

**JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE****Nineteenth meeting****Proposed agenda**

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¹ The nineteenth meeting of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee will be preceded by informal consultations on 2 December 2009.



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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Membership issues (including disclosure of possible conflict of interest)

1. **Background:** According to paragraph 14 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 on guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol (hereinafter referred to as JI guidelines) at least two thirds of the members of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC), representing a majority of members from Parties included in Annex I and a majority of members from Parties not included in Annex I, must be present to constitute a quorum.
2. According to paragraph 10 (b) of the JI guidelines members, including alternate members, of the JISC shall have no pecuniary or financial interest in any aspect of a joint implementation (JI) project. Paragraph 2 of rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the JISC additionally stipulates that members, including alternate members, of the JISC shall have no pecuniary or financial interest in any accredited independent entity (AIE), or any designated operational entity (DOE) acting provisionally as an AIE.
3. According to paragraph 11 of the JI guidelines, quoted in paragraph 1 of rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the JISC, the JISC may suspend and recommend to the CMP the termination of the membership of a particular member, including an alternate member, for cause including, inter alia, breach of the conflict of interest provisions or failure to attend two consecutive meetings of the JISC without proper justification.
4. **Action:** The Chair shall ascertain whether (a) the members present constitute a quorum and (b) the absence of any member or alternate member is “without proper justification”.
5. The Chair shall request the members and alternate members of the JISC to disclose whether they consider to have any conflict of interest relating to the work of the JISC.
6. The JISC may wish to consider information provided by any member or alternate member, including with respect to any potential conflict of interest, and take action, if appropriate.

2. Adoption of the agenda

7. **Background:** The JISC agreed, at its eighteenth meeting, on items to be included in the provisional agenda of its nineteenth meeting. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the JISC, subsequent additions or changes to the provisional agenda of a meeting may be proposed to the secretariat by any member, or alternate member, and incorporated in the proposed agenda. No suggestions for additions or changes were received by the secretariat before the relevant deadline. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the JISC on 12 November 2009 and thereafter posted on the UNFCCC JI website.
8. **Action:** The JISC may wish to adopt the proposed agenda of the nineteenth meeting.

3. Work plan

(a) Accreditation of independent entities

9. **Background:** On the basis of the accreditation procedure adopted by the JISC at its fourth meeting, independent entities (IEs), including DOEs under the clean development mechanism (CDM), could start submitting applications for accreditation under JI to the secretariat on 6 October 2006.

10. Based on the terms of reference for JI assessment teams (JI-ATs), agreed on by the JISC also at its fourth meeting, the secretariat, as mandated, launched five public calls for experts to date to be included in the roster of experts for JI-ATs.

11. The Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP) held its twentieth meeting on 9-10 November 2009. At this meeting, the JI-AP maintained the roster of experts for JI-ATs and considered the applications for accreditation from IEs.

12. As measures to further improve the JI accreditation process, the JI-AP has been developing a document elaborating JI accreditation standards/requirements, and an on-line training course for experts on the roster for JI-ATs. At its twentieth meeting, the JI-AP considered a draft of such document and agreed to submit it to the JISC for its consideration, as contained in the fifteenth progress report on the work of the JI-AP, with a view to seeking JISC's decision to conduct a public call on this draft.

13. **Action:** The JISC may wish to (a) take note of the fifteenth progress report on the work of the JI-AP and an oral report by its Chair, Ms. Gaye, on the work of the panel, (b) decide to launch a call for public inputs on the draft elaborating JI accreditation standards/requirements, and (c) consider further guidance to the JI-AP, as appropriate.

(b) Matters relating to determination and verification reports

14. **Background:** At its fifth meeting, the JISC officially launched the verification procedure under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as JI Track 2 procedure) on 26 October 2006. Since the launch of the JI Track 2 procedure, the information regarding Parties' 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, required for the submission of determination reports regarding project design documents (PDDs), has not been provided to the secretariat by some Parties.

15. **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider and discuss the status of (a) projects submitted under the JI Track 2 procedure as well as (b) information provided by Parties in accordance with paragraph 20 of the JI guidelines, and take action, as appropriate.

(c) Development of definitions, forms, guidelines and procedures for joint implementation programmes of activities

16. **Background:** At its eighteenth meeting, the JISC considered, edited, and adopted the procedures for joint implementation programmes of activities (JI PoAs), including forms and guidelines for users. In addition to the forms adopted, other approved JI forms need to be adjusted to accommodate JI PoAs. Specifically, forms regarding the determination, verification, and review of JI PoAs have yet to be adopted. Furthermore, regarding the guidelines for users of the JI PoA DD form adopted at the eighteenth meeting, the secretariat has identified a need for a minor correction to these guidelines. Revised draft forms are contained in annex 1 and revised draft guidelines for users of the JI PoA DD form are contained in annex 2.

17. Should the JISC agree to adopt revised forms as discussed above, the "Procedures for reviews under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee" will also need to be adjusted, as this procedure includes review forms in its annexes. A draft revised procedure that removes the annexed forms is contained in annex 3.

18. **Action:** The JISC may wish to (a) review the draft revised forms for the determination, verification and review of JI project activities and adopt them as appropriate, (b) review the draft revised guidelines for users of the JI PoA DD form and adopt them as appropriate, and (c) review the draft revised procedures for reviews and adopt them as appropriate.

(d) Development of a determination and verification manual

19. **Background:** The JISC, at its fourteenth meeting, taking into account the public input on the development of a determination and verification manual (DVM), decided to develop a DVM. Taking into account diverse views expressed by JISC members and alternate members on the nature and contents of a DVM, the JISC, at its fifteenth meeting, considered the nature and structure of a DVM, and agreed on them.

20. Based on this, the JISC, also at its fifteenth meeting, requested the secretariat, in consultation with five JISC members/alternate members (Mr. Beck, Mr. Duan, Mr. Geletukha, Mr. Hubenthal and Mr. Trusca), to start preparing a first draft of a DVM immediately after the meeting. The JISC at the same time also requested the secretariat to launch a public call for inputs immediately after the meeting for 20 days, seeking to provide texts of the contents of a DVM, based on the nature and structure of a DVM as agreed by the JISC. The call was open from 27 April until 17 May 2009, resulting in six written inputs.

21. The JISC, at its sixteenth meeting, considered the first draft DVM taking into account the written inputs received from the call referred to in paragraph 20 above and the inputs from the participants of the roundtable consultations organized immediately prior to the meeting, and requested the secretariat, in consultation with six JISC members/alternate members (Mr. Beck, Mr. Duan, Mr. Geletukha, Mr. Hubenthal, Mr. Kudo and Mr. Trusca), to prepare a second draft DVM for discussion with stakeholders at the UNFCCC workshop on joint implementation (8–9 September 2009 in Kiev, Ukraine) as well as for consideration by the JISC at its seventeenth meeting. The JISC, at its sixteenth meeting, also requested the secretariat to launch a call for public inputs on the second draft DVM for four weeks. The call was open from 20 August until 16 September 2009, resulting in five written inputs.

22. The JISC, at its seventeenth meeting, considered the second draft taking into account the inputs from participants of the workshop referred to in paragraph 21 above, and agreed on priority areas that the JISC would try to incorporate in the first version of the DVM. At the same meeting, the JISC requested the secretariat to prepare a third draft DVM, in consultation with five JISC members/alternate members (Mr. Beck, Mr. Duan, Mr. Geletukha, Mr. Hubenthal and Mr. Kudo), taking into account the JISC's consideration on the second draft as referred to above and the inputs from the call referred to in paragraph 21 above as appropriate, and submit it to the JISC for its consideration at the eighteenth meeting.

23. The JISC, at its eighteenth meeting, considered the third draft taking into account the inputs from the call referred to in paragraph 21 above and provided guidance on necessary changes to the draft. The Chair requested the secretariat to prepare a fourth draft DVM, in consultation with the same five JISC members/alternate members referred to in paragraph 22 above, taking into account the JISC's consideration on the third draft. The JISC also requested the secretariat to undertake a legal review of the draft, and agreed on the tentative scope of the review. The JISC further requested the secretariat to consult with the Chair and Vice-Chair to decide the scope of the review, and after the review, submit the reviewed draft to the JISC for its consideration at the nineteenth meeting.

24. **Action:** The JISC may wish to discuss the fourth draft DVM contained in annex 4, and adopt it with modifications, as appropriate.

4. Other matters

(a) Collaboration of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee with others

25. **Background:** The CMP, through paragraph 5 of decision 10/CMP.1, encouraged the JISC to collaborate with (a) the Executive Board of the CDM, (b) the Compliance Committee under the Kyoto Protocol, in particular with regard to the list of Parties referred to in paragraph 27 of the JI guidelines, (c) the DFPs for Article 6 under the Kyoto Protocol and (d) observers to meetings of the JISC, referred to in paragraph 18 of the JI guidelines, through regular question-and-answer sessions held in this context.

26. The JISC, at its tenth meeting, decided to recognize the DOE/AIE coordination forum as a communication channel between the JISC and applicant IEs and AIEs, to invite written inputs from the forum to be submitted 14 days prior to each JISC meeting at the latest for discussion under an agenda item dedicated to interactions between the JISC and the forum on issues relevant to applicant IEs and AIEs at the corresponding JISC meeting, and to request the secretariat to facilitate the organization of meetings of the forum.

27. At its seventeenth meeting the JISC considered the issue of establishing a communication channel with project participants. At the same meeting the JISC considered the responses to a call for public inputs from project participants regarding the establishment of a communication channel with project participants with the JISC. The call for public inputs was open from 9 August to 4 September 2009.

28. Taking into account the interest that the Joint Implementation Action Group (JIAG) had already expressed to the JISC to act as a communication channel, and the input provided to the JISC by the JIAG at its seventeenth meeting, the JISC agreed that, subject to a final decision of the JISC, that it would continue to tentatively invite the JIAG to interact with the JISC at its meetings. In addition, noting the interest expressed by the Project Developer Forum (PDF) to act as a communication channel as well, the JISC agreed to tentatively invite the PDF to interact with the JISC at its eighteenth meeting.

29. Due to the unavailability of the PDF to be present at the eighteenth meeting, the PDF requested the JISC to postpone the interaction to the nineteenth meeting, and the JISC agreed to the request.

30. **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider written inputs from the DOE/AIE coordination forum if any, invite the Chair of the forum to the meeting and interact with the Chair, as appropriate.

31. The JISC may wish to consider any inputs received from the JIAG or the PDF, interact with them, as appropriate, and decide how to proceed with the establishment of a communication channel with project participants.

32. The JISC may also wish to discuss means by which to collaborate with stakeholders, in particular with those mentioned in paragraph 25 above, on the basis of experience gained in this respect since its establishment.

(b) Areas for further guidance to be considered by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee

33. **Background:** The JISC at its eighteenth meeting, requested the secretariat to prepare an analysis on the impact of all inputs received so far regarding the development of a DVM (i.e. through public calls, UNFCCC JI workshops and roundtable) on existing JISC documents and present it at the nineteenth meeting with a view to starting its consideration on the areas for further changes in JISC documents.

34. **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider the analysis prepared by the secretariat as contained in annex 5, and decide on priority areas for further revisions to JISC documents and approximate time frames for such revisions, reflecting in its work programme for 2010 as appropriate.



(c) **Other business**

Provisional agenda

35. **Background:** According to paragraph 1 of rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the JISC, the JISC shall, at each meeting, agree upon the provisional agenda of its next meeting.

36. **Action:** The JISC may wish to discuss and agree on the provisional agenda of its twentieth meeting.

Other items

37. As necessary, the JISC may wish to consider other issues.

Informal interaction with registered observers

38. **Background:** The CMP, through paragraph 5 (d) of decision 10/CMP.1, encouraged the JISC to collaborate with observers to its meetings through regular question-and-answer sessions held in this context. Since its establishment, the JISC met with observers for a webcasted question-and-answer session at each meeting.

39. **Action:** The JISC may wish to continue the practice of informal interaction with observers, referred to in paragraph 38 above, at the second day of its nineteenth meeting.

5. Conclusion of the meeting

40. **Action:** The Chair may wish to summarize the meeting and the decisions taken.

41. The JISC may wish to adopt the report of its nineteenth meeting.

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