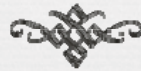


# The DNA Forum



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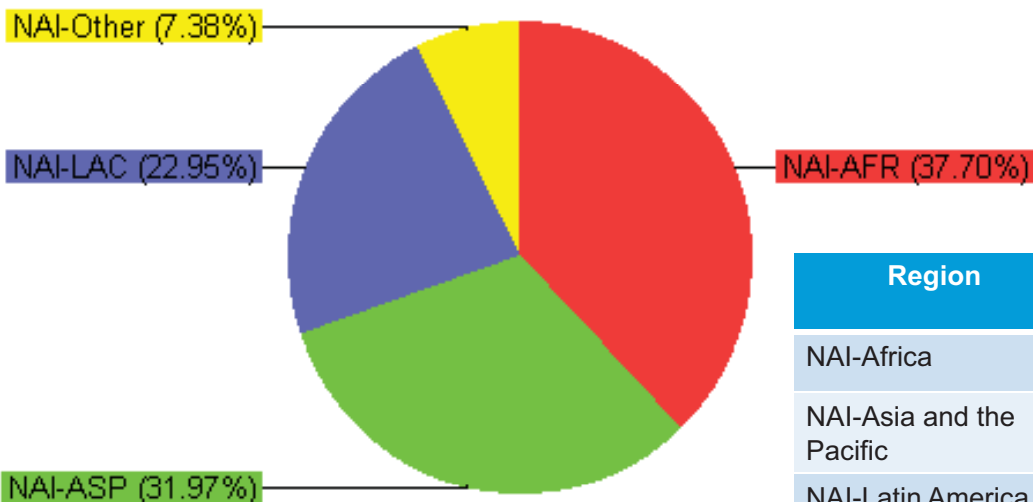
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# The DNA Forum

✎ The DNA Forum was established by CDM-EB in response to a request by the COP/MOP in its first session.

✎ The COP/MOP requested the Board to broaden participation in the CDM, including through regular meetings with a designated national authority forum in conjunction with meetings of the COP/MOP and its subsidiary bodies.

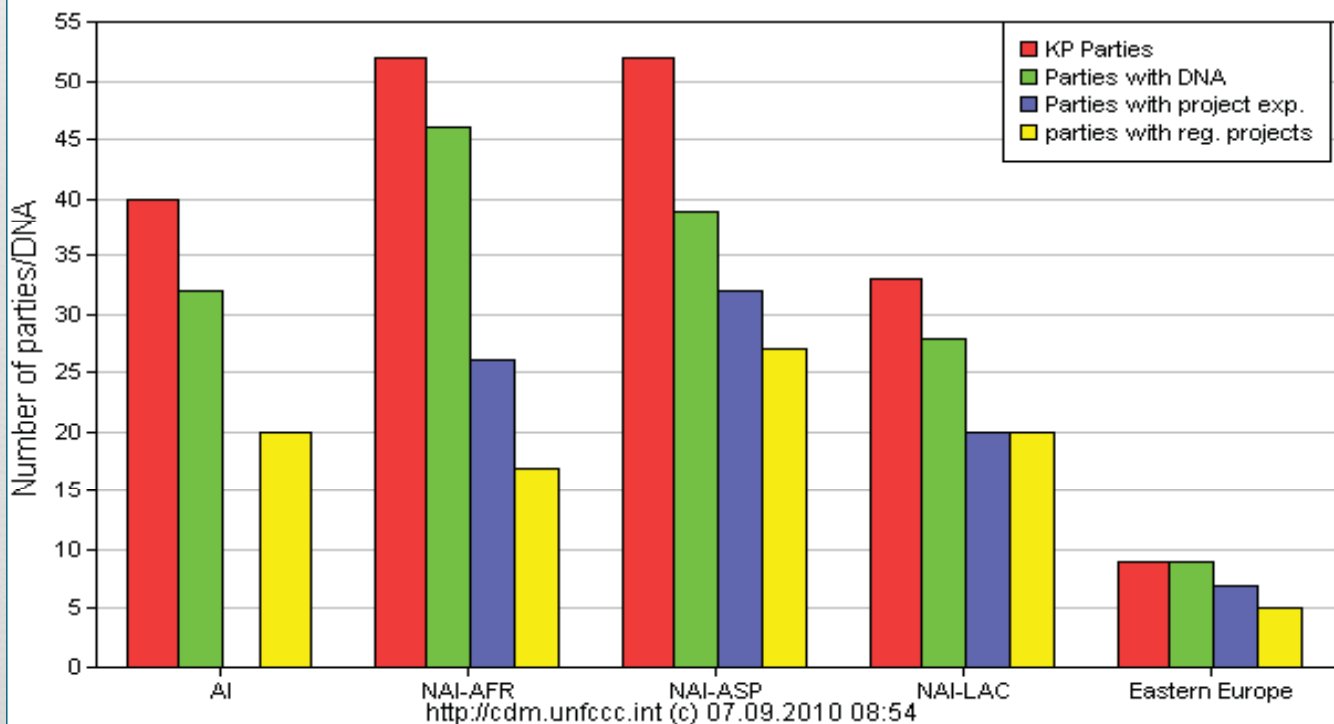
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Region	Number of DNA
NAI-Africa	46
NAI-Asia and the Pacific	39
NAI-Latin America and the Caribbean	28
NAI-Eastern Europe	9
Annex 1	32
Total	154

Number of parties/DNA by region.



## Capacity Building thru the DNA Forum



The Board requested the UNFCCC secretariat to provide support to this forum. The Board noted that this forum could be an important avenue for countries to build capacity through:

- cooperation
- exchange of views
- sharing of experiences relating to CDM;
- and bring forward common views and issues to the attention of the Executive Board.

# Operations of the DNA Forum



- ✧ The purpose of the DNA Forum is to provide opportunities to designated national authority (DNA) representatives to exchange views and share experiences relating to the CDM.
- ✧ The DNA Forum will also undertake other tasks requested by the Executive Board as appropriate, in accordance with its purpose.

# Operations of the DNA Forum



- ✧ The DNA Forum will operate independently and report to the Executive Board as required.
- ✧ The participation in DNA Forum activities will be open to representatives from officially designated national authorities and to nominated officials from Parties, in the absence of a DNA.



## The DNA FORUM CHAIRING COMMITTEE



The Committee is comprised by regional representatives from the five (5) UN groups:

- Africa – DR Congo
- Asia & the Pacific – The Philippines
- Eastern Europe – Armenia
- Latin America & the Caribbean – Colombia
- Western Europe & Other Groups – The Netherlands

## The DNA Forum Co-Chairs



- ∞ Committee selects the Co-Chairs:
  - a DNA from a Party included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Party); and
  - a DNA from a Party not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Party)
- ∞ In between meetings, the Co-Chairs represent the DNA Forum in its day-to-day activities, provided that the Chairing Committee members and the UNFCCC Secretariat are regularly informed regarding on-going businesses.

# Meeting Procedures

## ☞ Plenary Sessions



- *common agenda items*
- *discussion and identification of common concerns, interests and feedback/follow up*
- *debriefing from Regional group meetings*
- *updates on actions taken up on significant recommendations by Regional Groups in previous meetings*

## ☞ Interaction with the CDM-EB

## ☞ Regional Groups Meetings (by 5 UN Regional Groups)

## ☞ Inter-active Plenary Session with the Experts

## ☞ Break-out Group Discussion

# Latest Agenda . . so far



- ☞ *DNA training needs & future undertakings*
- ☞ *Assessing and monitoring SD benefits*
- ☞ *Validation and Verification; its role in the CDM Project cycle, implementation plan and relevance to DNAs*
- ☞ *Opportunities of CDM Micro Financing*
- ☞ *Program of Activities: state of play, discussions by the CDM EB, methodologies, potentials for the regions, and lessons learned from existing PoA projects*
- ☞ *Updates on – Nairobi Framework; CMP & EB decisions; regional/sub-regional meetings*

# Concerns . . at hand



- ❧ *Establishment of mechanism for closer interaction between DNAs and DOEs during project validation and verification*
- ❧ *Demonstration of PoA co-benefits*
- ❧ *Facilitation of CDM project implementation which promote transfer of new technologies*
- ❧ *Develop national SD indicators and monitoring mechanisms to guide the project developers*
- ❧ *Establishment of North-South cooperation*
- ❧ *Inclusion in EB presentation summary of negotiation outcome/results*

# DNA Forum & EB Interaction



- ❧ *Strengthening relations between the DNA Forum and the CDM EB, DOE Forum and Project Developers Forum*
- ❧ *Consultations with the EB on regional and sub-regional distribution and capacity building*

## CMP.5 Decisions re Further guidance relating to CDM



### *On Regional and sub-regional distribution and capacity-building (CMP.5 Sec. VI)*



- ☞ Welcomes the work of the DNA Forum, which could contribute to broader participation in the CDM through, inter alia, the sharing of information and experiences
- ☞ Encourages the Executive Board to follow up on issues raised by the DNA Forum in between meetings of the Forum
- ☞ Encourages DNAs to publish the criteria they use in assessing the contribution of project activities to sustainable development

## Copenhagen Outcome | Impact on the CDM



Decision 2/CMP.5 "Further guidance related to the CDM" -Section VI:  
Regional and sub regional distribution and capacity-building:

☞ Reduction of transaction costs by:

- Deferring payment of registration fee until after the first issuance for countries with fewer than 10 registered CDM project activities.

☞ EB was requested to take the following measures:

- Develop top-down methodologies that are applicable in these countries.

- Introduce a requirement for DOEs to indicate the work they are undertaking on projects originating in these countries as part of their annual activity report

## Copenhagen Outcome | Impact on the CDM

Allocation of financial resources to CDM projects



EB was requested to take following measures:

☞ Allocate financial resources from interest accrued from CDM trust fund and other donor funding to provide loans to countries with fewer than 10 projects to:

- Cover cost of development of project design document
- Cover costs of validation and 1st verification
- Loans to be repaid back at 1st issuance of CERs

☞ Actions to be taken:

- EB requested to develop and recommend guidelines and modalities for operationalizing the loan disbursement and repayment to these countries

- Secretariat requested to continue facilitating coordinating among partner agencies to implement the Nairobi Framework

## Copenhagen Outcome | Impact on the DNAs

2/CMP 5 –Para 55: Requests the secretariat to enhance its support to designated national authorities and the DNA Forum by:



- a. Providing training opportunities for CDM stakeholders on a continuous basis on the different elements of CDM project cycle
- b. Facilitating information exchange and awareness-raising at the regional and sub regional levels
- c. Developing and making publicly available studies on the potential of the CDM in the countries [with less than 10 registered projects], working in close cooperation with local authorities
- d. Organizing sub regional meetings of the Designated National Authorities Forum

*Thank You*

