Clarity on use of language and terminology
- Inclusion of references to available documents of the Board
- Conservativeness - emissions reductions should not be 'too' under-estimated
- Clarity on use of subjective terms in principles
- Comparison of similar projects - previous projects as means for justification of claims
- Starting dates – difficulties to provide evidences for terms 'implementation 'and 'real action‘
- Clarity on the requirements for stakeholder consultation process
- Clarity on commencement of validation and starting date

The manual | Overview of Public Inputs

- Clarity on requirements for means of validation for prior consideration of CDM
- Clarity on implementation of project activity in accordance with registered PDD
- Compliance of monitoring plan with monitoring methodology
- Clarity on revision of monitoring plans
- Requirements for site-visits – validation and verification
- Clarity on application of risk-based approach
- Suggestion that for minor deviations, DOEs no need to submit requests for deviations
- Suggestion to include a table on emission factors
- Further guidance on A/R project activities
- Further guidance on programme of activities (POAs)

The manual | General Outline

- Seven Sections:
 - I. Introduction
 - II. Terms for Validation and Verification
 - III. Principles for DOEs
 - IV. Additional roles of DOEs
 - V. CDM Validation
 - VI. CDM Verification
 - VII. Communication with the Secretariat

The manual | Open Issues for the Board

- Requirements for site-visits at validation stage (paragraphs 56, 65, 70, 71, 88 & 121 (b))
- Requirements for site-visits at verification stage (paragraphs 149 & 175)
- Consideration of project or leakage emission sources not addressed by the selected methodology (paragraph 65)
- Thresholds for misstatements in the reported data (paragraph 160)

Thank You

