

JI-JISC35

Meeting report

Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee thirty-fifth meeting

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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki, the Chair of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the JISC), opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met.
2. The JISC noted that Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch, Ms. Gertraud Wollansky, Mr. Yury Fedorov, Mr. Evans Njewa, Mr. Chebet Maikut, and Ms. Mihaela Smarandache 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
Ms. Carola Borja^b	Mr. Carlos Fuller^b
Mr. Mykhailo Chyzenko^a	Ms. Milya Dimitrova^a
Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki^b	Mr. Yury Fedorov^b
Ms. Julia Justo Soto^a	Mr. Evans Njewa^a
Mr. Derrick Oderson^b	Mr. Albert Williams^b
Mr. Guoqiang Qian^b	Mr. Chebet Maikut^b
Mr. Konrad Raeschke-Kessler^b	Mr. Marko Berglund^b
Mr. Evgeny Sokolov^a	Mr. Hiroki Kudo^a
Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch ^a	Ms. Mihaela Smarandache ^a
Ms. Gertraud Wollansky ^a	Mr. Benoît Leguet^a

^(a) Term: Two years (term of service ends immediately before the first meeting in 2015)

^(b) Term: Two years (term of service ends immediately before the first meeting in 2016)

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 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 3. Workplan

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation of independent entities

6. The JISC noted that the thirtieth meeting of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP) has been postponed and the JI-AP considered a number of accreditation assessments through electronic means. The JISC commended the JI-AP for its cost-efficiency.
7. The JISC took note of the notification by the JI-AP on the requests from the following accredited independent entities (AIEs) on voluntary withdrawal of their accreditation:
 - (a) E-0002 Japan Quality Assurance Organization (JQA);
 - (b) E-0004 Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd. (LRQA);
 - (c) E-0005 JACO CDM., LTD (JACO);
 - (d) E-0007 Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS (BVC Holding SAS);
 - (e) E-0008 TÜV SÜD Industrie Service GmbH (TÜV-SÜD);
 - (f) E-0014 KPMG Advisory N.V. (KPMG).
8. The JISC took note of a report on the implementation plan for the use of the clean development mechanism (CDM) accreditation system, including the progress of the dialogue between the JISC and the CDM Executive Board. The JISC also took note of the outcomes of the fortieth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) on accreditation matters.

Agenda item 3.2. Matters relating determination and verification reports

9. The JISC took note of an update regarding the current status (as at 15 September 2014) 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, 322 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.
10. 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.
11. 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

Annex I Parties have so far informed the secretariat of their DFPs.¹ Of these Parties, 32 have also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects.²

12. The JISC further noted that 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.
13. The JISC considered a concept note on improvements to the JI project cycle, including a comprehensive analysis of the possible changes that could be made in the current JI project cycle and an overview of preparations for the initiation of the single-track JI project cycle currently envisaged under the proposed draft revised JI guidelines. The JISC decided to postpone the implementation of the identified changes due to the anticipated high costs involved coinciding with the current low submission rate of JI project-related activities. The JISC also requested the secretariat to continue its assessment of possible changes to the current JI project cycle, including an analysis of the possible preparations for a phased implementation of the single-track JI project cycle, and to include this work in the JISC management plan (MAP) and workplan for 2015.

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

14. The JISC took note of an update on the status of the work of the JISC, noting the changes highlighted in its workplan for 2014.

Agenda item 4. Other matters

Agenda item 4.1. Guidance by the CMP

15. The JISC agreed on the recommendations to the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) on the transition of JI from the existing to future revised JI guidelines, as contained in [annex 1](#) to this report. The JISC requested the secretariat to include these recommendations in its annual report to the CMP, which will be finalized in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the JISC as referred to in paragraph 16 below.
16. The JISC agreed to its annual report to CMP 10. The JISC requested the secretariat to include the outcomes of this meeting in the report and finalize it in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the JISC.

¹ 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.

² 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.

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

17. The JISC held an interaction with the Chair of the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum, Mr. Werner Betzenbichler, via video conference. The Chair of the forum elaborated on the market situation and noted that there is currently no JI activity for AIEs. On specific agenda items for this meeting, the Chair of the forum welcomed the improvements in the JI project cycle, particularly supporting the use of online tools in determination and verifications and the speeding-up of the proposed review process. He stressed the need to take due care in the effective alignment of the JI and CDM accreditation systems and suggested that designated operational and AIEs should be properly consulted prior to the finalization of transition schemes. He also highlighted that additional assessments triggered by the alignment and unification of the two accreditation systems of CDM and JI should be avoided.
18. The JISC thanked Mr. Betzenbichler for his inputs and encouraged the forum to continue raising issues related to the JISC.
19. No inputs to this meeting were received from the Project Developer Forum (PD Forum).
20. No registered observers requested an informal interaction with the JISC. Observers to the thirty-sixth meeting of the JISC shall have registered with the secretariat by **26 February 2015**.

Agenda item 4.3. Other business

21. The JISC took note of issues considered at the fortieth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the SBI related to the mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol (JI and CDM) and the mechanisms under the UNFCCC (framework for various approaches, new market mechanism and non-market approaches). The JISC also considered the expected discussions and outcomes at the forty-first sessions of the SBI and SBSTA and the tenth session of the CMP in Lima, Peru.
22. The JISC took note of the informal interaction between the chairs and vice-chairs of the JISC and the CDM Executive Board, which took place during the fortieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, in particular on their impressions related to:
 - (a) The carbon market situation;
 - (b) The accreditation systems of both constituted bodies;
 - (c) The roles of the JISC and the CDM Executive Board beyond 2020.
23. The JISC took note of a report on carbon market and policy developments over the past few months, including the development of carbon pricing instruments in different countries. The JISC further noted the status of the European Union Emissions Trading System as well as updates on relevant policy developments in Australia and New Zealand.
24. The JISC agreed to hold its next meeting on 12 and 13 March 2015 in Bonn, Germany. The JISC further agreed to hold a focused discussion at this meeting on strategic and planning matters related to the future direction of JI and requested the secretariat to

prepare, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the JISC, a paper as a basis for this discussion. The JISC agreed to the provisional agenda for its thirty-sixth meeting, as contained in annex 2 to this report.

Agenda item 5. Conclusion of the meeting

25. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the thirty-fifth meeting of the JISC.

Annexes to the report

Guidance by the CMP

Annex 1 - JISC recommendations to CMP 10 (version 01.0)

Other business

Annex 2 - Provisional agenda: Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee thirty-sixth meeting (version 01.0)

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