CDM Policy Dialogue: Summary of stakeholder engagement with African Group of Climate Change Negotiators in Windhoek, Namibia

Date and time:	Monday 16 April 2012
Location:	Hilton Hotel, Namibia
Panel member(s):	Margaret Mukahanana
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Participants:	Members of the Bureau of the African Group of Climate Change Negotiators

Proceedings

The Africa group of Climate Change Negotiators received a presentation on the CDM Policy Dialogue from Ms Margaret Mukahanana. The presentation provided an overview of the objectives and process of the High-Level Panel. Following the presentation, the Africa Group of Negotiator's Chair – Mr Emmanuel Dlamini - opened the floor for brief requests for clarification and comments.

There were several questions regarding the policy dialogue work plan and modalities for engagement, which were clarified. Two substantive questions were raised regarding the future of CDM in Africa given recent policy developments. One participant questioned the influence any policy dialogue could have on increasing project regional distribution given the recent EU decision to limit participation from LDCs in the ETS. Another participant pointed out that ongoing negotiations - in particular on the post 2020 regime on modalities and mechanisms for climate mitigation - would have great bearing on the CDM. In this context it was suggested that Africa as a whole may stand to benefit more from NAMAs and possibly even REDD+ than CDM.

Following the brief discussion, it was agreed that the Bureau would solicit input on the CDM PD from other members of the Africa group of negotiators on consecutive days of their meetings. To assist discussions, a list of questions was prepared (see attached list of questions). Members were asked to prepare formal written submissions through the policy dialogue contact facility: www.cdmpolicydialogue.org/contact or through the email CDM-Policy-Dialogue@unfccc.int by 20 May 2012.