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29 Feasibility Studies (FS) on New Mechanism and 6 FS on CDM Just Started.

On 14 July 2011, the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) and GEC have selected and adopted 29 Feasibility Studies (FS) on New Mechanisms, and 6 FS on CDM. GEC has been the secretariat of the CDM Feasibility Study Programme since 1999 as well as new mechanisms FS programme since 2010 under the commission of the MOEJ.

New Mechanism FS aims at accumulating knowledge and experiences based on concrete projects/activities, to contribute to the establishment of the New Mechanism, especially the Bilateral Offset Credit Mechanism (BOCM) proposed by Japanese government.

On the other hand, CDM/JI FS aims at contributing to improve existing CDM/JI scheme, such as expansion of applicability including submission of new methodologies and/or standardized baseline, as well as exploit of CDM projects in LDCs and SIDs to improve geographical distribution.

GEC called for proposals of FS from Japanese private entities and NGOs/NPOs in April and May 2011. As a result, 77 proposals of New Mechanism FS, and 12 proposals of CDM/JI FS were submitted from 59 entities in total, which means that New Mechanisms are attractive to Japanese private companies who want to transfer their low-carbon technologies and know-how to developing countries. Among them, 29 New Mechanism FS and 6 CDM/JI FS were selected through the strict evaluation process.

Final results of all FS will be informed through GEC's web site, and some of them will be reported in the side event next year.

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