



JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Twelfth meeting

Proposed agenda and annotations

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¹ The twelfth meeting of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee will be preceded by informal consultations on 8 September 2008 and a UNFCCC technical workshop on joint implementation on 9–10 September 2008.



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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Membership issues (including disclosure of possible conflict of interest)

1. **Background:** According to paragraph 14 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 on guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol (hereinafter referred to as JI guidelines) at least two thirds of the members of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC), representing a majority of members from Parties included in Annex I and a majority of members from Parties not included in Annex I, must be present to constitute a quorum.
2. According to paragraph 10 (b) of the JI guidelines members, including alternate members, of the JISC shall have no pecuniary or financial interest in any aspect of a JI project. Paragraph 2 of rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the JISC additionally stipulates that members, including alternate members, of the JISC shall have no pecuniary or financial interest in any accredited independent entity (AIE), or any designated operational entity (DOE) acting provisionally as an AIE.
3. According to paragraph 11 of the JI guidelines, quoted in paragraph 1 of rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the JISC, the JISC may suspend and recommend to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) the termination of the membership of a particular member, including an alternate member, for cause including, inter alia, breach of the conflict of interest provisions or failure to attend two consecutive meetings of the JISC without proper justification.
4. **Action:** The Chair may wish to ascertain whether (a) the members present constitute a quorum and (b) the absence of any member or alternate member is “without proper justification”.
5. The Chair may wish to request the members and alternate members of the JISC to disclose whether they consider to have any conflict of interest relating to the work of the JISC.
6. The JISC may wish to consider information provided by any member or alternate member, including with respect to any potential conflict of interest, and take action, if appropriate.

2. Adoption of the agenda

7. **Background:** The JISC agreed, at its eleventh meeting, on items to be included in the provisional agenda of its twelfth meeting. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the JISC, subsequent additions or changes to the provisional agenda of a meeting may be proposed to the secretariat by any member, or alternate member, and incorporated in the proposed agenda. No suggestions for additions or changes were received by the secretariat before the relevant deadline. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the JISC on 21 August 2008 and thereafter posted on the UNFCCC JI website.

8. **Action:** The members of the JISC may wish to adopt the proposed agenda of the twelfth meeting.

3. Work plan

(a) Accreditation of independent entities

9. **Background:** On the basis of the accreditation procedure adopted by the JISC at its fourth meeting, on 6 October 2006, independent entities (IEs), including DOEs under the clean development mechanism (CDM), could start submitting applications for accreditation under JI to the secretariat.



10. Based on the terms of reference for JI assessment teams (JI-ATs), agreed on by the JISC also at its fourth meeting, the secretariat, as mandated, launched three public calls for experts to be included in the roster of experts for JI-ATs, open for applications from 9 October until 20 November 2006, from 13 December 2006 until 17 January 2007, and from 28 February until 24 September 2007, respectively.

11. The Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP) held its twelfth meeting on 28–29 July 2008. At this meeting, the JI-AP maintained the roster of experts for JI-ATs, considered the applications for accreditation from IEs, and selected members of JI-ATs with regard to these applications.

12. **Action:** The JISC may wish to (a) take note of the eighth progress report on the work of the JI-AP and an oral report by its Chair, Mr. Pluzhnikov, on the work of the panel, (b) consider further guidance to the JI-AP, as appropriate.

(b) Matters relating to determination reports regarding project design documents

13. **Background:** At its fifth meeting, the JISC officially launched the verification procedure under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as JI Track 2 procedure) on 26 October 2006 and noted that the information from Parties regarding their designated focal points (DFPs) and national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects, in accordance with paragraph 20 (a) and (b) of the JI guidelines, required for the submission of determination reports regarding project design documents (PDDs), had not been provided to the secretariat by a number of Parties.

14. **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider and discuss the status of (a) projects submitted under the JI Track 2 procedure as well as (b) information provided by Parties in accordance with paragraph 20 of the JI guidelines, and take action, as appropriate.

(c) Joint implementation project design document forms (incl. guidelines for users)

15. **Background:** At its eleventh meeting, the JISC discussed the need to revise the JI PDD forms (incl. guidelines for users), and decided to further consider the issue during the UNFCCC technical workshop on JI on 9–10 September and its subsequent twelfth meeting.

16. To ensure the highest degree of transparency and to identify practical needs for a revision, the JISC, at its eleventh meeting, requested the secretariat to launch a call for public input on possible revisions of the JI PDD forms (incl. guidelines for users), asking to propose possible changes to these documents including reasons for the suggestion. The JISC also requested the secretariat to address the issue on its behalf to the DOE/AIE coordination forum for its inputs.

17. The call for public input, referred to in paragraph 16 above, was open from 27 June to 25 July 2008. During this period one input, available under <http://ji.unfccc.int/CallForInputs/PublicInputPDDFormsGuidelines/index.html>, was received by the secretariat.

18. **Action:** The JISC may wish to further discuss the need to revise the JI PDD forms (incl. guidelines for users) on the basis of the inputs received and taking into account the interactions during the UNFCCC technical workshop on JI mentioned in paragraph 15 above.

(d) Guidance on criteria for baseline setting and monitoring

19. **Background:** At its eleventh meeting, the JISC discussed the need to revise its guidance on criteria for baseline setting and monitoring and decided to further consider the issue during the UNFCCC technical workshop on JI on 9–10 September and its subsequent twelfth meeting.

20. **Action:** The JISC may wish to further discuss the need to revise its guidance on criteria for baseline setting and monitoring.



(e) **Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation**

21. **Background:** According to paragraph 6 of decision 3/CMP.3, the JISC shall keep the joint implementation management plan (JI-MAP) under review and make adjustments as necessary to continue ensuring the efficient, cost-effective and transparent functioning of the JISC and related activities on JI.

22. At its ninth meeting, the JISC noted the need for a more thorough analysis of the staffing required to support work on JI with a view to reflecting any changes in a revision of the management plan in mid 2008.

23. The JISC at its tenth meeting considered information on the staffing required to support the work on JI presented by the secretariat and considered the need for revisions to the JI management plan for the biennium 2008–2009. On this basis, the JISC requested the secretariat, in accordance with paragraphs 6 of decision 3/CMP.3, to prepare a revised version of the JI management plan for the biennium 2008–2009 for consideration at its next meeting, with a view to reporting to the CMP at its fourth session. It requested the secretariat to consult with the Chair and Vice-Chair in the preparation of the document.

24. **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider the draft revised JI-MAP as necessary, and information provided by the secretariat in this regard, with a view to adopting it and forwarding it to the CMP as an annex to its annual report (see item 4 (c) below).

25. The JISC may also wish to, inter alia, consider the scheduling of its meetings for the remainder of 2008 and for 2009, and the status of resources and contributions, and take action, as appropriate.

4. Other matters

(a) **Collaboration of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee with others**

26. **Background:** The CMP, through paragraph 5 of decision 10/CMP.1, encouraged the JISC to collaborate with (a) the Executive Board of the CDM, (b) the Compliance Committee under the Kyoto Protocol, in particular with regard to the list of Parties referred to in paragraph 27 of the JI guidelines, (c) the DFPs for Article 6 under the Kyoto Protocol and (d) observers to meetings of the JISC, referred to in paragraph 18 of the JI guidelines, through regular question-and-answer sessions held in this context.

27. The JISC, at its tenth meeting, decided to recognize the DOE/AIE coordination forum as a communication channel between the JISC and applicant IEs and AIEs, to invite written inputs from the forum to be submitted 14 days prior to each JISC meeting at the latest for discussion under an agenda item dedicated to interactions between the JISC and the forum on issues relevant to applicant IEs and AIEs at the corresponding JISC meeting, and to request the secretariat to facilitate the organization of meetings of the forum.

28. **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider written inputs from the DOE/AIE coordination forum if any, invite the Chair of the forum to the meeting and interact with the Chair, as appropriate.

29. The JISC may also wish to discuss means by which to collaborate with stakeholders, in particular with those mentioned in paragraph 26 above, on the basis of experience gained in this respect since its establishment.

(b) **Results of the UNFCCC technical workshop on joint implementation**

30. **Background:** A UNFCCC technical workshop on JI is being held in Bonn on 9–10 September 2008, immediately prior to the twelfth meeting of the JISC. Participants will include the JISC members



and alternate members, and experts on project-based mechanisms, including designated focal points, applicant independent entities, and other stakeholders.

31. **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of outcomes of the workshop relevant to its work, as appropriate.

(c) Report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

32. **Background:** In accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of the JI guidelines, the JISC shall be responsible for reporting on its activities to each session of the CMP with a view to the CMP reviewing, inter alia, these annual reports and taking decisions, as appropriate, on any recommendations made by the JISC, in accordance with the JI guidelines.

33. Taking into account the discussions of the JISC at its eleventh meeting, the secretariat has prepared a draft of the annual report of the JISC to the CMP for consideration of the JISC at its twelfth meeting.

34. **Action:** The JISC may wish to discuss its annual report to the CMP with a view to adopting it and forwarding it to the CMP for consideration at its fourth session.

(d) Other business

35. **Background:** According to paragraph 1 of rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the JISC, the JISC shall, at each meeting, agree upon the provisional agenda of its next meeting.

36. **Action:** The JISC may wish to discuss and agree on the provisional agenda of its thirteenth meeting.

37. As necessary, the JISC may wish to consider other issues.

Informal interaction with registered observers

38. **Background:** The CMP, through paragraph 5 (d) of decision 10/CMP.1, encouraged the JISC to collaborate with observers to its meetings through regular question-and-answer sessions held in this context. Since its establishment, the JISC met with observers for a webcasted question-and-answer session at each meeting.

39. **Action:** The JISC may wish to continue the practice of informal interaction with observers, referred to in paragraph 38 above, at the second day of its twelfth meeting.

5. Conclusion of the meeting

40. **Action:** The Chair may wish to summarize the meeting and the decisions taken.

41. The JISC may wish to adopt the report of its twelfth meeting.

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