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Adaptation through CDM: finance and co-benefits

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What is CDM?

- Established as a "flexible mechanism" by the Kyoto Protocol, to help Annex I Parties meet their emission reduction commitments, while bringing sustainable development benefits to the CDM host countries.
- Only projects that would not happen without CDM incentive (additional) and with high standards (environmental integrity).



• CERs can be cancelled by Parties as part of commitments or voluntary targets, by organizations and even individuals for voluntary offsetting.



Achievements of the CDM

- During its 10-year history, a first-of-its-kind approach to mitigation, CDM has been able to:
 - ✓ Develop 200+ methodologies in 25 different sectors
 - ✓ Establish 125+ Designated National Authorities
 - ✓ Accredit 40+ validators/verifiers (Designated Operational Entities)
 - ✓ Involve 4,500+ institutions in CDM projects
 - ✓ Establish four Regional Collaboration Centres (Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean)
 - ✓ Develop countless CDM development experts worldwide
 - Develop an experienced secretariat
 - In addition:
 - Brought climate change to the agenda of many developing country governments
 - ✓ Built capacity for identifying and implementing mitigation actions
 - ✓ Attracted interest of the private sector (implementers, verifiers)
 - ✓ Demonstrated that market mechanisms can work new coming online



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CDM in energy and transport



Energy generation and distribution and energy efficiency are among the most successful project types in CDM.

50% of the methodologies.

"CDM incentive brought wind energy to China and Mexico"



Transport accounts for 34 projects

> (Transmilenio Bogota)



Contribution of CDM to adaptation - finance

Direct contribution

- 2% share of proceeds on issued CERs
- Kept in Adaptation Fund (AF) account in the CDM Registry automatic
- World Bank trustee
 - ✓ Over 7,500 registered projects
 - ✓ **1.5 billion CERs issued** (tons CO2 equivalent avoided)
 - ✓ Approximately US\$215 billion investment
 - ✓ 29,228,000 CERs raised for AF
 - ✓ **US188 million** contribution Adaptation Fund (2% of CERs)



CDM's potential



Potential for 8 billion CERs with registered projects up to 2020 = 160 million CERs for AF



Contribution of CDM to adaptation – co-benefits

Indirect contribution

- CDM projects' co-benefits
- Adaptation realized, which is the final goal of adaptation finance.
- o Conservation of water
- o Improved access to water
- o Water purification
- o Creation of irrigation
- Improvement of ecological state of water bodies & other improvements
- Production of fertilizer
- Prevention of soil erosion & other land quality improvement/preservation
- Conservation of natural resources



- Generation of income / job creation / poverty alleviation
- Increased revenue for local authorities
- o Reduction of diseases
- o Health benefits
- o Education
- Access to energy
- Reduction of dependency on foreign energy sources



Contribution of CDM to adaptation – indirect

Indirect contribution

• More mitigation implies less adaptation. Mitigation finally means adaptation.



"Costs are lowest if adequate mitigation efforts are taken (i.e. if the emissions gap is closed). Adaptation costs increase with increasing temperatures." (Source: Schaeffer et al., 2013b)



Potential of the CDM



- Fit for use in emerging jurisdictions, as a tool to promote and facilitate mitigation action with adaptation benefits.
- CDM can mobilize significant amounts of private sector funding (up to US\$500 billion with currently registered projects!)
- CDM provides a strong monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) system for delivery of results-based finance.

Encouragement to countries and institutions for the use of CDM in existing and emerging jurisdictions and systems can continue to leverage important resources and expertise.



In conclusion

- CDM is a successful, ready-made tool, tested, improved and apt to be further evolved as required.
- Private sector has been successfully engaged.
- Potential to continue contributing to mitigation and adaptation worldwide.
- Fully developed system for MRV of mitigation action. Very effective for results-based finance.



Potential for continued contribution to mitigation and adaptation, with strong MRV, linking global markets and delivering finance



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