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# EU-China CDM Facilitation Project Newsletter



## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to the EU-China CDM Facilitation Project Newsletter. The project has been actively implementing activities since the [public launch](#) in late June 2007. In particular, much progress has been achieved in capacity building of local DOE applicant organisations, local project owners, and facilitating new business opportunities for international developers in the CDM sector.

## About the Project

The project will strengthen the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) as a central pillar within China's path to sustainable development. Until January 2010, the focus will be on China's policy and regulatory regime and quality management for CDM development. It will bring together a wide range of stakeholders at public and private sector levels involved in CDM projects. The total financial contribution of the project is **EUR 2.8 million**.

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## DOE Capacity Building



Since the project [public launch](#) in June 2007, up to 10 local organisations have expressed an interest to the project team in applying for Designated Operational Entity (DOE) accreditation at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and receiving training under the project. These include the 4 organisations which have officially applied to the UNFCCC and undergoing assessment. The training will consist of a series of workshops to be followed by long term placements. Study visits and seminars will also be held toward the end of the project lifetime. Prof. Guenter Schock of TÜV Rheinland stresses the importance of receiving comprehensive and adequate training. "An appropriate training course should focus on all skills required to be a DOE: sectoral scope skills, auditing skills and CDM skills". **Two workshops have been held to date** in addition to numerous bilateral training sessions with each organisation:

- 2-day Workshop on UNFCCC Accreditation and Application procedures, 28th and 29th August 2007
- 2-day Workshop on Validation Issues, 13th and 14th November 2007

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## Regional Workshops



On November 12th 2007, the project held its **first regional workshop in Kunming, Yunnan**. The workshop focused on the current situation in China for CDM and its future developments, CDM methodologies and their applicability in Yunnan and CDM project implementation best practice. More than 100 local government officials, Yunnan CDM Technical Service Centre staff, CDM project owners and developers attended.

Ren Yong, Associate Supervisor of the Policy Research Center for Environment and Economy (PRCEE) of SEPA, Li Liyan, Deputy Director General of the Climate Office of National Development and Reform Commission, and Li Shujie, Deputy Director General of Yunnan Provincial Science & Technology Department opened the workshop.

The Yunnan workshop is the **first of a series of 10 regional workshops** aimed at the local-level CDM stakeholders and aims to provide training and knowledge sharing on different aspects of CDM.

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## CDM Business Facilitation



### Energy Efficiency in Buildings and CDM Working Group, 8 November 2007

As part of the event "CDM in China – Opportunities for Sino-German Cooperation" financed by the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, the EU-China Facilitation Project and the German Delegation of Commerce and Industry co-organised the "Energy Efficiency in Buildings and CDM" working group.

The working group, chaired by Dr. Marco Gemmer of the Delegation of the European Commission to China and Mongolia, discussed various issues related to improving energy efficiency in buildings and the potential of developing CDM projects in this sector.

Prof. Ma Yuqing of Tsinghua University discussed the potential of developing CDM projects in the energy efficiency in buildings sector but highlighted the importance of developing new methodologies as "there are only small scale methodologies approved and no specialised large scale methodology approved by the CDM Executive Board. This does not reflect the potential of the sector for CDM".

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## CDM Policy

Various working groups within the project have been established among European and Chinese experts in undertaking an assessment of the impact of CDM on China's sustainable development. The working groups will focus on the areas of the economic, environmental, social impact as well as assessing technology transfer and carbon market developments.

As part of the work, a survey is being conducted with many European operators in the CDM sector in China to assess their feedback on present status of the market. Also field visits have been held with current CDM projects in assessing their impact on the local environment. Over 15 interviews have been held to date with stakeholders such as project developers, consultants, and development banks, its barriers, and future potential.

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## Website Update



The project website [www.euchina-cdm.org](http://www.euchina-cdm.org) has been updated and improved for increased accessibility. Training content and materials have been provided in each of three *Stakeholder Corners*:

- CDM Policy corner provides information targeting policy-makers and the research community regarding the CDM Impact Assessment and the Policy Study under implementation in the project.
- DOE Applicants corner provides information for those organisations interested in or currently applying for UNFCCC accreditation as a Designated Operational Entity. Sections are provided for the main training courses under the project focusing on the subjects of UN Accreditation and Application process; Validation of CDM projects; Verification of CDM projects; and also a general information and resource section.
- CDM Market corner provides information for local-level stakeholders and international investors operating in the market. Training materials from the various regional workshops as well as information on business facilitation events is posted in this section targeting project owners, project developers, regional CDM service centres and local-level officials.

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## Upcoming

With targeted training sessions for DOE applicants completed during the 17th- 20th December, the next event will be the 2nd Regional Workshop to take place in Wuhan, Hubei on 17th January, 2008.

May we also take this opportunity to wish all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in 2008.

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