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Sustainability benefits

CDM EB 61

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CDM-MAP

- Para 3(a) vii - - New reporting and verification standard intended to ensure the actual realization of the stated sustainability benefits of CDM projects

2/CMP.5, paragraph 46

- *Encourages* designated national authorities to publish the criteria they use in assessing the contribution of project activities to sustainable development;

2010 Co-benefit pilot assessment – Summary

- Pilot assessment was conducted late 2010 on 1400* projects to identify those with sustainable or community benefits
- 10 projects selected & showcased with a [Factsheet](#) for each
- PPs were most willing to elaborate on statements made in PDDs, augmenting with additional information
- Challenges - verification of PDD claims, is the action attributable to the project or would have happened anyway (e.g. job creation or power supply security)
- Projects tend to alleviate poverty, improve lifestyles and empower communities
- The number of co-benefits per project appears to be larger for older projects, projects with longer crediting periods, and is strongly related to the type project delivering the co-benefit

- One of the principles of the CDM (para 12 of the Kyoto Protocol)
- Demonstrate the benefit of CDM, which is currently not reflected in the project documentation submitted
- Help to clarify the misconception about the benefits of the mechanism
- Provide the success story of the CDM

Questions?

- Can the reporting of sustainable benefits be enhanced? And if so, how?
- Possibilities:
 - a) Additional information to be provided by PPs through the PDD and monitoring reports on a voluntary basis
 - b) Periodic submissions by PPs to the DNAs/Ebs
 - c) PPs to report periodically to DNA or EB?

Expectations of the Board

The Board may wish to provide guidance on next steps, such as:

- a) Request the secretariat to prepare a note on how co-benefits could be reflected in the submissions by PPs on a voluntary basis
- b) Launch a call for inputs to receive proposals on how to include co-benefits of proposed CDM project activities on a voluntary basis