



Fourth Episode of the DNA Virtual Workshop Series:

"Sustainable Development Assessment of Climate Actions"

8th April 2021; 9:00-10:45 (CET)/11:00-12:45 (UAE Standard Time)/14:00-15:45 (ICT)



Background

The DNA Virtual Workshop Series, introduced by UNFCCC/ IGES Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC Bangkok) and UNFCCC/WGEO Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC Dubai) in 2020, aim to enhance the preparedness of DNAs in the transit to the post-2020 climate change regime. This series has successfully organized workshops to preserve knowledge, experiences and lessons learned from Clean Development Mechanism through three different episodes since June 2020. The Fourth episode of this series focussed on the "Sustainable Development Assessment of Climate Actions".

Objective

Both the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) recognize the intrinsic nature of climate actions and development goals. Besides, addressing climate change is a key part of the more sustainable path and hence Parties in their new and/or updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) have paid more attention to the planning and implementation process around NDCs and nation-wide engagement, including non-State actors. Linking NDCs with longer-term goals/aspirations for carbon neutrality, SDGs and national legislative/regulatory/planning processes is a





key aspect to promote the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions while fostering sustainable development. Lessons learned from experiences with mechanisms such as the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and/or voluntary market emission reduction crediting mechanism best practice approaches, which meet the needs of a broad range of stakeholders and support sustainable development can help attract a premium price and minimize the risks of negative impacts.

Within this context, this virtual workshop focused on providing:

- opportunity to the countries to share their experiences with SD assessments
- a platform for countries to exchange good practices and lessons learnt
- an overview on the status of texts on sustainability assessment under the negotiation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

Target audience

• DNAs in Asia, the Pacific, and MENA.

<u>Agenda</u>

Time (ICT)	Activity	Speakers
2:00 - 2:05	Introduction to the workshop and introduction of the participants	Moderator: Saudamini Bagai Technical Expert and Coordinator RCC Dubai
2:05 - 2:10	Welcome remarks	All participants James Grabert Director, Mitigation Division Acting Director, Communication and Engagement Division UN Climate Change Secretariat
2:10 - 2:20	Ice-breaker (Mentimeter Poll)	RCC Bangkok
2:20 – 2:30	Overview of the outcomes of CDM Executive Board 109 th meeting.	Luca Brusa Team Lead Regional Support and Stakeholder Interaction Team Mitigation Division UN Climate Change Secretariat
2:30 - 2:40	Sustainable development assessment of climate actions and relevant considerations for Article 6 of the Paris Agreement	Perumal Arumugam Team Lead CDM/JI Methodology Development Unit





2:40-2:50	An analysis of linkages between the JCM and SDGs	Mitigation Division UN Climate Change Secretariat Akibi Tsukui Policy Researcher Climate and Energy Area Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
2:50 - 3:40	 Moderated Discussion: Sharing of country experience - SD assessment systems for LoAs in line with the sustainable development plans of countries Assessment of CDM applications for SD criteria and possibly also if and how this was followed up in registered projects Use of SD tools by CDM projects in the country, or other related experiences, e.g for other certification and crediting schemes. expectations and readiness of country SD assessments under Article 6 	 Moderator: Jens Radschinski and Yuqing Yu Presenters: Mr. Albert Magalang, the Philippines Mr. Sokhim Pich, Cambodia Participants (DNAs and their nominated representatives): Asia and the Pacific MENA countries
3:40 - 3:45	Closure	Saudamini Bagai Technical Expert and Coordinator RCC Dubai