

## Agenda item 4 b

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# DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE DESIGNATED FOCAL POINT FORUM

**JISC 25**

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## MANDATE

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Decision 4.CMP/6 encourages the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) to enhance its interaction with DFPs, AIEs and PPs

JISC 24 agreed to establish a forum for designated focal points (DFP Forum).



- a) A collaborative forum for DFPs to improve and promote JI;
- b) A point of liaison for the JISC in relation to its work and national policy approaches;
- c) A channel for capacity building exercises relating to JI.

The forum to establish its work plan and agenda independently of the JISC and report to the JISC as required.



- DFP will be open to representatives of official DFPs
- The DFP Forum to have a chair and a vice-chair with one being from Parties listed in annex 2 to the Convention and the other being from other Parties from annex 1 to the Convention
- Chair and vice-chair to be elected at the last meeting of the year
- In between meetings, the chair and the vice-chair represent the DFP Forum on a daily basis, bearing in mind that they inform the UNFCCC secretariat regularly on on-going business.
- The chairs, in consultation with the JISC, and subject to availability of resources, encourage DFP Forum meetings and dialogues, as appropriate.



- Two meetings per year subject to availability of resources in the UNFCCC headquarters, unless other arrangements are made in consultation with the JISC and the chair and vice-chair.
- The working language of the DFP Forum will be English.
- All documentation required for a DFP Forum meeting to be made publically available.
- Summary notes of the meeting to be made available to all DFPs 15 days after the end of the meeting.

- Maintain documentation and information relating to the work of the DFP Forum and make it available to the public
- Receive, reproduce and distribute documents
- Establish, maintain and facilitate electronic communication
- Support the work of the DFP Forum, including summaries of the meetings.

Subject to availability of resources



Travel costs and daily subsistence allowance shall be paid to one representative of each DFP from Parties eligible to funding in accordance with UN rules and regulations.

## General support for the establishment of such forum

- Role of the DFP Forum:
  - a) Meeting place for the DFPs for experience and knowledge sharing, capacity building, discussions etc.
  - b) Development of the standards, best practice guidance, harmonization etc for the national approval and JI related procedures and promoting these among DFPs.
  - c) Platform for themed expert-level discussions on topics such as additionality, methodologies etc.
  
- Connection of the DFP Forum and the JISC:
  - a) DFP Forum should be connected to the JISC and the JISC should be involved in the operation of the Forum.
  - b) Need to decide from the very beginning if the main focus of the interactions in the DFP Forum: communications between various DFPs or between DFPs and the JISC.



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- How DFP can promote JI:
  - a) Too late for the first commitment period
  - b) Promotion activities should be via the international climate change negotiations where most of the key decision makers meet.
  
- Financial implications:
  - a) More impact on human resources involved than direct financial resources
  - b) Secretariat support should be provided to the forum but it may be limited
  - c) Forum activities should be aligned with international negotiations to save costs.

1. What should be the relationship between the DFP Forum and the JISC?
2. Does the JISC wish to have a forum that primarily responds to specific JISC requests or a forum that acts to promote improvements in JI in their own countries and partners with the JISC accordingly?
3. To what extent does the JISC wish to assign secretariat resources under the JI-MAP to support the DFP Forum? Should the JISC set limits (e.g. on the number meetings) and/or state that alternative arrangements would need to be sought if the requirements of support grow beyond initial expectations?



- Deliberate on the questions brought to its consideration
- Adopt the ToRs of the DFP forum

