

CDM Country Guides

A series of five manuals for CDM project development in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand

CDM Country Guide is a core component of information dissemination and awareness raising activities under the Integrated Capacity Strengthening for Clean Development Mechanism/Joint Implementation (ICS-CDM/JI) of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). This series of five country guidebooks aims at facilitating CDM project developments in developing countries in Asia by providing necessary information to both project developers and potential investors.

Who benefits from the CDM Country Guides?

Project developers can learn about issues that investors look for while searching for potential CDM projects. Investors, on the other hand, can learn the basic knowledge on the environment surrounding CDM project development in each country. The guidebooks are also expected to contribute to the improvement of the quality of CDM projects.

How is this different from other CDM guides?

The main focus here is to go beyond currently available CDM guidebooks which contain only general information with a wide geographical coverage. IGES **CDM Country Guides** will present country-specific information from a practical aspect of preparing CDM projects in developing countries. The guides contain such information as project approval procedure, legal aspects, financing issues and government incentives, may directly affect project developers or implementers.

In addition, the guides include many annexes which vary among the countries based on information availability. These may include a contact list, investment risk information, CDM project pipelines, a step-by-step example to demonstrate the whole process of project approval by using an actual case, a Project Concept Note (PCN) form (if required by the Designated National Authority of the host country), and so on.

The guidebooks will be prepared for Cambodia, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand. By applying the same framework to all countries, the **CDM Country Guides** will help in an easy comparison of initiatives among the participating countries, and thus will become useful tools to further improve national strategies toward CDM.

Publication Schedule

CDM Country Guides for Cambodia, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand are scheduled to be available in 2005 (to be announced on the IGES website).

Tentative Contents

Chapter 1 Introduction

A summary of issues that developers and investors in CDM projects should be aware of and tips to effectively use the guidebook in order to find specific information.

Chapter 2 Social, Economic and Political Information

A country profile to provide a broad picture of the country important for project development and investment.

Chapter 3 Potential CDM Projects

An overview of the country's potential resources, sectors or project type category where potential CDM projects lie.

Chapter 4 CDM Project Cycle

An explanation of the general CDM project cycle from identifying a project to emission trading as well as requirements and stakeholders for each process.

Chapter 5 CDM-related Institutional Framework

A comprehensive picture of the governmental authorities involved in the CDM activities and their inter-organisational relationships.

Chapter 6 CDM Project Requirements and Approval Procedure

Steps to obtain project approval and its requirements (e.g. country-specific provisions on additionality, sustainable development criteria, environmental impact assessment, etc) in the host country.

Chapter 7 Legal Aspects

An overview of basic investment-related laws, environmental laws and property law, as well as financial regulations and sector-specific regulations that are relevant to CDM project activities.

Chapter 8 Financing Issues

Practical information on financial market in the host country (both conventional and CDM-specific project financing sources), sales of certified emission reduction credits (CER), taxes, levies and other administrative requirements.

Chapter 9 Government Incentives

A list of financial (e.g. taxes, import tariffs and duties) and regulatory incentives.

Annexes Contact list (governmental organisations, NGOs, local consultants, financial institutions, etc.) and other useful information.

About IGES

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) is a research institute that conducts pragmatic and innovative strategic policy research to support sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region.

About ICS-CDM Programme

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