UNFCCC update – Doha Amendment, CDM, the rest of 2020

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Update from UNFCCC

- Doha Amendment implications of entry into force
- CDM EB 107
- Climate Dialogue (November)



Doha Amendment

- Doha Amendment and 1/CMP.8 (plus other CMP decisions) are basis for Kyoto second commitment period (2013 to 2020)
- On 2 October 2020, the threshold of 144 Parties was crossed so legal entry into force occurs on 31 December 2020 (the last day of the second commitment period)
- Parties that have second commitment period targets and have ratified will issue AAUs and RMUs (from early 2021)
- The Kyoto reporting, review and compliance regime will operate as intended



Doha Amendment

CDM

Entry into force enables formal use of CERs for second commitment period compliance

Joint implementation

- AAUs and RMUs may be converted into ERUs (ex post)
- Track 1 under full authority of host Party
- Track 2 under supervision of JISC per JI guidelines
- JISC is information-gathering to assess likely participation
- Share of proceeds on first international transfer of AAUs and conversion of AAUs/RMUs to ERUs



CDM EB 107

- The CDM Executive Board has been receiving questions from stakeholders on CDM operations after 2020
- At EB 106 (May 2020), the Board decided to consider implications of postponement of CMP.16 on CDM operations
- At EB 107 (September 2020), these deliberations were held in "executive" (closed) session
- The Board also considered cases for renewal of crediting periods starting in 2021 that were put under review by three members (and some CPA inclusions put under review)



CDM EB 107 report

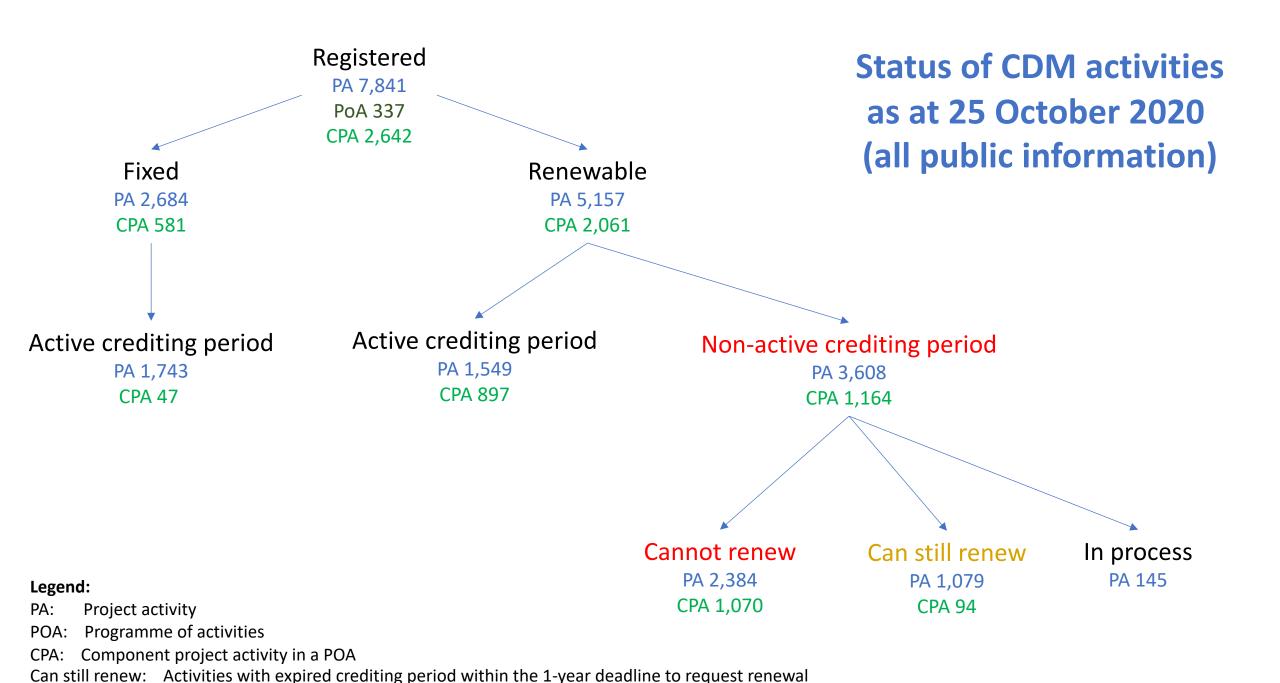
- Noted that CDM accreditation activities will continue until further guidance is provided by the CMP
- Noted that submission, processing issuance requests for emission reductions or removals achieved before or on 31 December 2020 continue in accordance with current CDM requirements
- Considered postponement of CMP16 on operation of CDM processes (registration, renewal/issuance starting on/achieved after 1 January 2021) and agreed to further consider at EB 108
- The Board was not able to reach an agreement on cases related to 2021 that are under review and will continue deliberations at EB 108



CDM crediting period expiry

- CDM activities operate on crediting periods (up to 10 years or up to 7 years, renewable twice) – "renewal of crediting period"
- •EB 100 revised the process for renewal of crediting period, introducing a 1-year deadline for the submission of a request with a grace period before applying this rule running until 31/12/2019 that was extended to 30/09/2020 at EB 105.
- So, now that 30/09/2020 has passed, if an activity has not requested renewal within one year of the expiry of its crediting period, it cannot later seek renewal. It thus "falls off the books". A considerable number thus "fell off the books" on 1/10/2020





Climate Dialogues

- 23 November to 4 December 2020 online events under guidance of SB Chairs, in collaboration with COP25 and COP26 Presidencies and supported by secretariat
- Maintain momentum, advance technical work and show progress and achievements on climate action in 2020
- Primary focus is intergovernmental process and mandated work
- see The Climate Hub 360 https://unfccc.int/calendar/dashboard
- Article 6 HODs event and expert event on baselines and additionality (accredited observers may attend expert event)

