

**Annex 1****DEVELOPMENT OF A DETERMINATION AND VERIFICATION MANUAL****A. Background**

1. The Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC), at its thirteenth meeting, taking into account the opinions expressed by stakeholders during the UNFCCC technical workshop on joint implementation (JI) on 9–10 September 2008 and input from the DOE/AIE coordination forum, considered the necessity of developing a determination¹ and verification² manual (DVM) under JI, and requested the secretariat to prepare a note, for its consideration at the fourteenth meeting, on how a DVM could be developed by the JISC in a timely and efficient manner.³

2. The Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM), mandated by Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) through decision 1/CMP.2, started its consideration of a validation and verification manual (VVM) at its thirty-second meeting (20–22 June 2007), and subsequently, based on decision 2/CMP.3, adopted version 01 of the VVM at its forty-fourth meeting (26–28 November 2008). In the course of the development of the VVM, two workshops inviting designated operational entities and applicant entities under the CDM accreditation process and one call for public inputs were conducted to receive the views of stakeholders on the VVM.

B. Factors for consideration

3. The JISC may wish to consider the following factors in deciding whether and how to develop a DVM:
- (a) Resource implications for initial development and subsequent maintenance of the document;
 - (b) Appropriateness of developing such a document at this time (i.e., Does the JISC have enough experience in relation to IEs' performance in determinations and verifications to develop a meaningful DVM?);
 - (c) Nature of the document (i.e. Whether it lists requirements and steps that an IE must follow for each determination or verification activity or just provides guidance information?);
 - (d) Scope and level of detail.

¹ Determination regarding project design document in accordance with paragraph 33 of the JI guidelines.

² Determination regarding emission reductions or enhancements of removals in accordance with paragraph 37 of the JI guidelines.

³ At its thirteenth meeting, the JISC also requested the secretariat to launch a public call for input on what would be the exact nature and purpose of a DVM, and compile the inputs from the call for consideration by the JISC at its fourteenth meeting. For more details of the call, see annex 2 of the annotations of the proposed agenda of the fourteenth meeting of the JISC.

**C. Modality and timeframe**

4. If the JISC decides to develop a DVM, it may wish to consider the following possible modality and timeframes:

- (a) Modality
 - (i) The JISC requests the secretariat to prepare an initial draft and appoints two JISC members/alternate members whom the secretariat can consult in the course of preparing the initial draft;
 - (ii) The JISC provides two opportunities for public consultation regarding the initial draft, i.e. through one call for public inputs and one workshop;
 - (iii) The JISC invites members of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP) to provide inputs on the initial draft through the call for public inputs;
 - (iv) The JISC as a whole provides guidance to the secretariat on the revised draft that the secretariat prepares after considering the inputs received.
- (b) Timeframes⁴
 - (i) Discussion by the JISC on the general concept of a DVM [(JISC 14 (17-18 February 2009))];
 - (ii) Initial drafting by the secretariat [by 31 April 2009];
 - (iii) Call for public inputs on the first draft [1-31 May 2009];
 - (iv) Revision of the draft by the secretariat and posting the second draft on the UNFCCC JI website [by mid August 2009];
 - (v) Consultation with relevant stakeholders at UNFCCC JI workshop on the second draft [31 August - 1 September 2009];
 - (vi) Discussion by the JISC on the second draft [JISC 17 (3-4 September 2009)];
 - (vii) Revision of the draft by the secretariat based on the direction given by the JISC [by mid November 2009];
 - (viii) Adoption of DVM by the JISC [JISC 18 (26-27 November 2009)].

⁴ The dates of JISC meetings and the UNFCCC JI workshop in the list and table are tentative, to be confirmed by the JISC at its fourteenth meeting.



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