

Decision -/CMP.20

Matters relating to the clean development mechanism

Guidance relating to the clean development mechanism

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Recalling Articles 3 and 12 of the Kyoto Protocol,

Also recalling that participation in a clean development mechanism project activity is voluntary,¹

Further recalling decision 3/CMP.1 and subsequent guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol relating to the clean development mechanism,

Recalling decision 3/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 67(c), and subsequent guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement relating to the share of proceeds for adaptation and administrative expenses,

Acknowledging the contribution to global efforts to address climate change through the clean development mechanism, which, as at 19 November 2025, was responsible for 7,830² project activities being registered, 346³ programmes of activities being registered and more than 2,457 million certified emission reductions being issued, of which almost 192 million had been voluntarily cancelled in the clean development mechanism registry, and more than 1,428 million had been cancelled or retired in national registries, with more than 376 million remaining in national holding accounts, more than 38 million in the clean development mechanism holding account and more than 423 million in the clean development mechanism registry pending account,

Cognizant of decisions 2/CMP.16, 2/CMP.17 and 1/CMP.18 and their annexes,

I. General

1. *Welcomes* the annual report of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol for 2025;⁴
2. *Takes note* of the work undertaken by the Executive Board, its panels and the secretariat in overseeing the implementation of the clean development mechanism and maintaining stakeholder engagement in its operations;
3. *Also takes note* of the status of funds available in the trust fund for the clean development mechanism and the assessment of the costs and available resources associated with the different end dates set out in paragraphs 5–8 below;

¹ As per decision 3/CMP.1, para. 28.

² The total number of project activities registered as at 19 November 2025 was 7,867, of which 37 had been deregistered. Additionally, 26 project activities were recorded as provisional with a crediting period starting on or after 1 January 2021.

³ The total number of programmes of activities registered as at 19 November 2025 was 353, of which 7 had been deregistered. Additionally, 12 programmes of activities were recorded as provisional with a programme of activity period starting on or after 1 January 2021.

⁴ FCCC/KP/CMP/2025/2.

4. *Designates* as operational entities those entities that have been accredited and provisionally designated as such by the Executive Board to carry out sectoral scope-specific validation and/or verification functions as set out in the annex;

II. Functioning of the clean development mechanism beyond the end of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol

5. *Decides* that the following operations and processes related to issuance requests under the clean development mechanism shall be discontinued as of the following end dates:

(a) Submission of requests for issuance of certified emission reductions for project activities or programmes of activities: 30 June 2026;

(b) Submission of requests for transfer of certified emission reductions to the registry for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement pursuant to paragraph 18 of annex I to decision 7/CMA.4: 31 December 2026;

(c) Cancellation of certified emission reductions and any other transactions in the clean development mechanism registry: 31 December 2026;

(d) Submission of requests for approval of post-registration changes: 30 June 2026;

6. *Also decides* that the following methodological processes under the clean development mechanism shall be discontinued with immediate effect:

(a) Submission of proposals for new methodologies and requests for revisions to methodologies and methodological tools under the bottom-up process in accordance with the relevant procedures;

(b) Revisions to methodologies and methodological tools under the top-down process in accordance with the relevant procedures;

(c) Submission of requests for clarification of approved methodologies and methodological tools;

(d) Submissions from designated national authorities on automatic additionality of microscale technologies, and for recognition of a special underdeveloped zone;

(e) Submissions from designated national authorities on changes to the definition of forest;

7. *Further decides* that submission of requests pertaining to the initial accreditation and reaccreditation of designated operational entities shall be ceased with immediate effect;

8. *Requests* the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism to:

(a) Cease operations related to the accreditation of designated operational entities, including regular surveillance, spot checks and performance monitoring, as of 31 December 2026;

(b) Cease the operations of its panels and working groups as soon as their functions are no longer required in accordance with the end dates set out in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8(a) above;

(c) Report, in its annual reports to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, on arrangements made in relation to discontinuing the operations and processes by the end dates as set out in paragraphs 5–7 and 8(a) above;

(d) Reduce the number of its meetings to one or two per year, as required, conduct those meetings virtually, hold its final meeting prior to the closure of the operations of the clean development mechanism and adjust its budget allocated to conducting the meetings accordingly;

9. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to request the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6,

paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement to allow designated operational entities accredited under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement to perform validation and verification functions under the clean development mechanism, if necessary;

10. *Requests* the Executive Board to notify project participants, designated operational entities, designated national authorities, owners of certified emission reductions and other stakeholders of the end dates set out in paragraphs 5–8 above for the operations, processes and institutions under the clean development mechanism as soon as possible and to maintain stakeholder interactions related to those operations, processes and institutions for as long as they are continued;

11. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to delegate to the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement the responsibility for maintaining all stakeholder interactions related to the clean development mechanism and *requests* the Supervisory Body to continue such interactions for two years following the discontinuation of all the operations, processes and institutions under the clean development mechanism as set out in paragraphs 5–8 above;

12. *Also requests* the administrator of the clean development mechanism registry to:

(a) Administratively cancel on 1 July 2027 any certified emission reductions for which no share of proceeds to cover administrative expenses has been paid and that are remaining in pending accounts in the clean development mechanism registry;

(b) Disconnect the clean development mechanism registry from the international transaction log on 31 March 2026 while maintaining the functions of issuance and cancellation in the registry;

(c) Stop operating the clean development mechanism registry once the process referred to in paragraph 12(a) above have been discontinued;

(d) Make arrangements for safeguarding the data from the clean development mechanism registry for at least 15 years after the end of its operation;

13. *Further requests* the secretariat to make arrangements for safeguarding regulatory documents and information pertaining to project activities and programmes of activities for at least 15 years after the final meeting of the Executive Board;

III. Management of financial resources

14. *Recalls* its request⁵ to the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism and the secretariat to ensure the efficient and prudent use of resources from the trust fund for the clean development mechanism;

15. *Requests* the Executive Board to review and reduce its expenditure and not to spend more than USD 8.3 million from January 2026 until the closure of the operations of the clean development mechanism with a view to maximizing any remaining balance from this allocation to be transferred to the Adaptation Fund;

16. *Decides*, noting the decline in the workload of the Executive Board, that any special provisions applicable to the members of the Executive Board related to the payment of financial resources in support of their work, including daily subsistence allowance and travel entitlements for attendance at meetings of the Executive Board,⁶ shall cease as of 31 December 2025, thereby ensuring that the Executive Board is treated in the same manner as all other constituted bodies under the Kyoto Protocol;

17. *Requests* the secretariat, following the final meeting of the Executive Board, to report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on the arrangements made for the closure of the operations, processes and institutions under the clean development mechanism, including for the resources remaining in the trust fund for

⁵ Decision 2/CMP.17, para. 13.

⁶ Decision 7/CMP.1, paras. 13 and 17.

the clean development mechanism, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its relevant session;

18. *Decides*, recalling decision 2/CMP.16, to authorize an additional transfer of USD 26.8 million from the trust fund for the clean development mechanism to the trust fund for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, with the aim of maximizing the long-term benefit for the Adaptation Fund.

Annex

Entities accredited and provisionally designated by the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism

[English only]

<i>Name of entity</i>	<i>Sectoral scopes (validation and verification)</i>
AENOR INTERNACIONAL, S.A.U. (AENOR) ^{a, b}	1, 3, 7, 13–15
BSI Pacific Limited (BSI PL) ^a	1, 4, 13, 14
CEPREI certification body (CEPREI) ^c	7, 14
China Certification Center, Inc. (CCCI) ^a	1–15
China Classification Society Certification Co., Ltd. (CCSC) ^a	1–10, 13–15
China Testing & Certification International Group Co., Ltd. (CTC) ^a	1–6, 9–11, 13–16
Colombian Institute for Technical Standards and Certification (ICONTEC) ^d	1–3, 7, 13, 14
Deloitte Tohmatsu Sustainability, Co., Ltd. (DTSUS) ^d	1–3, 5, 10, 12, 13, 15
Earthood Services Private Limited (Earthood) ^a	1, 3–7, 9, 10, 13–15
Japan Quality Assurance Organisation (JQA) ^e	1, 3, 4, 13, 14
KBS Certification Services Limited (KBS) ^{a, c}	1–5, 7–10, 12–16

^a Accreditation granted for five years.

^b Transfer of accreditation to another legal entity (AENOR Confia, S.A.U (AENOR)).

^c Extension of sectoral scope. For the entities for which the scope of accreditation was extended, only the new sectoral scopes are indicated.

^d Voluntary withdrawal of accreditation in its entirety.

^e Partial withdrawal of accreditation for certain sectoral scopes; the remaining scopes are indicated.