

DNA in Vanuatu – Background & Current Status

CDM in Pacific

- The Pacific region has shown slow progress in accessing carbon financing through the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).
- Few Designated National Authorities (DNAs) have been established and only three registered CDM projects exist.
- Although small project size and material transaction costs have hindered project development, the introduction of small-scale methodologies, programmatic approaches, and exemptions for countries with fewer than 10 CDM projects can help mitigate this issue.
- Viable projects exist, but the limited awareness and low capacity of national governments has been a significant barrier to CDM project development in the Pacific

CDM in Vanuatu

- The Government of Vanuatu ratified the Kyoto Protocol under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on 17th July 2001.
- Vanuatu is a Non-Annex I country of the UNFCCC and therefore qualifies as a host country for Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects.
- The establishment of a DNA is a precondition for participation in the CDM and can act as a catalyst for identification and development of CDM projects.
- Most of the DNA establishment related work has already been completed during 2009 through assistance from ADB.
- A Draft DNA Operation Manual (including the institutional and administrative structure) was developed during 2009 and approved by NACCC.

Next Steps

- Conduct a final round consultation workshop with the National Advisory Committee on Climate Change (NACCC) and other DNA stakeholders on the proposed institutional structure for DNA including internal rules and procedures.
- Revise the DNA operational manual based on inputs/comments from stakeholders and recent work on establishing DNAs in other Pacific Developing Member Countries.
- Facilitate endorsement of revised DNA operational manual by NACCC and Council of Ministers.

Project Activities

- Assist and liaise with NACCC in formalising DNA establishment through officially informing UNFCCC on DNA establishment.
- Prepare content for and support the NACCC in establishing a public website for the DNA.
- Consult with stakeholders and prepare a draft of the first Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) concept paper, including an indicative list of potential Clean Development Mechanism projects in Vanuatu.

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