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SBSTA Side Event: “JI, options for a post-2012 framework”

Joint Implementation Action Group

Date: 03 June 2009 19:30—21:00

Location: Bonn, Ministry of the Environment, room: Wind

Moderator: Daniela Stoycheva (Senior expert)
Speakers: Vlad Trusca (Romanian delegate)
Friso de Jong (EBRD)
Charlotte Streck (Climate Focus)
Karsten Karschunke (German Emissions Trading Authority and member of the German DNA/DFP)

This side event provides a forum for the discussion of existing proposals for a Joint Implementation framework after 2012. The need for improvements of JI has already been called “indispensable” but concrete proposals are very diverse. Some point at reforming the additionality tool, some suggest reform of the institutional framework, and others introduce new elements like sectoral baselines. The main objective of the side event is to provide a comprehensive overview and allow a lot of room for discussion.

JI’s flexibility and adaptability make it a very effective mechanism for generating cost-efficient emission reductions from all GHG sources. JI stimulates emission reductions in sectors not covered by cap and trade schemes, complementing reduction efforts taken in covered sectors and contributing to overall cost-efficiency of the system.

The goal of the Copenhagen round of UNFCCC negotiations is to promote maximum emissions reductions through binding commitments to reduce GHG emissions. Unlike CDM, JI by definition operates in capped environments, and it can attract financing for emissions reductions in more sectors and in more countries. JI’s geographical coverage after 2012 will increase the number of Host Countries and possible project developers and investors. Thus it is vital to be ready for this expansion of JI with a robust project-based mechanism which can be quickly deployed.

This side event will start with a brief introduction of the current state of play; we will consider some of the important features of JI; and look at different proposals to improve JI and make it ready for post 2012. After that the floor will be open for discussion. In addition to the negotiators at the Ad Hoc Working Groups, the side event will also be attended by JI practitioners, project developers, investors, and emission traders.

At the side event the presentations will focus on how the geographical and sectoral scope of JI can be expanded and how different options can be elaborated in the post-2012 negotiations.

Programme

- 19:30 Opening
Daniela Stoycheva (Senior expert)
- 19:35 JI after 2012: the Romanian perspective
Vlad Trusca (Romanian delegate)
- 19:40 The Joint Implementation Action Group: policy recommendations
Charlotte Streck (Climate Focus)
- 19:55 EBRD experiences and looking forward
Friso de Jong (EBRD)
- 20:10 Sectoral Approaches under JI
Jelmer Hoogzaad (Climate Focus)
- 20:25 Domestic JI in Germany
Karsten Karschunke (German Emissions Trading Authority and Member of the German DNA/DFP)
- 20:40 Panel discussion with the audience
Moderator: Daniela Stoycheva
Panel members: Vlad Trusca, Charlotte Streck, Friso de Jong, Karsten Karschunke
- 20:55 Summary and conclusions
Daniela Stoycheva