

Name of the Project: Capacity Development for the Clean Development Mechanism

Project Partners: Ministry of Environment and Forests, Department of Environment and Bangladesh Center for Center for Advanced Studies

Name of the Client: UNEP Risoe Centre, Risø National Laboratory, Technical University of Denmark.

Duration of the Project: April, 2008 to September, 2009

Project Background: The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) launched the "Capacity Development for Clean Development Mechanism" Project (www.cd4cdm.org) in mid-2002 with financial support from the Dutch Government. The Project aims to contribute toward increasing the supply of well-designed CDM projects and to the creation of CDM-friendly regulatory and business environments. Project activities generate broad understanding of the opportunities offered by CDM, and develop institutional and human capabilities necessary to formulate and implement actual CDM projects.

UNEP Risø Centre (URC), based in Denmark, is the project implementing agency. During the past four years, twelve developing countries have benefited from the Project. In view of the positive results obtained, UNEP will now expand its technical support through the Project to nine additional countries from 2006 to 2008, with additional funding pledged from the Netherlands. Bangladesh has been selected to be part of the participating countries for Asia. The Bangladesh activities will take into account lessons learned from the Project's first phase, as well as the evolution of global efforts to mitigate climate change.

Objectives: The Bangladesh CD4CDM Project aims at:

- a. Improving Bangladesh's institutional preparedness for hosting CDM projects, including capacity building of the Designated National Authority (DNA) able to efficiently approve CDM projects consistent with the country's sustainable development priorities.
- b. Building the capacity of local experts in key sectors in the identification, design, and implementation of CDM projects.
- c. Building the capacity of relevant institutions in appraising, funding, and promoting CDM projects and carbon offset investments in Bangladesh.
- d. Promoting Bangladesh as a CDM investment destination.
- e. Supporting the development of a pipeline of actual CDM projects (4 PINs and 2 PDDs)