

Donor country Switzerland			
Project/programme title Carbon Finance Assist (World Bank Institute)			
Purpose To contribute to the reduction of CO2 emissions through the flexible mechanisms. Purpose: To contribute to the efficient and effective use of the flexible mechanisms by building up the necessary capacities in developing and transition countries in order to use the new carbon market.			
Recipient country Global	Sector Emission trading	Total funding CHF 3 million	Years in operation 2006 - 2009
Description Switzerland has a more than 10 years track-record of capacity building for climate change mitigation. After a series of over 20 national strategy studies for developing and transition countries financed through the World Bank, in 2006 Switzerland has pooled its funds with other donors in the Carbon Finance Assist trust fund managed by the World Bank Institute. The programme consists of the following three components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Institutional capacity building •Market development •Outreach Strategic partners at the national level are the Designated National Authorities. The programme is also closely cooperating with highly specialized consult-ants, research institutions and the private sector. More recently, the programme has joined forces with the large city grouping C-40 in order to seize CDM opportunities in megacities. Over 50% of the world's population live in urban areas – being responsible for 80% of global power consumption and emissions. However, cities are almost not represented as project owners in the CDM so far. The programme aims at closing this gap..			
Indicate factors that led to project's success Expected added value of the programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Formulation and implementation of the national CDM strategies; •Establishing and strengthening of the designated national authorities (DNA); • Demonstration of best practices in the use, incl. regulation and promotion of the CDM market; •Promotion of South-South know-how (host country committee); •Delivery of accurate market information, and match-making between CDM supply and demand: Carbon Expo (the world's largest CDM trade fair); annual state of the carbon market report; •Development of CDM methodologies in strategic sectors where CDM faces difficulties, e.g. transport Scaling up the CDM by capacity building at the sub-national / municipal level; 80% of the global CO2 emissions are linked to cities – large cities being the “economic powerhouses” of many country; cities are often investors in potential CDM sectors such as public transport, lighting, building, waste management, power plants etc.			
Technology transferred <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer of know-how regarding the establishment of DNAs and establishment of CDM/climate units within municipal administrations • New CDM methodologies • Capacity and skills development of public authorities at the national and sub-national level, regarding identification, structuring, implementation and marketing of CDM projects 			
Impact on greenhouse gas emissions/sinks Not quantified.			