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Revision of CDM project standards, validation and verification standards, and project cycle procedures

CDM EB 101

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Procedural background

- At EB 93, based on the request from the CMP11, the Board adopted:
 - a) CDM project standard for project activities (**PS-PA**);
 - b) CDM validation and verification standard for project activities (**VVS-PA**);
 - c) CDM project cycle procedure for project activities (**PCP-PA**);
 - d) CDM project standard for programmes of activities (**PS-PoA**);
 - e) CDM validation and verification standard for programmes of activities (**VVS-PoA**);
 - f) CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities (**PCP-PoA**).
- Since the adoption of the two sets of the PS, VVS and PCP, the Board has considered several issues relating to the current CDM rules and agreed to change them in the next revision.
- The Board, through its workplan 2018, decided to revise the PSs, VVSs and PCPs to incorporate amendments, clarifications, structural improvements and revisions earlier agreed to by the Board.



Procedural background

- At EB 100, the Board considered draft revised PSs, VVSs and PCPs, and requested the secretariat to further revise them, incorporating additional changes agreed by the Board at EB 100.



Purpose

- The purpose of the revision of the two sets of the PS, VVS and PCP is to reflect the changes agreed by the Board, as well as correct errors and inconsistencies found in the current versions.



Further changes to the previous drafts (annotations to EB 100)

a) Reflect changes agreed by the Board at EB 100:

- ✓ Changes to the process of renewal of crediting period and PoA period (EB 100 report, para. 32);
- ✓ Removing overlap and restructuring of required information items on “*technologies/measures*” and “*facilities, equipment and measures*” (EB 100, in meeting instruction);
- ✓ Relocation of some provisions between the section applicable for small-scale project activities and the general section (EB 100, in meeting instruction)
- ✓ Ensuring consistency in referencing to methodological tools and other regulatory documents (e.g. standards, guidelines and standardized baselines) throughout the documents (EB 100 report, para. 34(a))

b) Other substantive change proposed by the secretariat:

- ✓ Clarification on the conditions under which a post-registration change request and renewal request can be combined



Main changes from the previous versions

c) General editorial, structural and consistency improvements



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Impacts

- Revised PSs, VVSs and PCPs would benefit all stakeholders, as well as the Board and the secretariat, through improved clarity, consistency and environmental integrity.



Subsequent work and timelines

- Upon the adoption by the Board of the two sets of revised PSs, VVSs and PCPs, the secretariat will prepare for the implementation of the revised regulatory framework, including the **revision of supporting operational documents such as forms and checklists**.
- It is proposed to make the revised documents enter into force on **1 January 2019** to allow for the lead time for users for these documents as well as for the secretariat for the preparation for the implementation.



Recommendations to the Board

- The Board may wish to **adopt** the two sets of revised PSs, VVSs and PCPs.
- The Board may wish to **agree** on the proposed date of entry into force of these documents, and request the secretariat to prepare for the implementation.



Budget and cost

- No budget implication.

