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Assistance to DNAs for development of guiding tools for monitoring sustainable development benefits of CDM project activities and PoAs: implementation plan

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1. Procedural background

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its ninth session requested the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the Board) to develop guiding tools to assist designated national authorities (DNAs), upon the request of the host Party and on a voluntary basis, in monitoring the sustainable development benefits in its territory, of clean development mechanism (CDM) project activities and programmes of activities (PoAs), recognizing that the use of such guiding tools is the prerogative of Parties and subject to the availability of funds from Parties included in Annex I.
2. In response to a CMP request to the Board (decision 3/CMP.9, para. 8), the Board requested the secretariat to inform DNAs, through the DNA Forum, of the possibility of requesting guiding tools for monitoring the sustainable development benefits in their territory of CDM project activities and PoAs. The Board further requested the secretariat to bring such requests to the attention of the Board at the meeting following receipt.
3. At the request of the Board, the secretariat informed DNAs about this mandate and the opportunity provided by the CMP, by e-mailing all DNAs and publicizing it on the CDM website, through a specialized mailing list and through the DNA Forum.
4. In 2014 the secretariat received a request from the DNA of Cambodia requesting assistance in developing guidelines for monitoring sustainable development benefits.
5. Based on this request, the secretariat prepared a concept note for the consideration of the Board at its eightieth meeting (EB 80) proposing an approach for addressing the mandate from the CMP. The Board considered the concept note at EB 80 and agreed on the approach suggested by the secretariat. It further requested the secretariat to prepare an implementation plan and to provide information to the Board on the status of implementation at a future meeting.

2. Purpose

6. The purpose of this information note is to inform the Board of the implementation plan prepared by the secretariat and the status of implementation of the activities outlined in the approach agreed at EB 80.

3. Key issues and proposed solutions

7. Based on the approach agreed by the Board to fulfil the mandate from the CMP, the secretariat has developed the following implementation plan:

Table 1. Implementation plan

Activities	Timelines	Status of implementation
Communication to DNAs informing them about the CMP request and seeking their interest in receiving assistance for monitoring sustainable development benefits.	Continuous	Information has been posted on the CDM website. An "In Focus" article was prepared and published. Information was provided during all the workshops organized by the secretariat last year including presentations and practical case studies. An e-mail campaign directed at DNAs was also launched.
Inviting DNAs to share with other DNAs their practices for monitoring sustainable development benefits, including the indicators they use. The secretariat is to facilitate the sharing of information.	Continuous	Same as above with regard to the activities undertaken. To date input has been received from Austria, Kuwait, Switzerland, Thailand and Togo. The secretariat has also consulted many DNAs website to find-out practices that have been published
Based on the input from DNAs, if received, and other sources, the secretariat is to facilitate, through the DNA Forum, the development of best-practice guidelines for monitoring sustainable development benefits.	Mid-July 2015	In progress. In addition to input received from DNAs, subsequent exchanges with them and own research in some DNAs websites, more than 40 sources in the literature as well as practices under other instruments have been analysed. Based on this analysis, the development of the best-practice guidelines is underway.

Activities	Timelines	Status of implementation
Providing assistance to DNAs, if they so request, in tailoring the best-practice guidelines to meet their specific needs and the situation in their countries. This assistance, depending on the needs of the DNA, may be carried out through online communications and conference calls or a site visit.	Continuous	The DNA of Cambodia requested assistance from the secretariat. Communication is in progress with the DNA to understand its current situation and specific circumstances. E-mails have been exchanged and telephone calls made.
Assistance to DNAs that have requested assistance in assessing the adequacy of the guidelines developed.	Will be initiated once the assisted DNA implements the guidelines.	Not started.

4. Impacts

8. The impacts of implementing the plan can be expected to include an improvement in the visibility and sustainable benefit claims from CDM projects in the relevant countries. Providing assistance to DNAs, if they so wish, in developing guidelines for sustainable development monitoring would better equip them to undertake the role in monitoring sustainable development benefits of CDM project activities and PoAs that they wish to undertake.

5. Recommendations to the Board

9. The Board may wish to take note of the implementation plan and the status of implementation for the activities outlined in the approach agreed at EB 80 for implementing the CMP mandate on providing assistance to DNAs, upon the request of the host Party and on a voluntary basis, in monitoring the sustainable development benefits in its territory of CDM projects and PoAs.

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