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JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

Report

Date of meeting: 24–25 November 2011

Location: Durban, South Africa

Attendance: The names of members and alternate members of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) present at the meeting are in bold print below. Where only the name of an alternate member is in bold print, the alternate member participated as a member.

Members	Alternates
Mr. Muhammed Quamrul Chowdhury	<i>Mr. Momin Agha</i>
Mr. Mykhailo Chyzhenko	<i>Ms. Milya Dimitrova</i>
Mr. Carlos Fuller	<i>Ms. Carola Borja</i>
Ms. Agnieszka Galan	Mr. Oleg Pluzhnikov
Mr. Denis Lansana	Mr. Evans Njewa
Mr. Benoit Leguet	Mr. Anton Beck
Mr. Wolfgang Seidel	Mr. Olle Björk
Mr. Evgeny Sokolov	Mr. Hiroki Kudo
Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch	<i>Ms. Miriana Roman</i>
Mr. Andrew Yatilman	Mr. Derrick Oderson

Quorum (in parenthesis required numbers):

9 (7) members/alternate members acting as members were present of which

5 (4) were from Annex I Parties and

4 (3) were from non-Annex I Parties.

WWW broadcasting: <http://ji.unfccc.int/Sup_Committee/Meetings>.

**Agenda item 1: Adoption of the agenda**

1. Mr. Muhammed Quamrul Chowdhury, the Chair of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the JISC), welcomed the members and alternate members and opened the meeting.
2. The JISC adopted the agenda of the meeting.

Agenda item 2: Membership issues (including disclosure of possible conflict of interest)

3. The JISC noted that the secretariat was informed that Mr. Momin Agha, Ms. Milya Dimitrova, Ms. Agnieszka Gałan, Mr. Denis Lansana, Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch, and Ms. Miriana Roman were unable to attend the meeting.
4. Members or alternate members of the JISC stated whether they had a conflict of interest relating to any item on the meeting agenda.

Agenda item 3: Workplan**Agenda sub-item 3 (a): Accreditation of independent entities**

5. The JISC took note that the twenty-seventh meeting of the JI Accreditation Panel (JI-AP) was postponed due to the status of ongoing accreditation assessment activities, policy discussions and cost-effectiveness. The JISC noted that the first meeting of the JI-AP in 2012 will include a joint session with the CDM accreditation panel.

Agenda sub-item 3 (b): Matters relating to determination and verification reports

6. The JISC considered the draft guidelines on the demonstration and assessment of prior consideration of JI as contained in annex 1 to the annotations of the twenty-seventh meeting. The JISC agreed that the evidence for prior consideration of JI, i.e. consideration of JI incentive, in the decision to implement the proposed project as well as continued and real actions by the project participants to secure JI status are important issues to address. The JISC therefore agreed that the first review of JI guidelines indicated in paragraph 8 of decision 9/CMP.1 should take into account the proposed approaches in annex 1 referred to above, in lieu of adopting specific guidelines at this point in time.
7. The JISC took note of a presentation on the possibility to switch tracks under the JI project cycle or to have parallel registrations of a project under both JI tracks. This was prompted by a request made at the twenty-sixth meeting. The JISC noted the information presented regarding the JI project cycle processes under both JI tracks. The information was presented for the benefit of all stakeholders that may be interested in switching tracks under the JI project cycle or having parallel registrations of a project under both JI tracks.
8. The JISC took note of the information presented on the status of the implementation of the new provisions in the "Procedures for appraisals of determinations under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee", in accordance with the request made at its twenty-fifth meeting. The main change in the procedures is that the requirement for two JISC members/alternate members to provide appraisals of determinations and verifications has been replaced by two independent technical experts providing appraisals, as of 1 August 2011. The JISC also noted the information regarding the secretariat's preparation of summary of expert appraisals for all determinations and verifications, and the submission of the respective summaries of expert appraisals to the accredited independent entity (AIE), project participant(s), and designated focal points (DFPs) of the Parties involved for each determination and verification case. The JISC took note of the information received regarding the implementation of the new provisions on both technical and procedural levels.



9. The JISC considered and adopted with immediate effect the following revised forms used in the verification procedure under the JISC, and the new expert appraisal form (F-JI-ExpVA), which were prepared to reflect the revised provisions of the “Procedures for appraisals of determinations under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee”, and to incorporate the new UNFCCC logo launched on 24 October 2011. The forms are included in annex 1 to this report, as follows:

- (a) JI determination:
 - (i) AIE Report Form (F-JI-DRep) (version 03);
 - (ii) JISC Appraisal Form (F-JI-DA) (version 03);
 - (iii) Expert Appraisal Form (F-JI-ExpDA) (version 03);
 - (iv) Party/JISC Review Form (F-JI-DR) (version 03);
- (b) JI verification:
 - (i) AIE Report Form (F-JI-VRep) (version 04)
 - (ii) JISC Appraisal Form (F-JI-VA) (version 03);
 - (iii) Expert Appraisal Form (F-JI-ExpVA) (version 01);
 - (iv) Party/JISC Review Form (F-JI-VR) (version 03);
- (c) JI determination/verification:
 - (i) Form for Review Team Request for Clarif./Info (F-JI-RClar) (version 03);
 - (ii) Form for Review Team Report (F-JI-RRep) (version 03).

10. The JISC took note of an update on the implementation of an online interface with AIEs and requested the secretariat to remind AIEs of the JISC request made to them at its twenty-fifth meeting, as follows:

- (a) To provide updated information on the status of their determination activities regarding project design documents (PDDs) on a six-monthly basis;
- (b) To provide an initial report on the status of their determination activities regarding the PDDs for which determinations have not yet been submitted or withdrawn.

The JISC requested AIEs to provide such information to the secretariat by 31 January 2012.

11. The JISC took note of the report regarding the submission of documents under the verification procedure under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as JI Track 2 procedure). Since the launch of the JI Track 2 procedure, 282 PDDs and one programme of activity 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 39 determinations regarding a PDD have been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 34 of the JI guidelines, of which:

- (a) A total of 35 determinations have been deemed final in accordance with paragraph 35 of the JI guidelines;
- (b) Three determinations are open for requests for review by the JISC;
- (c) One determination has been rejected.



12. The JISC also took note that 56 verifications have been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 38 of the JI guidelines, and 55 of them have already been deemed final in accordance with paragraph 39 of the JI guidelines.

13. The JISC took note of the report on the status of information from Parties regarding their 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 35 Annex I Parties had informed the secretariat of their DFPs.¹ Of these Parties, 30 had also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects.²

14. The JISC further noted that 307 JI Track 1 projects have been published on the UNFCCC JI website, of which 300 have received unique project identifiers and have been submitted to the International Transaction Log (ITL).

Agenda sub-item 3 (c): Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

15. The JISC considered issues related to the workplan for the JISC for 2011–2013 and gave further guidance to the secretariat to be included in the draft workplan for consideration by the JISC at its twenty-eighth meeting.

16. The JISC took note of the report on the status of resources as reflected in annex 3 of the annotated agenda of the twenty-seventh meeting of the JISC. It was noted that the total income generated up to 31 October 2011 amounted to USD 2,396,620, which includes the carry-over from 2010 of USD 1,440,270. The JISC further noted that the fees for the period from 1 January to 31 October 2011 were also provided, indicating an income of USD 933,790 from Track 1 fees and USD 895,873 from Track 2. The JISC further noted that the total expenditure amounted to USD 1,057,500 which includes USD 624,167 in staff costs.

17. The JISC requested the secretariat to present an estimate of resources available for the years 2012–2015, based on the projected Track 1 and Track 2 fees available for the existing projects between 2008 and 2012, as well as its impacts on the work of the JISC.

Agenda item 4: Other matters

Agenda sub-item 4 (a): Relations with stakeholders, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

18. The JISC took note that the informal meeting of the Designated Focal Point Forum (DFP Forum) will take place on 28 November 2011 in Durban, South Africa. The objective of this meeting is to inform the DFPs about the terms of reference of the forum that were agreed by the JISC and to discuss the workplan of the forum for 2012 by defining priority areas for its work.

19. The JISC took note of the input of the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum on the following:

- (a) Procedure of track switching (Track 1 to Track 2);
- (b) Draft guidelines on the demonstration and assessment of prior consideration;
- (c) Draft revised forms under the verification procedure;

¹ Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

² Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.



(d) Request for clarification on the focused assessment carried out within the accreditation process.

20. The Chair of the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum elaborated this particular input on the draft guidelines for demonstration and assessment of prior consideration. The DOE/AIE Forum Chair welcomed these draft guidelines that provide clarity and flexibility. He also requested the JISC to apply these guidelines only to new projects to avoid potential retroactive application of new requirements.

21. The Chair of the JISC asked the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair to provide some clarification, thanked him for his interaction and noted the usefulness of the inputs and the importance that the JISC places on such interaction with the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum.

22. The JISC took note of the input of the JI Action Group (JIAG) on the following:

- (a) Developments in the JI market;
- (b) Draft guidelines on the demonstration and assessment of prior consideration;
- (c) Information on issued and transferred ERUs.

23. The representative of the JIAG, Mr. Lennard de Klerk, like the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair, elaborated mainly on the draft guidelines for demonstration and assessment of prior consideration. Mr. de Klerk reported that prior consideration should not be introduced in addition to the additionality requirement that is considered sufficient. The representative of the JIAG also urged the JISC, if the guidelines were adopted, not to apply them retroactively, and to restrict their application to projects with a starting date on or after 1 January 2013.

24. The Chair of the JISC thanked Mr. Lennard de Klerk for his interaction and noted the usefulness of the inputs.

25. The JISC met with registered observers for an informal interaction on the last day of the meeting and agreed to continue with such meetings in the afternoon of the last day of its future meetings, unless otherwise indicated. These meetings are available on webcast.

26. Observers noted that the issue of prior consideration should be considered in the context of the purpose of JI as a mechanism for crediting emission reductions and suggested that the JISC may wish to consider receiving additional inputs on the matter before the next interaction.

27. The Chair of the JISC thanked the observers for their attendance and expressed appreciation for the inputs they provided and their interaction.

Agenda sub-item 4 (b): Other business

28. The JISC took note of an update on implementation of the JISC's communication and outreach strategy and workplan. The importance of JISC members and national designated focal points taking an active role in communication and outreach was stressed. The JISC requested the secretariat to consider new ways to enhance awareness and understanding about the mechanism, including by possibly organizing information seminars and holding a JI project photo contest.

29. The JISC considered an update on recent developments and prospects in the carbon market and related governmental policies and requested the secretariat to continue providing this analysis of market and policy developments on a regular basis.

30. The JISC agreed to the tentative calendar of meetings of the JISC for 2012, as contained in annex 2 to this report.

31. The JISC agreed to the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth meeting, to be held in Bonn, Germany, on 22–23 March 2012, as contained in annex 3 to this report.

**Agenda item 5: Conclusion of the meeting**

32. The JISC expressed its deep appreciation to the outgoing Chair, Mr. Muhammed Quamrul Chowdhury, and Vice-Chair, Mr. Wolfgang Seidel, for their outstanding leadership and dedication in ensuring that the JI mechanism is operated in an efficient, cost-effective and transparent manner. The JISC also thanked all outgoing members and alternate members for their hard work and dedication to the process during their tenure.

33. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the twenty-seventh meeting of the JISC.



Annexes to the report

Matters relating to determination and verification reports

Annex 1: Forms under the verification procedure to incorporate revisions of the procedures for appraisals of determinations under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee

Other matters

Annex 2: Tentative calendar of meetings of the JISC for 2012

Annex 3: Provisional agenda of the twenty-eighth meeting of the JISC
