

# Change of sectoral scopes after acceptance for a witnessing activity

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## Request from an entity

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- An AIE requested the secretariat to clarify whether it is possible to extend (add) sectoral scopes to a project that had already been accepted by JI-AT leader for a witnessing activity.
- The witnessing activity has not started yet.
- The proposed witnessing activity is for the verification function, hence the determination of the same project had already been “deemed final” under the JISC review process.
- The AIE is claiming that the project is related to the sectoral scope that it is requesting to add.
- The witnessing activity is an “ex-post witnessing activity” for the AIE to maintain its accreditation status in the sectoral scopes (it claims) that the project belongs to.



## Witnessing activity steps

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1. Entity submits a “witnessing opportunity” to JI-AT leader - done
2. JI-AT leader accepts the witnessing opportunity, in consultation with the JI-AP if necessary - done
3. Entity publishes PDD (in the case of determination) or monitoring report (in the case of verification) on the UNFCCC website - done
4. Entity submits “documentary evidence” of performed determination or verification to JI-AT
5. JI-AT conducts assessment
6. JI-AP makes a recommendation to JISC
7. JISC accredits the entity, confirms or suspends the accreditation of AIE



## Regulatory context

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- AIEs shall undergo “ex-post witnessing activities” within 1.5 years of initial accreditation to maintain the accreditation status of the sectoral groups that have not been witnessed. ([para 16 of JI accreditation procedure](#))
- JISC 21 decided to revise the JI accreditation procedure by replacing “ex-post witnessing activities” by “performance assessments”
- JI-AP is currently considering such revision (modalities of “performance assessments”)
- With this change, the 1.5 year-deadline will no longer be effective, hence no suspension will be triggered



## Key questions

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- Whether the sectoral scope(s) identified for a project may be changed after the determination regarding the project is "deemed final" in accordance with para 35 of the JI guidelines?
- What is the accreditation status of existing AIEs in the context of the JISC's decision at its last meeting regarding the next revision of the JI accreditation procedure (i.e. replacing "ex-post witnessing activities" with "performance assessments")?

## Options

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- Option 1

JISC does not accept the change of sectoral scopes of a project for which the determination has been deemed final

- Option 2

JISC allows entities to change sectoral scopes of a project for which the determination has been deemed final if the change has sound technical basis

- Option 3

JISC allows entities to change sectoral scopes of a project for which the determination has been deemed final only for the purpose of a witnessing activity, if the change has sound technical basis



## Options

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- Option 4

JISC decides not to suspend the accreditation of any AIE in the context of ex-post witnessing activity provisions, until JISC adopts a revised accreditation procedure that will abandon ex-post witnessing process

→ The original AIE request would no longer be necessary

