

**JI-JISC36**

## Meeting report

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# Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee thirty-sixth meeting

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## Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

### Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. The Secretary to the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the JISC) opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met before proceeding to conduct the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the JISC covered under agenda item 2.1 “Membership issues”, as referred to in paragraph 5 below.
2. The JISC noted that Mr. Marko Berglund, Ms. Carola Borja, Mr. Yury Fedorov, Mr. Konrad Raeschke-Kessler, Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch and Mr. Albert Williams were unable to attend the meeting. The members and alternate members provided proper justification.
3. Table 1 below represents the attendance of members and alternate members at the meeting. The names of members and alternate members present at the meeting are in bold print below. Where only the name of an alternate member is in bold print, the alternate participated as a member.

**Table 1. Attendance**

Members	Alternates
<b>Ms. Veneta Borikova</b> <sup>b</sup>	<i>Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch</i> <sup>b</sup>
Ms. Carola Borja <sup>a</sup>	<b>Mr. Carlos Fuller</b> <sup>a</sup>
<b>Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki</b> <sup>a</sup>	<i>Mr. Yury Fedorov</i> <sup>b</sup>
<b>Ms. Julia Justo Soto</b> <sup>b</sup>	<b>Mr. Komi Tomyeba</b> <sup>b</sup>
<b>Mr. Hiroki Kudo</b> <sup>b</sup>	<i>Vacant</i> <sup>b1</sup>
<b>Mr. Benoît Leguet</b> <sup>b</sup>	<b>Mr. Jakob Lenz</b> <sup>b</sup>
<b>Ms. Gherghita Nicodim</b> <sup>b</sup>	<b>Mr. Mykhailo Chyzhenko</b> <sup>b</sup>
<b>Mr. Derrick Oderson</b> <sup>a</sup>	<i>Mr. Albert Williams</i> <sup>a</sup>
<b>Mr. Guoqiang Qian</b> <sup>a</sup>	<b>Mr. Chebet Maikut</b> <sup>a</sup>
Mr. Konrad Raeschke-Kessler <sup>a</sup>	<i>Mr. Marko Berglund</i> <sup>a</sup>

<sup>(a)</sup> Term: Two years (term of service ends immediately before the first meeting in 2016).

<sup>(b)</sup> Term: Two years (term of service ends immediately before the first meeting in 2017).

<sup>1</sup> Nomination pending from CMP 10.

### Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

4. The JISC adopted the agenda of the meeting.

## Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

### Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

5. The JISC welcomed new members and alternate members nominated by the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP)

at its tenth session and elected Ms. Julia Justo Soto and Mr. Konrad Raeschke-Kessler as Chair and Vice-Chair of the JISC, respectively, until the first meeting of the JISC in 2016.

6. The JISC took note of the oaths of service of new members and alternate members of the JISC.
7. The JISC considered information provided by members and alternate members with respect to any potential conflict of interest relating to the work of the JISC.

### **Agenda item 2.2. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel**

8. The JISC elected Mr. Carlos Fuller and Mr. Benoît Leguet to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP).

## **Agenda item 3. Workplan**

### **Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation of independent entities**

9. The JISC took note of the notifications by the JI-AP on the request from the following accredited independent entity (AIE) on voluntary withdrawal of its accreditation: JI-E-0013 “Swiss Association for Quality and Management Systems” (SQS).
10. The JISC took note of the notification by the JI-AP on the expiration of the accreditation of the AIE: JI-E-0001 “DNV Climate Change Services AS” (DNV).
11. The JISC took note of the notifications of the JI-AP on the positive outcome of the regular on-site surveillance assessments of the following AIEs:
  - (a) JI-E-0009 “Spanish Association for Standardisation and Certification” (AENOR);
  - (b) JI-E-0011 “TÜV NORD CERT GmbH” (TÜV NORD).
12. The JISC agreed to extend the term of office of the members of the JI-AP for one year and expressed its appreciation to the members for their support rendered to date.

### **Agenda item 3.2. Matters relating determination and verification reports**

13. The JISC took note of an update on the status (as of 13 March 2015) of project submissions, determinations and verifications under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as the JI Track 2 procedure). Since the launch of the JI Track 2 procedure, 332 project design documents (PDDs) and one programme of activities design document (PoA-DD) have been submitted and made publicly available on the UNFCCC JI website, in accordance with paragraph 32 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 (JI guidelines). A total of 52 determinations regarding PDDs have been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 34 of the JI guidelines, of which 51 have been deemed final in accordance with paragraph 35 of the JI guidelines, and one has been rejected.
14. The JISC also took note that 130 verifications have been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 38 of the JI guidelines, of which 129 have been deemed final in accordance with paragraph 39 of the JI guidelines, and one has been withdrawn.

15. The JISC took note of the report on the status of 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. A total of 37 Parties included in Annex I to the Convention have so far informed the secretariat of their DFPs.<sup>1</sup> Of these Parties, 32 have also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects.<sup>2</sup>
16. The JISC further noted that 597 Track 1 projects (projects with national oversight and no JISC oversight) have been published on the UNFCCC JI website, of which 548 have received unique project identifiers and have been submitted to the International Transaction Log.

### **Agenda item 3.3. Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation**

17. The JISC adopted its management plan (MAP) 2015 as contained in annex 1 to this report. The JISC thanked and commended the secretariat for the preparation of this MAP, which delivers on the three main objectives from the two-year business plan agreed by the JISC last year. Further, the JISC agreed to continue with the approach laid out in its business plan and look for further opportunities to use resources wisely while maintaining the appropriate capacity to perform JI duties.
18. The JISC held a focused discussion on strategic and planning matters related to the future direction of JI. A number of matters were discussed, including:
  - (a) The volume of activity in JI has slowed considerably in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, due primarily to the current inability of Parties under Kyoto rules to issue emission reduction units (ERUs) for the second commitment period and the current insufficient market demand for ERUs. The JISC also recognizes that Parties have a wide range of policy instruments available to them, in addition to JI, and that there are concerns arising from JI Track 1 activities not being subject to international oversight, such as through the JISC, which only has authority over JI Track 2. The JISC does not foresee that there will be a significant increase in JI activity in the short term;
  - (b) The JISC nevertheless remains of the view that the approach embodied in JI should, and will be, relevant to the implementation of the new climate agreement to be adopted for the post-2020 period, in which an increasing number of Parties can be expected to take on quantified emission commitments that lend themselves to the type of international crediting made possible through JI;

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<sup>1</sup> Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

<sup>2</sup> Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

- (c) The JISC also considers that there is value in consolidating crediting mechanisms for the purpose of the post-2020 period, instead of having separate mechanisms for Parties with caps on their emissions and those without such caps. Such mechanisms perform the same functions and there is value, efficiency and integrity from common approaches across the globe, while still accounting for any differences necessitated by different geographic or activity scopes;
  - (d) The JISC considers it important to promote the approach embodied in JI to Parties and the discussions of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), in their consideration of appropriate market mechanisms under the new climate agreement for the post-2020 period. Such promotion should focus on Parties with a potential interest in the mechanism, including emerging economies, that may be expected to take on economy-wide or sector-based quantified targets;
  - (e) Such promotion of JI should clearly communicate the fundamental distinction between Track 1 and Track 2, stressing the international oversight, transparency and integrity of JI Track 2 under the authority of the JISC. It should also stress the value of the draft modalities and procedures for JI, currently under preparation in the context of the review of the JI guidelines, as a blueprint for the operation of mechanisms under the new climate agreement;
  - (f) The JISC considers that it is currently premature to make further improvements in the operation of JI, given that the new climate agreement to emerge from the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session in Paris, December 2015, is to give guidance on what international mechanisms should be available for use in the post-2020 period;
  - (g) The experience with the new approach to the JISC event at CMP 10 was seen as very positive, and the JISC would like to continue this approach, perhaps in collaboration with equivalent events of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM). The JISC would also like to pursue further exchange and collaboration with the CDM Executive Board.
19. The JISC adopted its workplan for 2015, as contained in [annex 2](#) to this report. The document, which is in line with the approved MAP as referred to in paragraph 17 above, and takes into account the mandates given by CMP 10, provides information on the work scheduled for each meeting of the JISC in 2015.

## **Agenda item 4. Other matters**

### **Agenda item 4.1. Guidance by the CMP**

20. The JISC took note of decision 5/CMP.10 on “Guidance on the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol”, from CMP 10 held in Lima, Peru, in December 2014.
21. In response to paragraph 8 of decision 5/CMP.10, the JISC adopted recommendations on the review of the JI guidelines to be submitted to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at its forty-second session, as contained in [annex 3](#) to this report.

22. The JISC further took note of decision 6/CMP.10, “Synergy relating to accreditation under the mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol”, and the outcomes of the eighty-second meeting of the CDM Executive Board.
23. The JISC further agreed, in principle, to fully rely on the accreditation system under the CDM for its accreditation decisions under JI, i.e. entities accredited as designated operational entities under the CDM (accredited under the authority of the CDM Executive Board) will be used to perform determinations and verifications. In this regard, the JISC requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note identifying possible impacts, measures to address risks, and a plan for how to implement the approach, to be considered by the JISC at its next meeting with a view to taking a final decision to fully rely on the accreditation system under the CDM.
24. The JISC took note of the invitation by the CDM Executive Board on possible collaboration to consider the mandate from decision 6.CMP/10 referred to in paragraph 22 above. The JISC agreed that such collaboration could be done through the informal interactions referred to in paragraph 29 below.

#### **Agenda item 4.2. Relations with stakeholders, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations**

25. No inputs to this meeting were received from the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum and the Project Developer Forum.
26. No registered observers requested an informal interaction with the JISC.
27. Observers to the thirty-seventh meeting of the JISC shall have registered with the secretariat by **15 September 2015**.

#### **Agenda item 4.3. Other business**

28. The JISC took note of a report on carbon market and policy developments over the past few months. The JISC noted the status of submission of intended nationally determined contributions by the European Union and Switzerland, the proposed European Union 2030 climate package as well as updates on relevant policy developments in the United States of America and the People's Republic of China.
29. The JISC requested its Chair and Vice-Chair to continue the usual informal interaction with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CDM Executive Board with the view to exchanging information and experiences, discuss ways to cooperate across the two regulatory bodies and to report about this interaction at the next meeting.
30. The JISC agreed on its calendar of meetings for 2015. The next meeting of the JISC will be held on 29 and 30 September 2015 in Bonn, Germany.
31. The JISC agreed to the provisional agenda for its thirty-seventh meeting, as contained in [annex 4](#) to this report.

#### **Agenda item 5. Conclusion of the meeting**

32. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the thirty-sixth meeting of the JISC.

## Annexes to the report

### ***Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation***

Annex 1 - Management plan 2015 (version 01.0)

Annex 2 - Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee workplan for 2015 (version 01.0)

### ***Guidance by the CMP***

Annex 3 - Recommendation: JISC recommendations on the review of the joint implementation guidelines to SBI 42 (version 01.0)

### ***Other business***

Annex 4 - Provisional agenda: Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee thirty-seventh meeting (version 01.0)

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