

Rules of Implementation for the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)

The Joint Committee of the JCM, mentioned in “Low Carbon Development Partnership between the Japanese side and the Mongolian side”, hereby establishes the rules of implementation for the JCM as follows:

A. Purpose of the JCM

1. The JCM has the following purposes:
 - (a) To facilitate diffusion of leading low carbon technologies, products, systems, services, and infrastructure as well as implementation of mitigation actions, and contributing to sustainable development of Mongolia;
 - (b) To appropriately evaluate contributions to greenhouse gases (hereinafter referred to as “GHG”) emission reductions or removals from Japan in a quantitative manner, through mitigation actions implemented in Mongolia and use those emission reductions or removals to achieve emission reduction targets of the countries involved;
 - (c) To contribute to the ultimate objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by facilitating global actions for emission reductions or removals.

B. Scope

2. GHG are those gases of carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃).
3. Credits are issued based on quantified amount of GHG emission reductions or removals achieved during the crediting period by the contribution of project participants in the implementation of GHG emission reductions or removals project activities under the JCM (hereinafter referred to as “JCM projects”).
4. The crediting period is either a fixed crediting period of 10 years or a renewable crediting period of five (5) years for each period which may be renewed twice at the maximum, which does not surpass the period referred to in paragraph 51 below.

5. The JCM starts its operation as the non-tradable credit type mechanism. The Japanese side and the Mongolian side (hereinafter referred to as “both sides”) continue consultation for the transition to the tradable credit type mechanism and reach a conclusion at the earliest possible timing, taking account of implementation of the JCM.

C. Joint Committee

6. Both sides establish the Joint Committee which consists of the representatives from both sides.

7. The Joint Committee may develop or modify the Rules of Implementation and other rules and guidelines necessary for the implementation of the JCM, including, but not limited to:

- (a) rules of procedures of the Joint Committee;
- (b) guidelines for the development of methodologies;
- (c) methodologies;
- (d) guidelines for the designation as a third-party entity;
- (e) guidelines for the validation;
- (f) monitoring guidelines;
- (g) guidelines for the verification of GHG emission reductions or removals;
- (h) common specifications for registries;
- (i) forms for project design document (hereinafter referred to as “PDD”), sustainable development contribution plan (hereinafter referred to as “SDCP”), request for registration of JCM projects, monitoring report, sustainable development contribution report (hereinafter referred to as “SDCR”), request for verification of emission reductions or removals, etc.;
- (j) guidelines for the sustainable development contribution plan and report.

8. The Joint Committee designates the third-party entities.

9. On the basis of a request for registration of JCM projects submitted by project participants, the Joint Committee registers JCM projects which were validated by the third-party entities.

10. On the basis of a request for notification to each side for issuance of credits submitted by project participants, the Joint Committee notifies both sides to issue the credits which were

verified by the third-party entities.

11. The Joint Committee develops reports on the status of the implementation of the JCM and, where necessary, discusses issues related to the operation and management of the JCM.
12. In conjunction with meetings of the Joint Committee, both sides conduct policy consultations about the relevant policy measures of the JCM.
13. The Joint Committee establishes its secretariat for the implementation of the JCM.

D. Each Side

14. Each side, based on the rules and guidelines as developed by the Joint Committee and/or in accordance with relevant domestic laws and regulations in respective countries for the implementation of the JCM:
 - (a) Prepares draft methodologies and submits them to the Joint Committee;
 - (b) Establishes and maintains a registry in line with the common specifications for registries, as developed by the Joint Committee;
 - (c) On the basis of notification for issuance of credit by the Joint Committee (including for allocation of credits among participants), issues the notified amount of credits to its registry.
15. Each side promptly informs the Joint Committee on the issuance of credits under the JCM.
16. Each side takes necessary measures to ensure transparency in the implementation of the JCM.
17. Neither side uses any mitigation projects registered under the JCM for the purpose of any other international climate mitigation mechanisms to avoid double counting.
18. The Japanese side informs the Mongolian side of incentive schemes for projects under the JCM immediately after such schemes start.

E. Third-party Entities

19. A third-party entity that is designated by the Joint Committee:
- (a) On the basis of requests from project participants, validates the project as described in a PDD prepared by the project participants, in line with the guidelines for the validation as developed by the Joint Committee, and informs the validation result to the project participants;
 - (b) On the basis of requests from project participants, verifies GHG emission reductions or removals achieved by the JCM project as described in the monitoring report prepared by the project participants, in line with the guidelines for the verification of GHG emission reductions or removals as developed by the Joint Committee, records the verification result in a verification report and sends the report to the project participants.

F. Project Participants

20. Project participants:
- (a) Prepare a draft methodology and submit the draft to the Joint Committee for its approval;
 - (b) Prepare an SDCP by filling in SDCP form and submit the SDCP to the secretariat for a review;
 - (c) Prepare a draft PDD and submit the draft to a third-party entity for validation and notify the Joint Committee;
 - (d) Submit the PDD that was validated by the third-party entity to the Joint Committee for its registration of the project;
 - (e) Implement the JCM project and conduct monitoring in line with the PDD;
 - (f) Prepare an SDCR by filling in SDCR form for each monitoring period and submit the SDCR to the secretariat for an evaluation;
 - (g) Prepare a monitoring report for each monitoring period and send the report to a third-party entity for verification;
 - (h) Submit a verification report prepared by the third-party entity to the Joint Committee, and request notification to each side for issuance of credits under the JCM.

G. Development of Methodologies

21. Each side or project participant prepares a draft methodology and submits it to the Joint Committee. The submitted draft methodology, after its completeness being checked, goes through

public inputs process.

22. The Joint Committee determines either to approve or reject the draft methodology, taking account of, among other things, inputs received and notifies the result to each side or project participant, as applicable. The Joint Committee makes publicly available the relevant information on the approved methodologies, which represent a positive list of eligible project type or type of technology, through a website.

H. Designation of Third-party Entities

23. Upon receiving an application for designation as a third-party entity submitted by a candidate, the Joint Committee designates a third-party entity in line with the guidelines for the designation as a third-party entity, and makes publicly available the relevant information on the designated third-party entity through a website.

24. The Joint Committee may suspend or withdraw the designation of a third-party entity if it has found fraud, malfeasance or incompetence of the entity.

I. Validation

25. Validation is the process of independent evaluation of a proposed JCM project by a third-party entity against the validation guidelines as developed by the Joint Committee on the basis of the PDD.

26. Project participants develop a PDD by filling in the form and request a third-party entity to validate the proposed JCM project.

27. The third-party entity, in line with the guidelines for the validation as developed by the Joint Committee, validates the proposed JCM project as described in the PDD and notifies the result of the validation to the project participants.

J. Review of Sustainable Development Contribution Plan

28. The project participants fill in the SDCP form in line with the guidelines for developing sustainable development contribution plan and report and submit the SDCP to the secretariat in line with the project cycle procedures.

29. By the end of the review period, the secretariat notifies the project participants if potential negative impacts of the project on sustainable development are identified and an appropriate action plan is not described.

K. Registration

30. Registration is the formal acceptance by the Joint Committee of a validated project as a JCM project.

31. Project participants submit the PDD, which was validated by the third-party entity, and positively reviewed SDCP to the Joint Committee and request for registration.

32. Upon receiving the request for registration from project participants, the Joint Committee registers the project, notifies each side of the registration and makes publicly available the relevant information on the JCM project through a website.

L. Monitoring

33. Project participants implement a JCM project and monitor GHG emission reductions or removals by the JCM project based on the PDD.

M. Verification

34. Verification is the periodic independent review and ex post determination by a third-party entity of the monitored GHG emissions reductions or removals as a result of a registered JCM project during the verification period.

35. Project participants prepare a monitoring report and request a third-party entity for verification.

36. The third-party entity, in line with the guidelines for the verification of GHG emission reductions or removals as developed by the Joint Committee, verifies the amount of GHG emission reductions or removals on the basis of the monitoring report submitted by the project participants, prepares a verification report and sends the report to the project participants which requested verification.

N. Evaluation of Sustainable Development Contribution Report

37. The project participants fill in the SDCR form in line with the guidelines for developing sustainable development contribution plan and report and positively reviewed SDCP, and submit the SDCR to the secretariat in line with the project cycle procedures.

38. By the end of the evaluation period, the secretariat notifies the project participants if negative impacts of the project on sustainable development are identified without appropriate description on the corrective action.

O. Issuance of Credits

39. Each side establishes a registry to record and use the credits, measured in metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (t CO₂ eq) in line with the methodologies and metrics assessed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

40. Project participants of a JCM project consult among themselves, and determine, the allocation of credits taking into consideration their contribution to GHG emission reductions or removals.

41. The project participants may allocate part of the credits to the respective sides.

42. Project participants request the Joint Committee to notify each side to issue the credits to its respective account in the registry on the basis of the verification report with the determined allocation of the credits among the project participants.

43. The Joint Committee conducts a completeness check on the request, including for allocation of the credits among the project participants, and notifies each side of the result.

44. The Joint Committee makes publicly available the relevant information on the issuance of credits through a website.

P. Use of Credits

45. Credits issued by each side can be used to achieve emission reduction targets of both

sides, while ensuring that double counting is avoided on the basis of a corresponding adjustment.

46. Both sides authorize the JCM credits issued in the JCM registry of the Japanese side for the use toward a nationally determined contribution and international mitigation purposes.

47. The Mongolian side may authorize the JCM credits issued in the JCM registry of the Mongolian side for the use toward international mitigation purposes or other purposes as determined by the Mongolian side.

48. The Mongolian side applies a corresponding adjustment to the JCM credits issued in the JCM registry of the Japanese side as well as the JCM credits issued in the JCM registry of the Mongolian side and authorized for the use toward international mitigation purposes or other purposes as determined by the Mongolian side.

49. Each side checks the status of the issuance and use of credits and makes sure that double counting as described in paragraphs 17 and 45 of credits is avoided.

Q. Others

50. A project which started operation on or after 1 January 2013 is eligible for consideration as the JCM project.

51. The JCM covers the period for verified emission reductions or removals from the mitigation projects under the JCM to be made until 2030. Both sides consider possible extension of the above-mentioned period and reach a conclusion by 2030.