

# Reporting on co-benefits

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## September 2010 – EB56

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103. The Board considered issues related to co-benefits of proposed CDM project activities and requested the secretariat to provide an assessment of which documents would need to be revised to include co-benefits for consideration by the Board.

## June 2011 – EB61

75. The Board held an initial discussion on reporting and verification of sustainability benefits of CDM projects and agreed to launch a call for public input, starting on 3 June 2011 and ending on 3 July 2011, on **how to include co-benefits and negative impacts in the documentation of CDM project activities** and the **role of the different actors and stakeholders in this process**.

The Board also requested the secretariat to prepare an information note on how co-benefits and negative impacts **could be reflected in the CDM process**, taking into account the inputs received from the call.



- 115. The Board considered the report “**Benefits of the clean development mechanism 2011**” ([http://cdm.unfccc.int/about/dev\\_ben/index.html](http://cdm.unfccc.int/about/dev_ben/index.html))

This report includes an analysis of the sustainable development benefits, technology transfer, and investment flows and mitigation costs associated with the CDM.

- 116. The Board considered the report on feedback received to a call for public inputs on sustainable development co-benefits and negative impacts of CDM projects activities.

The Board requested the secretariat to **undertake an analysis of the potential implications of the proposed measures and of what issues are within the remit of the Board to address**. The Board, based on the outcome from this analysis, will continue considering the proposals at its **sixty-sixth meeting**.



5. Requests the Executive Board to continue its work and **develop appropriate voluntary measures to highlight the co-benefits** brought about by clean development mechanism project activities and programmes of activities, **while maintaining the prerogative** of Parties to define their sustainable development criteria;



## Mandate of the Board

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- Obligation to demonstrate that CDM assist non-Annexe I parties in achieving sustainable development
- Maintain the parties' prerogative to determine if a CDM project activity assists in achieving SD or to define their criteria fro SD
- Harmonize and make public the information relating to SD co-benefit in the context of CDM.



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## Principles:

The voluntary measures that should be developed should be:

- Credible
- Consistent
- Accessible
- Easy to use

## Constraints:

- Must be voluntary
- Not replace, undermine or compete with the host party prerogatives



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## Proposed measures:

- Tool comprising a checklist for reporting on co-benefits linking them to a multidimensional matrix (social, economic, Do no harm...)
- The tool will be part of the PDD form

## Implementation consideration

- Option 1: Initial declaration at the start of the project
- Option 2: Initial declaration, then update or changes during the project
- Option 3: Initial declaration, then updates or changes and subject to validation and verification
- Option 4: Initial declaration, then updates or changes and subject to validation and verification and adverse consequences





## Board's consideration

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**The Board to consider the proposal at EB 67.**

