

# The role of local stakeholder consultations in CDM: Rules and practice

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# Outline:

- The role of LSC – why important?
- Rules:
  - Existing CDM rules
  - Historical overview
  - Status of CMP decisions



# The role of LSC

- Public participation in decision-making is a *right* also in climate change (Rio Declaration, Agenda 21, Aarhus Convention)
- Stakeholders affected by CDM projects have a right to be consulted to influence response measures
- A key source of information on potential impacts of CDM projects for sustainable development

## Objectives:

- Good climate governance
- No violation of human rights
- Transparency, integrity and sustainable development

LSC is a right and play a key role for effective decision-making

# Rules

# Existing rules for LSC process

- a) The PP is required to demonstrate what actions were taken to appropriately engage stakeholders and solicit comments; and
- b) Prepare a summary of the comments provided by local stakeholders and demonstrate that it has considered all comments received for the proposed CDM project activity or PoA
- c) The LSC process is conducted prior to submitting the project for validation
- d) In validating the LSC process, the DOE is required to determine whether the PPs have completed a LSC process and that appropriate steps were taken to engage stakeholders and solicit comments for the proposed CDM project activity.

No clear guidance/requirements are provided by the Board for the conduct and validation of stakeholders consultations. After registration of a project activity there are no means for stakeholders to comment or complain during implementation

# Historical overview

- EB61: Proposal and background paper on LSC prepared by a member
- EB62: An initial analysis by the secretariat and launch of call for inputs
- EB64: Summary of call for inputs and request for Secretariat to provide recommendations for consideration at future EB meetings
- EB66: The CDM MAP 2012 was approved including work in this area (project No. 151) for this year in considering/incorporating LSC recommendations through revised standards/ guidelines
- EB 69: Considered concept note and agreed to continue discussing the issue at its 70 meeting

At EB70 the Board requested the Secretariat to draft amendments to CDM regulatory documents to improve the LSC process, e.g. defining stakeholders to be consulted, adequate means of consultation and how to deal with concerns raised post-registration

# Important CMP decisions

- 3/CMP.9, para 20: EB requested to: 1) Collaborate with DNA Forum to provide information on LSC practices; 2) Provide technical assistance to DNAs upon their request, for the development of guidelines for local stakeholder consultation in their countries
- EB79: The CDM MAP 2014 includes work on: 1) LSC information and guidance & 2) Revised M&Ps – LSC strengthened by EB81: Call to DNAs to share LSC practices (7 May 2014)

More detailed LSC requirements are proposed to standardize and strengthen the process

# Thanks!

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