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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. The Secretary to the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC), as per rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the JISC, opened the virtual meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met before proceeding to congratulate the newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair of the JISC, covered under agenda item 2.1 “Membership issues”, as referred to in paragraph 6 below.
2. The JISC observed a minute of silence in honour of Mr. Rajesh Sethi, who passed away on 25 August 2020. Mr. Sethi served as the Secretary to the JISC for the past six years and was remembered for his significant contribution to the Kyoto Protocol mechanisms.
3. The JISC noted that Ms. Volha Vasilevskaya and Mr. Albert Williams were unable to attend the meeting and had provided proper justification for their absence.
4. 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. Where only the name of an alternate member is in bold print, the alternate participated as a member.

Table 1. Attendance*

Members	Alternates
Mr. Emil Calles^{a, 1}	Mr. Agré Assié^a
Ms. Boryana Kamenova^a	Ms. Volha Vasilevskaya ^{a, 1}
Ms. Vanessa Leonardi^b	Mr. Konrad Raeschke-Kessler^b
Mr. Derrick Oderson^b	Mr. Albert Williams ^b
Mr. Kyekyeku Oppong-Boadi^{b, 2}	Mr. Carlos Fuller^{b, 2}
Ms. Iryna Rudzko^b	Ms. Izabela Zborowska^b
Mr. Ahmed Waheed^{b, 2}	Mr. MD Ziaul Haque^{b, 2}
Mr. Jakob Wiesbauer-Lenz^a	Mr. Benoît Leguet^a
Vacant ^{a, 1}	Ms. Gherghita Nicodim^a
Vacant ^{a, 1}	Mr. Takahiko Tagami^a

* In view of the postponement of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 16) to 2021, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, on 25 August 2020, decided to extend the current membership of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies, as needed, until successors can be appointed or elected (<https://unfccc.int/news/bureau-confirms-criteria-to-advance-the-unfccc-process>). In accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the JISC, the members and alternate members shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

(a) Term: Two years (term of service starts as of the first meeting in 2019).

(b) Term: Two years (term of service starts as of the first meeting in 2020).

¹ Nomination pending from CMP 14. Where applicable, the current officer remains in office until a successor is nominated by the group/constituency.

² Nomination pending from CMP 15. Where applicable, the current officer remains in office until a successor is nominated by the group/constituency.

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

5. The JISC adopted the agenda of the meeting.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

6. The JISC welcomed new members and alternate members elected by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its fifteenth session (CMP 15). It proceeded to elect Ms. Vanessa Leonardi as the Chair and Mr. Derrick Oderson as the Vice-Chair of the JISC, respectively, until the first meeting of the JISC in 2021. The JISC expressed deep appreciation to its outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair, Mr. Kyekyeku Oppong-Boadi and Ms. Vanessa Leonardi, respectively.

7. The JISC took note of the oaths of service of newly elected members and alternate members of the JISC.

8. 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 at its forty-third meeting.

Agenda item 3. Workplan

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation of independent entities

9. The JISC decided to continue allowing designated operational entities (DOEs) accredited under the clean development mechanism (CDM) to act voluntarily as accredited independent entities (AIEs) under joint implementation (JI).

10. The JISC took note that, as at 16 October 2020, the following DOEs have submitted self-declarations, expressing their interest to act voluntarily as AIEs to perform JI determinations and verifications:¹

- (a) CDM-E-0005 TÜV SÜD South Asia Private Limited (TÜV SÜD);
- (b) CDM-E-0011 Korea Energy Agency (KEA);
- (c) CDM-E-0020 GHD Limited (GHD);
- (d) CDM-E-0021 AENOR INTERNACIONAL, S.A.U. (AENOR);
- (e) CDM-E-0022 TÜV NORD CERT GmbH (TÜV NORD);
- (f) CDM-E-0032 LGAI Technological Center, S.A. (LGA Tech. Center S.A.);

¹ <<http://ji.unfccc.int/AIEs/List.html>>.

- (g) CDM-E-0037 RINA Services S.p.A. (RINA);
- (h) CDM-E-0044 China Quality Certification Center (CQC);
- (i) CDM-E-0062 Epic Sustainability Services Pvt. Ltd. (EPIC);
- (j) CDM-E-0069 4K Earth Science Private Limited (4KES).

11. The JISC also took note that, since 2 August 2016 (the effective date of JISC reliance on the CDM accreditation system), no JI project determination or verification under Track 2 has been submitted by a DOE acting voluntarily as an AIE under JI.

Agenda item 3.2. Matters relating to determination and verification reports

12. The JISC took note of an update regarding the current status (as at 16 October 2020) 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 1 programme of activities design document have been published on the UNFCCC JI website,² in accordance with the guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol (JI guidelines).³ 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.⁴
13. The JISC took note that, as at 16 October 2020, 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.⁵
14. 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. As at 16 October 2020, a total of 37 Annex I Parties have so far informed the secretariat of their DFPs.⁶ Of these Parties, 32 have also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects.
15. The JISC took note that, as at 16 October 2020, 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 4. Other matters

Agenda item 4.1. Guidance by the CMP

16. The JISC agreed on its annual report to the CMP at its sixteenth session, which covers the period from 18 September 2019 to 16 October 2020, and requested the secretariat to

² <http://ji.unfccc.int/JI_Projects/DeterAndVerif/Verification/PDD/index.html>.

³ <<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2005/cmp1/eng/08a02.pdf#page=2>>.

⁴ <http://ji.unfccc.int/JI_Projects/JI_Projects/DeterAndVerif/Verification/FinDet.html>.

⁵ <http://ji.unfccc.int/JI_Projects/DeterAndVerif/Verif/FinVerif.html>.

⁶ <http://ji.unfccc.int/JI_Parties/PartiesList.html>.

finalize the report, including the comments received during the meeting, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the JISC. Once the report is complete, it will be published on the UNFCCC and JI websites accordingly.

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

17. The JISC noted that no input was received from the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum.
18. The JISC took note of written input received in advance from the Chair of the Project Developer Forum (PD Forum), Mr. Sven Kolmetz. The JISC thanked Mr. Kolmetz for his input and encouraged the PD Forum to continue its interaction with the JISC in the future.
19. No registered observers requested an informal interaction with the JISC. The registration deadline for observers for the forty-fourth meeting of the JISC will be announced once the meeting dates of the forty-fourth meeting are confirmed.

Agenda item 4.3. Other business

20. The JISC took note of the outcomes of CMP 15 and other related decisions adopted at the UNFCCC session held in Madrid in 2019, including the work of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its fifty-first session on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. The JISC further noted that it received no mandates at CMP 15.
21. The JISC decided not to have any more meetings in 2020. The JISC further decided that the Chair and Vice-Chair would consult electronically with members for any decision-making during the remainder of the year.
22. The JISC took note of an update on carbon markets, regarding steps being taken by the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) as part of the International Civil Aviation Organization strategy on emission reductions.
23. The JISC welcomed the crossing of the threshold for entry into legal force of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol on 2 October 2020 and the imminent entry into force of the Doha Amendment on 31 December 2020, in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 4, and Article 21, paragraph 7 of the Kyoto Protocol.
24. The JISC, having discussed the implications of the entry into force of the Doha Amendment for the operations of JI, and taking into account the relevant CMP decisions, reflected on the need to understand the likely activity level for JI in respect of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.
25. The JISC agreed to undertake a process of information gathering and requested the secretariat to invite Parties with quantified emission reduction or limitation commitments included in the third column of Annex B to the Kyoto Protocol (as adopted through decision 1/CMP.8) that have ratified the Doha Amendment to provide an update on their intended participation in JI in respect of the second commitment period.
26. The JISC agreed to receive an analysis of information received from Parties from the secretariat for consideration at its next meeting in order to enable it to decide whether to make recommendations to the CMP at its sixteenth session.

27. The JISC agreed to the provisional agenda for its forty-fourth meeting, as contained in annex 1 to this report.

Agenda item 5. Conclusion of the meeting

28. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and the process for adoption of the report of the meeting and closed the forty-third meeting of the JISC.

Annexes to the report

Other matters

Annex 1 - Provisional agenda: Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee forty-fourth meeting (version 01.0)

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