

CDM Project Approval Procedure

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The Designated National Authority (DNA) is the body responsible for evaluation & approval of CDM projects.

National Sustainable Development Criteria

- Environmental
 - Project should be compatible with national environment and development priorities and must abide by existing law
 - Promote sustainable use of natural resources
- Social
 - Community participation should be encouraged
 - Project must improve the quality of life (health, education, employment, housing)
- Economic
 - Overall positive impact on the national economy
 - Generation of new investments
 - Effective transfer of technology/best practices with minimum negative impact on the environment

Tasks CDM office

- Focal point
- Issuing Letter of Approval
- Develop national rules & procedures for CDM approval
- Reporting national CDM programs
- Develop a portfolio of priority CDM projects and networking information to be used for marketing CDM Project activities
- Promotion
- Maintaining a CDM-website

**Ministry of
ATM**

**Environmental
Section (CBS)**

CDM Office

Regulation

Promotion

**Climate
Unit (ATM)**

NIMOS

**External
expertise
(NH, RGB,
LVV, OW,
AdeKUS)**

**Information
service
ATM**

**Promotion
office
NIMOS**

Principles for CDM office Approval Process

- **Efficiency:** approval process should reduce transaction costs and be flexible within its obligation of assuring high quality projects.
- **Transparency:** the criteria and procedures should be transparent, public and as simple as possible and approved with the participation of representative sectors.
- **Certainty and stability of the decision:** necessary to reduce uncertainty for project developers and the vulnerability of the process to government changes.
- **Participation:** all sectors concerned (public & private) should participate in defining the rules and decision making procedures to assure the highest benefits possible for SD of the country.

National Procedure

- Project Identification Note (PIN):
Initial Screening
- Project Design Document (PDD):
Final Approval

Project idea

I

II

Submission has 2 phases

Initial screening

Developer submits PIN & application form to CDM office

Initial screening (meets criteria)

Yes

No

Comments from initial screening

Revise proposal

Letter of No-Objection

Within 14 days of submission

PDD available for public comment (website) – 30 days

Final submission

Developer submits PDD & application form to CDM office

Validation by DOE

Comprehensive review (meets criteria)

No

Yes

Rejection (with reasons)

Appeal to Minister

Approval (with reasons)

Letter of Approval

- Checklist (SD criteria)
- Consultations
- Visit to site
- Submit report to Minister of Environment

Time: Submission to result of review – 14 days

Time: Appeal process (if required) – 60 days

Time: Submission to result of DNA decision – 75 days

Initial screening

- Project Identification Note (PIN)
- Reason for a PIN:
 - ❖ First evaluation by the CDM office
 - ❖ Secure support of CDM office
 - ❖ Letter of no objection (requirement of investors)
 - ❖ Marketing document for investors

Final Approval

- Design a Project Design Document (PDD)
- Evaluation of the PDD by the CDM office
- Public comment on the PDD
- Validation by the DOE
- Letter of approval signed by the Minister of Environment

Procedure after the Letter of Approval

- Letter of Approval
- Registration of the CDM project with the EB within 8 weeks after the DOE has submitted the request
- Operating the project in a manner which reduces, abates or sequesters Green House Gases
- Periodic review and verification of the achieved emission reductions by another DOE
- Certification report to the EB of the amount of emission reductions verified
- Issuance of CERs by the EB after Certification Report (15 days)

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Thank you