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Attn: CDM Policy dialogue

As an environmental organization we believe that the Project PDD and all other important material on the ongoing CDM projects should be made *more* available to stakeholders worldwide.

A very important way this information can be made available to stakeholders and persons worldwide is to have them in a language they can understand. Since these very same CDM projects which are subject to certification will in most certainty radically change the lives of these stakeholders for the better, but in most instances for the worst as had been the case with so many of these ill validated projects.

In most of these events these projects are validated without any input or feedback from stakeholders which would have been highly desirable. But these have been unavailable since the CDM Validation Mechanism only provides their PDD's and all other pertinent CDM project material only in ENGLISH. In the same manner it is our understanding that it will only accept commentaries in English, although these may be submitted along with those in their respective native languages.

Although many parts of the UNFCCC page are available in the other main languages of the world i.e. Spanish, French, German, Russian, Chinese, Hindi, etc. the CDM page is only available in English. This fact will limit the amount of participation of persons and stakeholders in any given project. There are even affected stakeholders which in fact do not even speak the national language, much less English.

Therefore our suggestion is for the CDM to provide all material i.e. Project PDD's, CDM WEB page, and also accept as valid all commentaries for CDM Projects submitted in the other **MAIN LANGUAGES** of the world recognized by the UNFCCC.

One last suggestion is to keep the channels open and not limit the comment period to only one month, but rather to **KEEP IT OPEN** for the period of validation, in any event any period with a *minimum* of **3 MONTHS**. So that the input process is not closed off for the affected stakeholders and public, but that in which they can participate with active feedback for the validation process. This in our view is a much better situation which instead of hampering the process will no doubt enrich it.

We certainly hope our modest suggestions can be taken into account in the CDM policy dialogue.

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