

**JI-JISC38**

## Meeting report

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# Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee thirty-eighth 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 (JISC) opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met, before proceeding to conduct the election of the 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. Benoit Leguet, Mr. Chebet Maikut, and Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch 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, with the alternates indicated in italics. 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>(a)</sup>	<i>Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch</i> <sup>(a)</sup>
Vacant <sup>(a), 1</sup>	<b>Mr. Carlos Fuller</b> <sup>(b),2</sup>
<b>Ms. Julia Justo Soto</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	<b>Mr. Komi Tomyeba</b> <sup>(a)</sup>
Mr. Benoît Leguet <sup>(a)</sup>	<b>Mr. Jakob Lenz</b> <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Ms. Gherghita Nicodim</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	<b>Mr. Mykhailo Chyzhenko</b> <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Mr. Guoqiang Qian</b> <sup>(b)</sup>	<i>Mr. Chebet Maikut</i> <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Mr. Konrad Raeschke-Kessler</b> <sup>(b)</sup>	<b>Ms. Vanessa Leonardi</b> <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Mr. Takahiko Tagami</b> <sup>(a)</sup>	<i>Vacant</i> <sup>(b),3</sup>
<b>Mr. Albert Williams</b> <sup>(b)</sup>	<b>Mr. Derrick Oderson</b> <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Ms. Izabela Zborowska</b> <sup>(b)</sup>	<b>Ms. Iryna Rudzko</b> <sup>(b)</sup>

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

<sup>(b)</sup> Term: Two years (term of service ends immediately before the first meeting in 2018)

<sup>1</sup> Ms. Carola Borja resigned effective 26 February 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Fuller remains in office until his successor is nominated by the respective regional group/constituency.

<sup>3</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 at its eleventh session (CMP 11) and elected Mr. Konrad Raeschke-Kessler and Mr. Albert Williams as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the JISC, respectively, until the first meeting of the JISC in 2017.
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 at its thirty-eighth meeting.

## **Agenda item 3. Workplan**

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

8. The JISC took note of a status report of the administrative steps taken to enable the joint implementation (JI) accreditation system to fully rely on the clean development mechanism (CDM) accreditation system.<sup>1</sup> The JISC also noted that, as at 15 March 2016, the following designated operating entities (DOEs) had submitted self-declarations, expressing their interest to act voluntarily as accredited independent entities (AIEs) to perform JI determinations and verifications, as of 2 August 2016:
  - (a) E-0021 Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification (AENOR);
  - (b) E-0025 Korean Foundation for Quality (KFQ);
  - (c) E-0022 TÜV NORD CERT GmbH (TÜV NORD);
  - (d) E-0032 LGAI Technological Center, S.A. (LGA Tech. Center S.A);
  - (e) E-0044 China Quality Certification Center (CQC);
  - (f) E-0046 China Classification Society Certification Company (CCSC);
  - (g) E-0051 KBS Certification Services Pvt. Ltd (KBS);
  - (h) E-0055 URS Verification Private Limited (URS);
  - (i) E-0061 Shenzhen CTI International Certification Co. Ltd (CTI);
  - (j) E-0062 EPIC Sustainability Services Pvt. Ltd. (EPIC);
  - (k) E-0066 Earthood Services Private Limited (Earthood).

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<sup>1</sup> JISC 37 report, paragraph 16(k)

9. The JISC considered the concept note on “Measures to address issues arising from DOEs acting as AIEs” and agreed to adopt the revised complaint procedure, as a stand-alone regulatory document, as contained in annex 1 to this report, and make it effective on 2 August 2016. The JISC agreed to maintain the current appraisal and review procedures. In this context, the JISC clarified that these procedures are, namely; "Procedures for appraisals of determinations under the verification procedure under the JISC" (version 02), and "Procedures for reviews under the verification procedure under the JISC" (version 04). The JISC further agreed to consider replacing the two external experts with secretariat staff to conduct appraisals, if, during annual reviews<sup>2</sup> of the implementation of reliance on the CDM accreditation system, a clear upward trend of submission of determinations and verifications under the Track 2 procedure is observed.
10. The JISC agreed to extend the term of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP) members until 1 August 2016, and elected Mr. Benoit Leguet as the chair and Mr. Carlos Fuller as vice-chair of the JI-AP for that period.

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

11. The JISC took note of an update regarding the current (18 March 2016) status 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 1 programme of activities design document have been published on the UNFCCC JI website, in accordance with the guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol<sup>3</sup> (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.
12. The JISC also took note that, as at 18 March 2016, 129 verifications have been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 38 of the JI guidelines, of which 128 have been deemed final in accordance with paragraph 39 of the JI guidelines.
13. 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. As at 18 March 2016, a total of 37 Annex I Parties have so far informed the secretariat of their DFPs.<sup>4</sup> Of these Parties, 32 have also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> JISC 37 report, paragraph 16(j)

<sup>3</sup> Annex to decision 9/CMP.1

<sup>4</sup> Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Union, 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.

<sup>5</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.

14. The JISC further noted that, as at 18 March 2016, 597 JI Track 1 projects 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**

15. The JISC adopted its workplan for 2016, as contained in annex 2 to this report. The document, which is in line with the management plan 2016-2017 and takes into account the mandates given by the CMP at its eleventh session, provides information on the work planned for each meeting of the JISC in 2016.

**Agenda item 4. Other matters**

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

16. The JISC took note of the outcomes of SBI 43 and CMP 11 relating to JI agenda items and also took note of the adoption of the Paris Agreement, in particular the provisions contained in its Article 6 and its related decisions adopted at the UNFCCC sessions in Paris, France.
17. In response to the request by the CMP (7/CMP.11, paragraphs 4 and 5), the JISC agreed on two recommendations to be submitted to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-fourth session (May 2016), as stated below:
- (a) Actions that would be necessary to implement the draft JI modalities and rules of procedures, as contained in annex 3 to this report;
  - (b) Options to address concerns raised by stakeholders and validation by an AIE of post-registration changes, in the context of the review of the JI guidelines, as contained in annex 4 to this report.
18. In response to the request in decision 7/CMP.11, paragraph 7, the JISC considered the concept note on "Input from the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee to CMP 12" related to: experiences and lessons learned from JI for the possible design of mitigation mechanisms; links and interactions with other tools; and synergies between JI and other mitigation mechanisms. The JISC requested the secretariat to incorporate its inputs in the next version of the document together with consideration of submissions from Parties and admitted observers. The JISC requested a small group of members (Mr. Benoit Leguet, Ms. Gherghita Nicodim, Mr. Derrick Oderson, Mr. Konrad Raeschke-Kessler and Mr. Albert Williams) to work with the secretariat on the next version for consideration by the JISC at its next meeting.

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

19. The JISC interacted with the chair of the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum, Mr. Werner Betzenbichler, and took note of the inputs from the forum, as reported by its chair, which included the following comments related to the agenda of the meeting:

- (a) Measures to address issues arising from DOEs acting as AIEs: Mr. Betzenbichler requested clarification on which guidelines will be followed for the timeline for the appraisal and review of submission by DOEs acting as AIEs;
  - (b) Input from the JISC to CMP12: He requested placing more emphasis on the role of AIEs and their expertise developed over the past 15 years.
20. The JISC thanked Mr. Betzenbichler for his inputs and encouraged the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum to continue raising issues related to the JISC.
21. The JISC interacted with the chair of the Project Developer Forum (PD Forum), Mr. Sven Kolmetz, and took note of the input from the forum. The chair of the PD Forum elaborated in particular on the following matters related to the agenda of the meeting:
- (a) Measures to address issues arising from DOEs acting as AIEs. Mr. Kolmetz offered support to explore the possibility of building JI competence in CDM-AP;
  - (b) Timing of local stakeholder consultation, considered as part of the recommendations on the review of the JI guidelines. It was suggested that the timing be consistent with the current common practice in CDM;
  - (c) The need for continued international oversight of JI under the UNFCCC and suggested harmonization of the JI with CDM in the future sustainable development mechanism. It was also suggested that the concept of net mitigation be included in the development of the mechanism.
22. The JISC thanked Mr. Kolmetz for his inputs and encouraged the PD Forum to continue its interaction with the JISC in the future.
23. No registered observers requested an informal interaction with the JISC. Observers to the thirty-ninth meeting of the JISC shall have registered with the secretariat by **30 August 2016**.

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

24. The JISC took note of a report on carbon market and policy developments over the past few months in different regions relating to carbon pricing mechanisms and recent initiatives in the carbon market.
25. The JISC considered possible key messages to be included in its annual report to the CMP for 2016. The JISC proposed highlighting the following, inter alia:
- (a) The usefulness of JI to support implementation of the Paris Agreement, Article 6, paragraph 4, with lessons learned from JI contributing to the creation of a sustainable development mechanism;
  - (b) The value of JI in supporting countries' efforts to increase the ambition of climate action;
  - (c) The specific strengths of JI, including, as a tool for measuring, reporting and verifying emission reductions, for directing investment to climate action, and delivering benefits to countries;

- (d) Possible use of JI, including its infrastructure, and experiences from its implementation to support various aspects of the Paris Agreement.
26. The JISC agreed to hold its next meeting on 20-21 September 2016, in Bonn, Germany.
  27. The JISC agreed to the provisional agenda for its thirty-ninth meeting, as contained in annex 5 to this report.

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

28. The Chair summarized the main conclusions, adopted the report of the meeting, and closed the thirty-eighth meeting of the JISC.

## Annexes to the report

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

Annex 1 - Procedure: Handling of complaints against a DOE acting as an AIE (version 01.0)

Annex 2 - Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee workplan for 2016 (version 01.0)

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

Annex 3 - Recommendation: Review of the joint implementation guidelines – recommendation to the SBI (version 01.0)

Annex 4 - Recommendation: Proposed further recommendations on the review of the joint implementation guidelines (version 01.0)

### ***Other business***

Annex 5 - Provisional agenda: Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee thirty-ninth meeting (version 01.0)

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