

Development of determination and verification manual

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- CDM EB 44 adopted **validation and verification manual (VVM)**, as mandated by CMP
- JISC 13 considered the necessity to develop a **determination and verification manual (DVM)** and requested the secretariat to:
 - Prepare a note on how a DVM could be developed by the JISC in a timely and efficient manner;
 - Launch a public call to provide input on the exact nature and purpose of DVM, to identify the areas of the VVM that may be relevant for DVM

- Call open from 5 December 2008 till 5 February 2009 (9 weeks; initially till 15 January 2009, then extended)
- Seven submissions received:
 - Climate Experts Ltd;
 - Det Norske Veritas Certification AS (DNV);
 - International Emission Trading Association (IETA);
 - Joint Implementation Action Group;
 - Mitsubishi UFJ Securities;
 - MVV decon GmbH;
 - World Bank (Carbon Finance Unit)

- All inputs support the development of a DVM

Purpose/nature

- DVM would:
 - Facilitate the consistency/harmonization/standardization of determination and verification work among AIEs
 - Increase the transparency of the AIEs' determination and verification process
 - Could stimulate the development of innovative approaches in handling methodologies
- DVM should NOT:
 - Be a set of binding provisions; the compliance should be on a voluntary basis
 - Be a very prescriptive

Contents

- DVM should establish a detailed description of the determination and verification process
- Not to use VVM as the basis/starting point, but to develop a DVM independently
- Relevant elements of VVM should be considered for inclusion in a DVM
- DVM should reflect the uniqueness/specific features of JI
- DVM should provide (detailed) guidance to AIEs on how to review methodologies in particular non-CDM approved methodologies
- Relevant ISO standards (e.g. ISO 14064) may be taken into account
- DVM should remain an evolving document and needs timely updating
- DVM should provide clear definition and interpretation of key terms

Modality of development

- Offers of resource support (drafting group, etc.)
- Expect opportunities for providing detailed comments on draft (e.g. workshop)

Factors for consideration

- Resource implications (for initial development and maintenance)
- Timing (Lack of enough experience - Is it appropriate to develop at this time?)
- Nature of the document (binding provisions or just a guidance? What are the consequences of incompliance?)
- Scope and level of detail

Suggested modality of development

- Secretariat to draft, appoint two JISC members/alternates for close consultation
- External input through one call for public input and one workshop
- Invites JI-AP members for inputs through public call

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