

Expert Meeting on Trade and Climate Change: Trade and Investment Opportunities and Challenges under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

27-29 April 2009

Room XXVI, Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 27 April

10:00 – 13:00 **Opening session: The Clean Development Mechanism's importance in facilitating sustainable development for developing countries**

Opening statement:

Mr. Habib Ouane on behalf of Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Trade and Climate Change: Trade and Investment Opportunities and Challenges under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

Keynote address:

Mr. Richard Kinley, Deputy Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC

Speakers:

- H.E. Mr. Roberto Carvalho de Azevedo, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the WTO and UNCTAD
- H.E. Mr. Luzius Wasescha, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the WTO
- H.E. Mr. Gopinathan Achamkulangare, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in Geneva

Interactive debate

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00 – 18:00 **Session 1: The Clean Development Mechanism – current state of play and proposed reforms**

Speakers:

- Mr. Jorgen Fenhann, Senior Energy Scientist, UNEP Risoe Centre
- Mr. Adriano Santhiago de Oliveira, General Coordination on Global Climate Change, Ministry of Science and Technology, Brazil
- Ms. Graciela Chichilnisky, UNESCO Professor and Director, Columbia Consortium for Risk Management, Columbia University

Interactive debate

Possible questions for discussion:

- In which sectors and in which countries is the CDM effective? In which is it less effective, and why? What can be done to address its geographical and sectoral reach?
- What are the implications for developing countries of the various options for reform of the CDM mechanism that have been proposed in the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP)?

18:00

Reception

Venue: Bar Escargot, 3rd floor, Palais des Nations

Tuesday, 28 April

10:00 – 13:00 **Session 2: The carbon market: current state, financial risks, demand, perspectives and realistic options for post-2012**

Speakers:

- Ms. Ulrika Raab, Senior Advisor, Swedish Energy Agency and former Member of the CDM Executive Board
- Mr. Jorge Vitorino Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the International Organizations in Geneva
- Mr. Miles Austin, Head of European Regulatory Affairs, EcoSecurities
- Mr. David Lunsford, Policy Leader: Emissions Trading, International Emissions Trading Association
- Ms. Natalia Gorina, Emissions Portfolio Manager, Essent Trading

Interactive debate

Possible questions for discussion:

- How has the existing carbon markets enabled sustainable development gains in CDM host countries?
- How has the financial crisis affected expectations in carbon markets?
- What is the demand for certified emission reductions (CERs) today? How has this demand evolved in the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU/ETS) and in individual Annex I Parties?
- How could the forthcoming post-2012 regime trigger greater CDM investments?
- What are the expectations under the post-2012 regime?

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **Session 3: Developing country interests in climate change action and the implications for a post-2012 climate change regime**

Speakers:

- Mr. Aaron Cosby, Associate and Senior Climate Change and Trade Advisor of the International Institute for Sustainable Development
- Mr. Mikko Halonen, Gaia Global
- Ms. Paula Castro Pareja, University of Zurich
- Mr. Albert Magalang, Designated National Authority of the Philippines

Interactive debate

Possible questions for discussion:

- What are the prospects of expanding the reach of “programmatic” CDM under the post-2012 period? And to what extent could this expansion facilitate the reduction of carbon intensity in given economic sectors in developing countries, whilst attracting investment and promoting the transfer of new and less carbon intensive technologies?
- What is the CDM’s real contribution to clean technology transfer? How could it be better assessed and enhanced?

Wednesday, 29 April

10:00 – 13:00 **Session 4: CDM and developing country experiences and expectations under the post-2012 regime**

Speakers:

- Mr. Fang Jin, Development Research Centre of the State Counsel, China
- Ms. Julia Justo Soto, Executive Director, National Environment Fund, Peru
- Mr. Govinda Timilsina, World Bank study on CDM potential in Sub Saharan Africa

Speaking from the floor:

- Mr. Raul Garrido, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, Cuba
- Mr. Cheikh Saadbouh Seck, Director of External Trade, Ministry of Trade, Senegal
- Mr. João Lusevikueno, Director of Trade Policy, Ministry of Commerce, Republic of Angola

Interactive debate

Possible questions for discussion:

- What could be new and innovative approaches to increase the number of beneficiary CDM host countries and economic sectors covered?
- Should the screening of projects by Designated National Authorities (DNAs) follow a set of criteria and standards common to all DNAs?

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 18:00 **Roundtable on climate change, trade and investment, and the role of UNCTAD**

Panellists:

- Mr. Daniele Violetti, Secretary of the CDM Executive Board, UNFCCC
- Mr. Marcel Alers, Principal Technical Advisor Climate Change Mitigation and Manager, MDG Carbon Facility, UNDP
- Mr. Stefan Denzler, Programme Manager, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Switzerland

Interactive debate and brief interventions by all Designated National Authorities

Possible question for discussion:

- What roles could UNCTAD most usefully play in ensuring that the CDM achieves its full potential for contributing to sustainable development in host countries?

18:00 **Closing remarks by the Chairperson**