

Abatement Solutions - Asia Pacific

Input on JI Technical Workshop scheduled for 15-16 October 2007

Dear JI Team in UNFCCC Secretariat,

Thanks very much for the opportunity to provide input into possible topics for discussion at the JI Technical Workshop planned for Bonn on the 15th and 16th of October 2007.

I am confident that the discussions held during Technical Workshops provide great opportunities for stakeholders in the JI system to be able to share ideas and experiences, and ensure that all can share the lessons learned within the JI system and in other comparable systems.

In particular, I am hopeful that there will be some discussion during the workshop on developing Track 1 systems. At the moment I am involved in the detailed design and implementation of a project-based system for abatement credits for the Australian Government. Although the current Australian Government has not ratified the Kyoto Protocol, the federal election scheduled for October 2007 may result in a new government coming to power, and their commitment to ratify the Kyoto Protocol is loud and strong. In that scenario, the project-based system that we are currently developing could very quickly be converted to a JI Track 1 framework.

Specifically, I would suggest that two sessions during the Technical Workshop would provide a useful forum for some valuable discussions. The two topics that I suggest are:

- Governance and administration of Track 1 systems;
- Use of prescriptive approaches to project eligibility, additionality, quantification of abatement and monitoring systems within specific jurisdictions.

The first of these topics is intended to cover the various options that are available for setting up the roles, responsibilities and structure of systems that operate within a specific legal jurisdiction. I hope that discussions would explore the implications for system efficiency, verification processes, and other “streamlining” that can be achieved by well developed governance and administration.

With the second topic, I hope that discussions can cover the development of protocols that is occurring in many parts of the world (Canada, New Zealand, USA, Australia, etc) and move towards a level of consistency across these many individual protocols.

I look forward to attending the workshop in Bonn, and I hope that the tentative dates (15-16 October) are confirmed soon. I would be happy to be a presenter or discussion moderator if that is appropriate.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further elaboration of any of the points above.

Kind regards
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