

Agenda item 4.1 (a)

Paragraph 53 of the annotated agenda, annex 9

Clean Development Mechanism Project Standard

CDM EB 63

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1. Scope of the Project Standard

What is this?

- Consolidation of all general requirements applicable to project participants for:
 - Project design
 - Project implementation and monitoring of emission reductions
- New document, mainly comprised of existing requirements contained in various documents:
 - Guidelines for completing PPDs
 - Validation and Verification Manual
 - EB reports
 - Guidelines, clarifications, procedures
- Also contains some new requirements related to Post Registration Changes



1. Scope of the Project Standard

What is this?

- Main user: project participants
- Positioned below CMP decisions and above specific standards, such as methodologies, tools, and other applicable documents
- Consists of general requirements that apply to any type of project activities and PoA



2. Objectives of the Project Standard

Why are we doing this?

- Three main objectives:
 - Enhance consistency and clarity of requirements applicable to any type of project activities and PoA, and facilitate and promote a clear and common understanding by all parties involved in the CDM
 - Facilitate the improvement of the quality of PDDs and MRs prepared by project participants and submitted in the CDM project cycle
 - Enhance the overall efficiency and integrity in the CDM



3. Application of the Project Standard

How is it to be used?

- Project participants must comply with all requirements in the Project Standard
(in addition to requirements in the selected methodology, applicable tool(s) and all other CDM requirements)
- Project participants must demonstrate compliance with all requirements by providing all necessary information and documentation in the PDD and MR



4. Development process

Consolidation of requirements

- Extracted requirements pertaining to PPs from all CDM documents including all standards, procedures, guidelines, clarifications, forms, information notes, and EB decisions (up to EB 62)
- These requirements were organized and compiled to develop the PS

Drafting

- Requirements were edited to improve their clarity



4. Development process

Stakeholder comments

- Comments that helped to improve the clarity and consistency of the documents were accepted
- Comments that introduced new requirements or would change the intent of the original requirement were rejected
- In some cases, comments that we were unsure how to resolve because the potential impacts of the change were not clear were simply noted

What we heard

- Improve alignment with PoA Standards
- Improvements required to section on Post Registration Changes
- Address duplicate requirements for monitoring plans and monitoring reports

Specific changes as a result of comments

- Streamlined requirements for monitoring plans and monitoring reports
- Updated and clarified the new requirements on post registration changes

Work Pending: Alignment with PoA Standards (pending their review by the EB)



5. Structure of the Project Standard

How is it constructed?

- Following apply to all projects, at all stages:
 - Chapter 6: General requirements
- Following apply to all projects, at design stage (unless stated otherwise)
 - Chapter 7: Project design requirements for all project types
- Following apply to specific types of projects, at design stage:
 - Chapter 8: Small-scale project activities
 - Chapter 9: Afforestation or reforestation project activities
 - Chapter 10: Small-scale afforestation or reforestation project activities
 - Chapter 11: Programme of activities
- Following apply to all projects, at implementation/monitoring stage:
 - Chapter 12: Requirements for project implementation and monitoring for all project types



6. Example of requirements

7.6 Environmental impacts

- Paragraph 37 of the CDM M&Ps states the requirement for the assessment of environmental impact as a DOE requirement
- In the PS this requirement is translated into a requirement for the PP:

50. Project participants shall carry out an analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed CDM project activity, including transboundary impacts. Project participants shall provide a summary of the analysis and references to all related documentation.

51. If project participants or the host Party considers the environmental impacts of the proposed CDM project activity significant, project participants shall carry out an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the host Party's procedures. Project participants shall provide all conclusions and references to all related documentation



7. New requirements

What are the new requirements?

- Post-registration changes

8. Expectation

- The Board is expected to approve the proposed PS.



Project Standard

Thank you for your attention!

