



Annex 5

CLARIFICATION REGARDING PROJECT PARTICIPANTS' CHANGE OF ACCREDITED INDEPENDENT ENTITY**A. Background**

1. This document clarifies conditions associated with project participants' decision to change from one accredited independent entity (AIE) to another AIE, after the commenting period for a project design document (PDD) has been finalized but the determination in accordance with paragraph 33 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 (JI guidelines) has not yet been submitted by the AIE for consideration by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC).
2. In accordance with paragraph 32 of the JI guidelines, the AIE shall make the PDD and any supporting documentation publicly available for 30 days on the UNFCCC JI website and receive comments from Parties, stakeholders and UNFCCC accredited observers.
3. According to the "Procedures on public availability of documents under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee", the AIE shall display at the end of the 30-day public commenting period, all comments received. Comments will be kept publicly available until the determination regarding the PDD is finalized according to paragraph 35 of the JI guidelines.

B. Clarification regarding changing accredited independent entity after the commenting period for a project design document has been finalized and before submission of determination in accordance with paragraph 33 of the JI guidelines

4. After the end of the commenting period for a PDD, but before the submission of its determination for consideration by the JISC, project participants may change AIE, subject to the requirements defined in paragraph 6, below.
5. Project participants cannot change AIE if the 30 day commenting period described above is still open.
6. Project participants that wish to change AIE during the period defined in paragraph 4. above, shall send to the UNFCCC secretariat a written duly signed request to this effect via mail, email or fax. This request shall include:
 - (a) Title and reference number of the project concerned;
 - (b) A signed statement from the AIE currently listed on the UNFCCC JI website as the AIE chosen by the project participants for determination, which shall include confirmation of its understanding that the project participants wish to change the AIE; that the AIE will no longer serve as the AIE for the project; and that the AIE will forward all stakeholders' comments received during the period referred to in paragraph 4 above to the new AIE selected by the project participants;
 - (c) A signed statement from the new AIE selected by the project participants to perform the determination, confirming this entity's agreement to the selection.
7. The change of AIE is effective immediately upon the UNFCCC secretariat's receipt of the request in accordance with paragraph 6 above. The secretariat shall confirm the receipt of the request to the project participants and to the concerned AIEs and shall update the JI information system to reflect the change of AIE accordingly.