

# CDM APPROVAL PROCESS FOR BOTSWANA

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## Background

- CDM modalities and procedures are contained in the Marrakech Accords.
- The process involves validation, registration, monitoring, reporting, and certification of CDM projects and their emission reductions.
- Countries participating in the CDM must designate a national authority for CDM.
- The designated national authority for CDM is DMS
- Participants in CDM projects have to provide written approval of the voluntary participation from the DNA of each party involved, including confirmation by the host Party that the project activity assists in achieving sustainable development
- Host country project approval is one of the prerequisites of the registration of a potential CDM project by the CDM Executive Board

## Background .... continued

- Letter from the DNA of the host country which confirms that the project activity assists it in achieving development is required
- Sustainable development criteria is left for each country to decide
- Currently, the formal procedure for CDM approval are being finalised for official adoption by the DNA.
- One of the reasons the procedures have not been approved yet is that the regulations for the Meteorological Services Act have not been finalised.

## Composition of the DNA Technical committee

- Ministry of Environment Wildlife and Tourism
- Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Ministry of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources
- Ministry of Finance and Development Planning
- Ministry of Infrastructure, Science and Technology
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Lands and Housing
- Attorney General's Chambers
  - The committee may establish working groups of definite duration to consider specific issues and may also invite individuals with recognised knowledge in their fields of expertise
  - The committee may also collaborate with members of the public or private sector to perform its functions

# Structure

- Director of DMS is the chairperson
- DMS serves as the secretariat of the DNA and provides technical and administrative support to the work of the committee
- It meets ordinarily every three months and extraordinarily as necessary

## Process of Approval

- Designated Operational Entities (DOEs) assess and validate compliance of proposed project with the eligibility criteria and general rules of CDM
- Validation is not carried out by DNA
- National approval is limited to assessing voluntary participation of Botswana in the CDM project and the projects contribution to SD of the country
- DOEs are contracted by the project proponents

# Submission of Project Design Documents for CDM Projects

- CDM project design documents may be submitted and approved in two steps:
  1. The non-obligatory stage of submission, assessment and endorsement of a Project Idea Note (PIN)
  2. The stage of submission, assessment and approval of a project design document (PDD).



# Submission of PIN for CDM Projects

- Project Proponent may draft a PIN for initial review and endorsement by the Designated National Authority.
- The PIN shall be submitted to the DNA on a voluntary basis and shall not be considered as a prerequisite for approval of a CDM Project
- The PIN shall be submitted to the DNA in English language along with a respective Letter of Application.
- Upon the reception of the documents, the DNA Secretariat will check the accuracy of both the PIN and the application letter. After that, a relevant summary report will be submitted to the DNA Technical Committee.
- The final decision on a PIN endorsement is taken by the DNA.
- In case of a positive decision on a PIN, the DNA will issue the Letter of Endorsement to the project participant.

## Submission of PIN for CDM Projects

- The letter itself is an official document from the DNA stating that, on the basis of the information contained in the PIN and comments received, the further development of the proposed project is supported by the DNA
- The project proponent can then continue with further project development and start developing the PDD
- If the submitted project idea receives a negative opinion, the DNA returns the document to the project proponent indicating the rationale for rejection and/or necessary improvements
- PIN endorsement does not guarantee, secure or imply the automatic approval of the proposed project in the future.
- Results are provided within 14 days of the submission

# Benefits of PIN

- Improves quality of CDM projects
- Facilitates contact with prospective partners and investors
- Advice if there is need for EIA
- Identify potential conflicts with project approval criteria and government policies

## Submission of PDDs

- Submission of PDDs mandatory requirement by CDM EB
- DNA Technical Committee reviews PDDs
- Letter of approval may be issued
- Requires statement that project assists in achieving SD in host country
- Letter of approval is signed by Director DMS as an official answer to its request
- Final communication of decision by DNA to developer to be done within 7 weeks from date of submission

## Submission of PDDs

- **Documentation check list:**
  - Formal letter to DNA requesting host country approval
  - PDD in English including electronic version
  - Must be most recent format as stipulated by EB
  - Letter from DEA whether EIA is required
  - (If IEA is needed the letter of approval will be conditional on the outcome of the EIA)
  - A signed declaration on the financial and legal status of the offering company
  - If more companies are involved in the CDM project, the company must show letter of evidence that it has rights to the emission reductions
  - Any documents or information requested in the letter of endorsement issued by the DNA in response to the PIN

# *Procedure for approval*

