



**GUIDANCE ON A PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES
UNDER THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE
UNDER THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE**

Version 01

A. Background

1. The annex to decision 9/CMP.1 (hereinafter referred to as JI guidelines) sets guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol. Appendix B of the JI guidelines defines criteria for baseline setting and monitoring.
2. In paragraph 6 of decision 5/CMP.4, the conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol requests the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) to develop, as soon as possible, definitions, forms, guidelines and procedures for projects under programmes of activities implemented under the verification procedure under the JISC, bearing in mind the work of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism in this area.
3. The JISC, at its fourteenth meeting, decided to develop guidance on projects under a programme of activities under the verification procedure under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as joint implementation programme of activities - JI PoA).
4. The present document provides the basic guiding principles and procedures for projects under a JI PoA.
5. The JISC will review this document periodically.

B. Projects under a joint implementation programme of activities

1. Definitions

6. A JI programme activity (JPA) is a single measure or a set of interrelated measures that result in a reduction of anthropogenic emissions by sources or enhancement of anthropogenic removals by sinks that are additional to any that would otherwise occur.
7. A JI PoA is a coordinated action by a private or public entity that implements a policy, measure or stated goal and is comprised of one or more JPAs that have been or will be replicated using the same methodology or set of methodologies for baseline setting and monitoring applied in the initial JPA(s). A JI PoA may be comprised of an unlimited number of JPAs.

2. General principles

8. The physical boundary of a JI PoA may cover more than one country. Each Party involved shall give a written approval of the JI PoA, and thereby all JPAs, and shall authorize the legal entities as project participants.
9. A JI PoA shall be proposed by an entity that shall coordinate and manage the JI PoA (the coordinating entity). The coordinating entity shall be authorized by the designated focal points (DFPs) of all Parties involved. This entity shall be identified in the modalities of communication as the entity responsible for all official communication with the JISC.



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10. Arrangements related to communication and distribution of emission reduction units (ERUs) under a JI PoA shall be done between the project participants of the JI PoA and the coordinating entity.
11. To avoid double counting, an accredited independent entity (AIE) shall ensure that each JPA has not been determined as a single JI project or determined under a different JI PoA.
12. A JPA is qualified to be a small scale (SSC) type if the total size of the JPA does not exceed the limits for SSC.
13. A JPA can be added to an existing JI PoA at any time during the crediting period of the JI PoA by the coordinating entity. The coordinating entity shall inform the JISC of the addition of JPAs through an AIE using a format pre-defined by the JISC.
14. ERUs may be issued only for a crediting period starting after the beginning of the year 2008, although JPAs with starting date as from the year 2000 may be eligible. The end of the crediting period can be after 2012 subject to the approval by the host Party. The status of emission reductions or enhancements of net removals generated by a JI PoA after the end of the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol may be determined by any relevant agreement.
15. The end date of the crediting period of any JPA shall be limited to the end date of its operational lifetime regardless of whether additional JPAs were added to the JI PoA.

3. Joint implementation programme of activities design document forms

16. The most recent version of the joint implementation programme of activities design document form (F-JI PoA-DD) shall be used for all proposed JI PoAs.
17. For JPAs, the most recent version of a specific joint implementation programme of activity design document form (F-JPA-DD) shall be used.
18. Specific forms shall be used for small scale joint implementation programme of activities (F-SSC-JI PoA and F-SSC-JPA) and for land use, land-use change and forestry joint implementation programme of activities (F-LULUCF-JI PoA and F-LULUCF-JPA).

4. Baseline setting and monitoring

19. Appendix B of the JI guidelines and the guidance and criteria for baseline setting and monitoring of the JISC shall be taken into account for setting baseline and monitoring.
20. All JPAs under a JI PoA shall apply the same methodology or set of methodologies for setting the baseline and monitoring emission reductions as specified in the determination report.
21. A JI PoA-DD shall define the type of information that is to be provided for each JPA to ensure that additionality, baseline and monitoring are unambiguously defined for each JPA.
22. Emission reductions by sources or enhancements of removals by sinks shall be monitored in accordance with the monitoring plan established in the determination that is deemed final. The method used for monitoring shall ensure the accuracy and conservativeness of the emission reductions generated by the PoA.



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5. Determination referred to in paragraph 33 of the JI guidelines

23. At the time of submitting a determination referred to in paragraph 33 of the JI guidelines the coordinating entity shall submit to an AIE the following documentation:

- (a) A complete JI PoA-DD;
- (b) A complete JPA-DD which shall describe one real case of JPA.

24. An AIE shall make its determination publicly available through the secretariat using the joint implementation programme of activities determination report form (F-JI PoA-DRep) along with a determination report and supporting documentation.

25. The procedures for determination regarding a JI PoA-DD shall be the same as for a project design document (PDD) for a joint implementation (JI) project referred to in the JI guidelines and all relating documents approved by the JISC.

6. Determination referred to in paragraph 37 of the JI guidelines

26. The coordinating entity shall keep record on all monitoring reports of all JPAs under a JI PoA and make them available to an AIE as requested.

27. An AIE shall identify the JPAs to be considered for the determination referred to in paragraph 37 of the JI guidelines (hereinafter referred to as verification) and shall make all the monitoring reports received immediately publicly available.

28. An AIE shall make its verification publicly available through the secretariat using the joint implementation programme of activities verification report form (F-JI PoA-VRep) along with a verification report and supporting documentation.

29. The procedures for verification of a JI PoA shall be the same as for a JI project referred to in the JI guidelines and all relating documents approved by the JISC.

30. The method for verifying emission reductions shall be based on the monitoring reports of all JPAs, and may include any common-practice auditing technique, among others risk-based assessments and random sampling. The method used for verifying shall ensure the accuracy and conservativeness of the emission reductions generated by each JPA.

7. Fees

31. The fee for processing the determination report of a JI PoA by the JISC shall be based on the total expected annual emission reductions from the actual number of JPAs submitted during determination. For each JPA subsequently added, an associated fee is to be paid at the time the coordinating entity informs the JISC of the addition, as referred to in paragraph 13.

32. The calculation of the amount to be paid and the procedures for payment are reflected in the existing provisions for the charging of fees.

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