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Additional agenda item

Applicability of previous version of PS, VVS and PCP

CDM EB 102

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Background

- At EB 101 (Nov 2018), the Board adopted revised version (ver. 02.0) of:
 - CDM project standard for project activities (PS-PA)
 - CDM validation and verification standard for project activities (VVS-PA)
 - CDM project cycle procedure for project activities (PCP-PA)
 - CDM project standard for programmes of activities (PS-P0A)
 - CDM validation and verification standard for programmes of activities (VVS-PoA)
 - CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities (PCP-PoA)
- These six documents entered into force on 1 January 2019



Key issue

- For resubmission of a request for registration after the completeness check (CC) or the information and reporting check (IRC), the PCP-PA and PCP-PoA has a provision allowing the application of the same version of methodologies, methodological tools and standardized baselines → This is conditional that the resubmission is made within 90 days of the notification of negative conclusion of CC or IRC
- For resubmission of a request for issuance, such provision does not exist → Version applicability of methodological documents is irrelevant at the issuance stage (methodologies, etc. are fixed at registration)



Key issue

- When ver. 01.0 of PS-PA, VVS-PA, PCP-PA, etc. were adopted, an implementation plan was also adopted, detailing the applicability of the previous version of PS, VVS and PCP by a specific date including that for resubmissions → Such implementation plan was not adopted when ver. 02.0 of PS-PA, etc. were adopted (because the scope of revision was limited)
- For some cases that initially followed ver. 01.0, the lack of grace period on the application of the same version for resubmissions could incur onerous change to the project design, monitoring report or validation/verification report → About 20 cases exist in the process that fall under this circumstances



Proposed solution

- The Board may wish to allow the application of ver. 01.0 of PS-PA, VVS-PA, PCP-PA, etc for resubmissions:
 - If the initial submission was made by 31 Dec 2018, following ver. 01.0; AND
 - If the resubmission is made by 30 June 2019
 - For both the requests for registration and issuance, as well as requests for renewal of crediting period/PoA period and requests for approval of post-registration changes



Impacts

The proposed solution would <u>help the requests for registration, etc.</u>
 <u>that fall into a specific situation</u> (followed ver. 01.0 of the PS, VVS,
 PCP in the initial submission, but the timing of resubmission
 crossed 2018-2019 border) <u>to proceed with the requests without</u>
 <u>additional effort</u> → Due to short grace period, environmental
 integrity would not be compromised



Recommendations to the Board

 The secretariat recommends that the Board agree with the proposed solution and record such decision in the EB 102 meeting report → As this is an arrangement of temporary nature, it does not require amendment to the relevant regulatory documents (PCP-PA and PCP-PoA)

