

The Second National Workshop on Capacity Development for the Clean Development Mechanism

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Venue: Horison Hotel, 40 Cat Linh Street, Ha Noi, Viet Nam

Chairperson's summary

1. The Second National Workshop on Capacity Development for Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) was held at Horison Hotel, Hanoi, Viet Nam on 11 September 2003. The National Workshop was organized by the National Office for Climate Change and Ozone Protection (NOCCOP), International Cooperation Department (ICD), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE).

Attendance

2. The workshop was attended by about 100 representatives and experts from MONRE, Ministry of Industry (MOI), Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development (MARD), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), Ministry of Training and Education (MTE), Ministry of Transport (MOT), Electricity of Vietnam (EVN), Viet Nam Union Scientific and Technical Associations (VUSTA), National Centre for Natural Science and Technology, Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh Universities of Technology, Department of Science and Technology of Ha Noi, Bac Ninh, Nam Dinh, Hoa Binh, Ha Giang, Hai Duong, Nghe An, Quang Tri, Hai Phong, representatives from Research Centre for Energy and Environment and Mass media (Viet Nam Television, Ha Noi Television, newspapers).

3. For international agencies/organizations, it was also attended by representatives from Embassy of Royal Netherlands, UNEP Risø Centre (URC), Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Country Office of United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Ha Noi, World Bank (WB) Office in Viet Nam, Ballas Nedam International Company, Nissho Iwai Company, Javitech, Canadian Center for International Studies and Cooperation, SNV of the Netherlands, etc.

Objectives

4. The objectives of the workshop included:
- Discussing and providing information to raise awareness on CDM for workshop participants.
 - Suggesting a roadmap of project implementation.
 - Strengthening cooperation between NOCCOP, MONRE - executing agency of the project - and other related ministries/ agencies to carry out the work plan of the project "Capacity Development for CDM" (CD4CDM) in Viet Nam.

Conduct of the workshop

5. The Workshop was commenced with opening address by Dr. Nguyen Cong Thanh, Deputy Minister of MONRE. Welcoming speech was delivered by Dr. Myung-Kyoon Lee, Climate Coordinator from URC.

6. The workshop elected Dr. Nguyen Cong Thanh and Dr. Myung-Kyoon Lee as the Chairpersons while Mr. Hoang Manh Hoa, NOCCOP served as Workshop Secretary.

Keynote activities

7. During the workshop 9 presentations and lectures were presented and discussed as follows:

- Kyoto Protocol and CDM activities in Viet Nam (by Dr. Tran Duc Hai, Project Director, Director General, ICD, MONRE).
- UNEP Project on Capacity Development for the CDM and a Legal Framework for the CDM in Developing Countries (by Dr. Myung Kyoon Lee, URC).
- AIT, UNEP Regional Project Center and current status of the regional project implementation (by Prof. S.C.Bhattacharya, AIT).
- Introduction to the National Workplan on Capacity Development for the CDM under the project (by Mr. Nguyen Khac Hieu, Project Coordinator, ICD, MONRE).
- Presentation of main activities and preliminary outputs of the project implementation in Viet Nam (by Prof. Bui Huy Phung, Project Task Leader, National Center for Natural Science and Technology).
- Preparation in 2003 for the Capacity Development on CDM research and education (by Dr. Pham Khanh Toan, Project Task Leader, Director of Institute of Energy, MOI).
- Results of surveys on CDM understanding in Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh cities under the project (by Dr. Nguyen Tien Nguyen, Project Task Leader, Research Center for Energy and Environment).
- Fuel switching in Thu Duc thermal power plant (by MA. Nguyen Thi Kim Lien, ICD, MOI).
- Grand Design for 200,000 ha environmental forestation in Viet Nam (by Mr. Makoto Sunagawa, Special Advisor, Nissho Iwai Research Institutes, Japan).

8. The workshop agreed that it is necessary to promote activities for raising CDM awareness, particularly for policy makers in the country at present. The results of surveys on CDM understanding carried out in Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh cities showed that knowledge of CDM of policy makers is still low in the both cities. In order to facilitate and set up legal basic for CDM activities in the country, the tasks 2 and 3 of project regarding capacity development on CDM for policy makers and CDM National Authority (CNA) should be prior and focused on. An assessment report on capacity development needs for policy makers should be completed possible by Working Group of Task 2 as soon as possible.

9. The participants were informed of the current status of project implementation and project preliminary outputs in Viet Nam. In June 2003, the Project Workplan was approved by the Government but how to carry out the plan in the period 2003-2005 successfully requires big effort of CNA which is established under MONRE. It is noted that cooperation between MONRE and other related ministries to integrate CDM issues into sectoral development strategies, policies and master plans need strengthening.

10. The workshop agreed that a roadmap of the project implementation presented by Mr. Nguyen Khac Hieu, Project Coordinator. It suggested that main tasks which was identified for the Project in the year 2003 need promoting.

11. For capacity development on CDM research and education, the workshop agreed that the CDM textbook with general information on UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol, CDM and sustainable development (SD) prepared and edited by Working Group of Task 5 should be fulfilled by December 2003. As a result, the book will be used for training at the two selected universities in Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh cities in pilot phase 2004.

12. Recently, the National Strategy Study on CDM (NSS) project supported by Australia through the WB completed in Viet Nam. The participants recognized that main outputs of this project are very fruitful for CD4CDM project, especially for institutional arrangement and setting up a legal framework for CDM activities in the country. They also noted that the CDM project portfolio identified under the NSS project would be developed further in order to create a pipeline of CDM eligible projects that are suitable for sustainable development targets of the country as well as attractive for potential foreign investors.

Other matters

13. At the workshop, the participants discussed on the possible reforestation projects which could be developed under CDM project document as Project Designed Document (PDD). However, it is necessary to identify in more detail in case of baseline and methodology which will be used for development of the PDD.

14. The participants noted with satisfaction the Chairperson's Summary and expressed their deep gratitude to the Netherlands Government, URC, AIT for their supports to project implementation in the country. They expressed also their appreciation to MONRE for organizing the workshop.

For Chairman



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