

Consultative Meeting of CDM Stakeholders held on 12th May 2009 at 1200 hrs in the Ministry of Environment

Minutes of Meeting

A consultative meeting of all CDM stakeholders including, Consultants, Designated Operational Entities (DOEs), Technology Providers, Investors Groups, Corporate Sectors etc. was held under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (Environment) on Tuesday, the 12th May 2009. List of participants is placed at “Flag-A”.

2. The Secretary (Environment) welcomed the participants and thanked them for joining in this consultative meeting convened to review the progress and discuss the possibility of enhancing CDM activities in Pakistan. He informed the participants about different initiatives being taken by the Ministry for promotion and enhancement of CDM project activities in the country and its importance in combating the Climate Change.

3. Mr. Shafqat Kakakhel, Member of CDM Executive Board elaborated on the 5 stages of CDM project cycle in general and the role of host country approval process, Designated Operational Entities and CDM Executive Board in particular. He also suggested that Pakistan should follow the Indian model for creating project proposals for promotion and enhancement of CDM Project activities in the country. He informed the participants that the role of the DNA is very important in CDM project cycle. He suggested that the UNDP can also build the capacity of Pakistani DNA as they have done in Armenia. He told the participant that CDM Executive Board has increased the number of Designated Operational Entities (DOEs) from 18 to 25 and human resources at the CDM Executive Board from 42 to 142.

4. Thereafter, Syed Amjad Hussain, Acting Head CDM Cell gave a presentation about the initiatives being taken by the Ministry for promotion and enhancement of

CDM project activities in Pakistan and the process for host country approval in Pakistan.

6. Managing Director ENERCON, requested for views on the grave disparity in the project approvals by the CDM Executive Board. Mr. Shafqat Kakakhel, responding to the query of MD ENERCON replied that CDM Executive Board is making special arrangements to help the developing countries which have less than 10 approved CDM Projects by arranging capacity building of all public sectors. He suggested that MoE should have one window operation for CDM Project approval process to speed up the process of host country approval in the country.

7. Mr. Omar Malik, Director Carbon Services Limited, proposed that to assess the CDM potential in the public sector projects, the Planning Commission may add a separate column in the PC-I Performa like the one on EIA already existing. He also suggested that Ministry should focus on the power sector where there is a need on the tariff of power. He also informed that carbon credits are not clearly defined in the tariff structure of National Electricity Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA).

8. UNIDO Consultant informed that in India 80% of wind project have failed to qualify for CDM where as in Pakistan the pitfall in the Indian model of power sector was avoided and suggested that NEPRA rules need to streamline in this regard.

9. Representative of GTZ suggested that there is need for good coordination among AEDB, Planning and Development Division, EPA's. He also informed that GTZ with AEDB is developing baseline for energy. He also emphasized that we need to prepare guidelines to be ready before 2010, and CDM Cell need to streamline. DNA should avoid checking of EIA/IEE from provincial EPA's to Federal EPA.

10. Consultant of CDMPak informed that they have signed a MoU with ENERCON and are using programmatic approach to tap CDM Potential which ENERCON has lost previously.

11. Secretary Environment asked whether the category wise or random CDM project awareness raising campaign would be more beneficial. The participants after detailed discussion were of the view that it would be useful to convene category wise CDM awareness raising workshops.

12. Nadeem Bukhari, Project Coordinator of Inter-Cooperation informed that we need to promote debundled project approach by implementing new CDM methodologies.

13. General Manager, Agha Khan Rural Supporting Programme (AKRSP) informed that they can help the Ministry of Environment to develop the strategy for the public sector to develop the CDM projects.

14. After detailed discussion, Secretary Environment advised CDM Cell of Ministry of Environment to establish a small group of CDM Experts for further consultation on the issues deliberated in this meeting in the near future.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to/ from the Chair.