

JI-JISC39-A01

Recommendation to the CMP

Additional efficiency measures for the operation of the JISC

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1. Procedural background

1. By its decision 5/CMP.10, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), requested the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) to keep the joint implementation (JI) management plan under review, making necessary adjustments to ensure the efficient, cost-effective and transparent functioning of JI and to ensure sufficient infrastructure and capacity for the mechanism's use by Parties until at least the end of the additional period for fulfilling commitments under the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.
2. Project related activity under JI has ceased since 2014, with no determination or verification cases having since been submitted to the JISC. It is now nearly four years after the conclusion of the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, with the Doha Amendment not having entered into force (or entered into force for the Parties that may host JI projects). This means that new projects are not seeking approval and current projects are not requesting the issuance of emission reduction units. The CMP is aware of this, and through its decision 7/CMP.11, paragraph 3, it reiterated its concern regarding the difficult market situation currently faced by participants in JI, with projects declining to a point where the mechanism is practically non-existent.
3. Furthermore, over the past few years, the work of the JISC has been highly focused on providing recommendations to the CMP and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) on how to improve the Kyoto mechanisms, in particular in relation to the review of the JI guidelines. The process of review by the SBI has now been concluded, with the SBI making recommendations to the CMP for its consideration at its twelfth session (CMP12). This also means that the ongoing policy work of the JISC has drawn to a conclusion.
4. At the recent JISC meetings, it has been observed that reaching quorum is becoming a challenge due to: (a) various seats in the JISC not being filled due to pending nominations; (b) unexpected resignations; and (c) the falling participation of members and alternate members.

2. Purpose and scope

5. The purpose of this recommendation is to comply with the CMP mandate to the JISC to make prudent use of its resources by using additional measures of operation of the JISC¹, in particular its meetings.
6. The JISC notes that it would make use of some but not necessarily all of the additional measures of operation in the year 2017. In particular, it would not implement virtual meetings unless agreed by the JISC beforehand.
7. However, the confirmation from the CMP, at its twelfth session, would provide the JISC with the full range of possibilities identified, to be used as needed in the future, including in the longer term. As such all additional measures are included in the recommendation.

¹ As referred to in document JI-JISC39-AA-A02, paragraph 16 to paragraph 20, available at <<http://ji.unfccc.int/UserManagement/FileStorage/BWPL7YQUHM4V2K5G30OJZDI1FSRNXA>>.

3. JISC recommendation to the CMP

8. The JISC recommends the CMP to:

- (a) Affirm that, in order to continue the prudent management of resources, the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee may meet less than twice a year, and may implement additional efficiency measures for its operation, such as virtual participation in meetings and electronic consultation and electronic decision-making;
- (b) Affirm that virtual participation of members or alternates acting as members of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee in its meetings shall count towards quorum and that virtual meetings of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee are meetings of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee as described in the Rules of Procedure;
- (c) Affirm also that the electronic submission of the signed Oath of Service by members and alternates of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee is sufficient to fulfil the requirements of the Rules of Procedure.

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