

**JI-JISC34**

## Meeting report

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# Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee thirty-fourth meeting

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## Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

### Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. The Secretary of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the JISC) opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met before proceeding to conduct the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the JISC covered under agenda item 2.1 "Membership issues", as referred to in paragraph 5 below.
2. The JISC noted that Mr. Albert Williams, Mr. Benoît Leguet, Ms. Carola Borja, Mr. Hiroki Kudo, Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch and Mr. Yury Fedorov were unable to attend the meeting. The members and alternate members provided proper justification.
3. Table 1 below represents the attendance of members and alternate members at the meeting. The names of members and alternate members present at the meeting are in bold print below. Where only the name of an alternate member is in bold print, the alternate participated as a member.

**Table 1. Attendance**

Members	Alternates
Ms. Carola Borja <sup>b</sup>	<b>Mr. Carlos Fuller</b> <sup>b</sup>
<b>Mr. Mykhailo Chyzenko</b> <sup>a</sup>	<b>Ms. Milya Dimitrova</b> <sup>a</sup>
<b>Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki</b> <sup>b</sup>	Mr. Yury Fedorov <sup>b</sup>
<b>Ms. Julia Justo Soto</b> <sup>a</sup>	<b>Mr. Evans Njewa</b> <sup>a</sup>
<b>Mr. Derrick Oderson</b> <sup>b</sup>	Mr. Albert Williams <sup>b</sup>
<b>Mr. Guoqiang Qian</b> <sup>b</sup>	<b>Mr. Chebet Maikut</b> <sup>b</sup>
<b>Mr. Konrad Raeschke-Kessler</b> <sup>b</sup>	<b>Mr. Marko Berglund</b> <sup>b1</sup>
<b>Mr. Evgeny Sokolov</b> <sup>a</sup>	Mr. Hiroki Kudo <sup>a</sup>
Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch <sup>a</sup>	<b>Ms. Mihaela Smarandache</b> <sup>a</sup>
<b>Ms. Gertraud Wollansky</b> <sup>a</sup>	Mr. Benoît Leguet <sup>a</sup>

<sup>(a)</sup> Term: Two years (term of service ends immediately before the first meeting in 2015)

<sup>(b)</sup> Term: Two years (term of service ends immediately before the first meeting in 2016)

<sup>1</sup> Nomination by CMP 9 was not received; therefore the current alternate member will remain in office until a nomination is received.

### Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

4. The JISC adopted the agenda of the meeting.

## Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

### Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

5. The JISC welcomed new members and alternate members nominated by the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its

ninth session (CMP 9) and elected Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki and Ms. Julia Justo Soto as Chair and Vice-Chair of the JISC, respectively, until the first meeting of the JISC in 2015.

6. The JISC took note of the oaths of service of new members and alternate members of the JISC.
7. The JISC considered information provided by members and alternate members with respect to any potential conflict of interest relating to the work of the JISC.

### **Agenda item 2.2. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel**

8. The JISC adopted revised “General terms of reference of panels and working groups under the JISC” and revised “Terms of reference of the establishment of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel”, as contained in [annex 1](#) and [annex 2](#) to this report, to allow alternate members to chair panels.
9. The JISC elected Mr. Benoît Leguet and Mr. Carlos Fuller to serve as the Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP). The JISC expressed deep appreciation to Mr. Wolfgang Seidel and Mr. Chebet Maikut as the outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair of the JI-AP for their dedication and excellent support to the panel.
10. The JISC agreed to rotate annually, whenever possible, the positions of the Chair and Vice-Chair of panels between a member/alternate member from a Party included in Annex I and a member/alternate member from a Party not included in Annex I.

## **Agenda item 3. Workplan**

### **Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation of independent entities**

11. The JISC considered a concept note on future development of the JI accreditation system (annex 1 to the annotated agenda for this meeting), and agreed to use the clean development mechanism (CDM) accreditation system partially, in accordance with option 2 and the respective implementation plan presented in that document. The JISC agreed to initiate a dialogue with the CDM Executive Board, with a view to reaching a common decision on accreditation. The JISC also requested the secretariat to inform the JISC of the progress of such dialogue at its next meeting.
12. The JISC agreed on a recommendation to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) on the accreditation system for JI aligned with that of the CDM, as contained in [annex 3](#) to this report, for consideration by the SBI at its fortieth session (June 2014). The secretariat informed the JISC that it will prepare the official document for the SBI in accordance with the United Nations official documentation process, including its editorial review, and liaise with the Chair if necessary.
13. The JISC agreed to extend the term of office of the members of the JI-AP for one year and expressed its appreciation to the members for the excellent support rendered so far.

**Agenda item 3.2. Matters relating determination and verification reports**

14. The JISC took note of an update regarding the current (17 March 2014) status of project submissions, determinations and verifications under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as the JI Track 2 procedure). Since the launch of the JI Track 2 procedure, 332 project design documents (PDDs) and one programme of activities 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 52 determinations regarding PDDs have been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 34 of the JI guidelines, of which 51 have been deemed final in accordance with paragraph 35 of the JI guidelines, and one has been rejected.
15. The JISC also took note that 129 verifications have been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 38 of the JI guidelines, of which 128 have been deemed final in accordance with paragraph 39 of the JI guidelines, and one has been withdrawn.
16. The JISC took note of the report on the status of information from Parties regarding their 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. A total of 37 Annex I Parties have so far informed the secretariat of their DFPs<sup>1</sup>. Of these Parties, 32 have also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects<sup>2</sup>. The JISC also took note of the status of implementation of the request contained in decision 6/CMP.8, on the availability of documentation by DFPs.
17. The JISC further noted that 597 JI Track 1 projects have been published on the UNFCCC JI website, of which 548 have received unique project identifiers and have been submitted to the International Transaction Log.

**Agenda item 3.3. Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation**

18. The JISC considered a financial strategy for the period 2014–2022, which was based on an analysis of options for cost reductions and minimum operational levels and contained a precautionary strategy as previously requested by the JISC. The JISC agreed to continue its activities based on the JI business plan and management plan 2014–2015 and to keep its financial strategy under review and adapt it annually, as necessary, to the changing external environment.
19. The JISC reconfirmed its vision, agreed to its three revised objectives and adopted its two-year business plan and management plan (MAP) 2014–2015 as contained in annex 4 to this report.

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

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

20. The JISC approved its workplan for 2014, as contained in [annex 5](#) to this report. The document, which is in line with the approved MAP as referred to in paragraph 19 above, and takes into account the mandates given by the CMP at its ninth session, provides information on the work planned for each meeting of the JISC in 2014. The JISC requested the secretariat to provide updates of this workplan at each meeting to reflect any changes and new mandates arising from JISC meetings, as well as the status of work of the various products.

## **Agenda item 4. Other matters**

### **Agenda item 4.1. Guidance by the CMP**

21. The JISC took note of decision 5/CMP.9 on “Guidance on the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol”, as well as of other decisions and the progress of various negotiations relating to market-based approaches, from the sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the CMP, which took place in Warsaw, Poland, in November 2013. In particular, the JISC took note of the request by the CMP to the JISC to submit elaborated recommendations on the accreditation system for JI aligned with that of the clean development mechanism, for consideration by the SBI 40.

### **Agenda item 4.2. Relations with stakeholders, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations**

22. The JISC held an interaction with the Chair of the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum, Mr. Werner Betzenbichler, via video conference. The Chair of the forum elaborated on the market situation and noted that there is currently no JI activity for accredited independent entities (AIEs). He informed the JISC of a number of measures being taken by the forum, including that he will act as forum chair for both the CDM and JI. Further, Mr. Betzenbichler informed the JISC that input from the forum will focus on policy issues.
23. On specific agenda items for this meeting, the Chair of the forum welcomed the suggestion to align the JI and CDM accreditation systems. He also highlighted that the alignment should result in clear cost reductions through using the same standards and procedures that should be stable over time, reducing the amount of assessments and evaluating the performance in the same manner for both JI and the CDM. He also suggested that the accreditation of AIEs and qualification of personnel adopt a three-layer matrix consisting of the function: validation/determination or verification, technical area and regulatory framework.
24. The JISC thanked Mr. Betzenbichler for his inputs and encouraged the forum to continue raising issues related to the JISC and offer appropriate solutions and recommendations.
25. The JISC met with the registered observer for an informal interaction. The observer asked the JISC to provide clarification on the reasons behind the CMP not yet adopting a revision to the JI guidelines despite all the work that the JISC had already undertaken on it and the proposals that it had made. The JISC informed the observer that the SBI, despite the lack of time, had made good progress in the revision of the guidelines and many of the JISC proposals were taken on board. However, there are still some pending issues that Parties will work on to resolve at the SBI 40 (June 2014) and in Lima, Peru (December 2014), with view to adopting revised JI guidelines at CMP 10.

26. The JISC thanked the observer for his participation and encouraged observers to continue interacting with the JISC at future meetings. Observers to the thirty-fifth meeting of the JISC shall have registered with the secretariat by **2 September 2014**.

#### **Agenda item 4.3. Other business**

27. The JISC took note of the informal interaction between the chairs and vice-chairs of the JISC and the CDM Executive Board, which took place during the UNFCCC sessions in November 2013 in Warsaw with the view to exchanging information and experiences. The JISC requested the Chair and the Vice-Chair to continue this informal interaction to discuss synergies and ways to cooperate across the two regulatory bodies.
28. The JISC took note of a report on carbon market and policy developments over the past few months. The JISC noted the outcomes of the negotiations in Warsaw in 2013, the development of carbon pricing instruments in different countries, such as in Mexico, South Africa and South Korea, and the status of the launch of the pilot emissions trading system in China. The JISC further noted the status of the European Union emissions trading system, as well as updates on relevant policy developments in Australia and New Zealand.
29. The JISC agreed on its calendar of meetings for 2014. The next meeting of the JISC will be held on 16 and 17 September 2014 in Bonn, Germany. The JI-AP meeting will be held on 25 August 2014, allowing for an interaction with the CDM-AP.
30. The JISC agreed to the provisional agenda for its thirty-fifth meeting, as contained in annex 6 to this report.

#### **Agenda item 5. Conclusion of the meeting**

31. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the thirty-fourth meeting of the JISC.

## Annexes to the report

### ***Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel***

- Annex 1 - Procedure: General terms of reference of panels and working groups under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (version 02.0)
- Annex 2 - Procedure: Terms of reference of the establishment of the joint implementation accreditation panel (version 03.0)

### ***Accreditation of independent entities***

- Annex 3 - Recommendation to the SBI: Elaborated recommendation to the SBI on the accreditation system for JI aligned with that of the CDM (version 01.0)

### ***Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation***

- Annex 4 - Joint Implementation two-year business plan and management plan 2014–2015 (version 01.0)
- Annex 5 - Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee workplan for 2014 (version 01.0)

### ***Other business***

- Annex 6 - Provisional agenda: Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee thirty-fifth meeting (version 01.0)

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