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Enhancing the role of DNAs in the project approval process – Experience in Rwanda

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Capacity building activities

- Establishing transparent Letter of Approval procedures which involve a multitude of stakeholders
 - Held meetings with DNA Steering Committee to discuss procedures
 - Setting Sustainable Development criteria that are strong enough to accomplish the desired goal
 - Based on Rwanda's policies and legislation
 - Calculating the Grid Emission Factor (GEF)
 - 0.70 tCO₂/MWh
 - Starting a DNA website to provide easy access for project developers
 - Should be up and running within the next two months – www.rema.gov.rw/dna
 - Discussing wider CDM related legislation
 - E.g. Taxation?
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Capacity building activities

- Conducting capacity building trainings across sectors –
 - Colleagues in DNA
 - General: Government, non-governmental organizations, private sector
 - Individual ministry trainings
 - Journalists – soon to do radio and television advertisement
 - Banking sector (upcoming)
 - Local consultants (upcoming)
 - Assisting on the ground project developers
 - Connecting with buyers, trying to help find low interest loans
 - Assisting carbon advisors
 - Methodology questions
 - Setting up stakeholder consultations
 - Acting as a reliable contact point for developers, carbon advisors, buyers...
 - Respond to emails – RwandaDNA@gmail.com
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Challenges faced in Rwanda

- Post-2012 situation must also be discussed when capacity building but this discussion is discouraging
 - There are many methodological issues and programmatic CDM issues
 - Lack of emissions to reduce, at the moment – issue of suppressed demand
 - Bureaucracies slow down efforts, both internally and externally
 - Private sector in Rwanda is still growing so there is a lack of private sector projects
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DNA related deterrents

Lack of transparency in DNA procedures

Slow Letter of Approval process

Lack of response to emails from developers

Constant changing of DNA staff



Pro-active DNA related actions

Follow up on conversations with buyers, interested project developers, DOEs etc

Advertise country's potential

Participate in political discussions to improve the CDM for the region

Provide as much assistance as possible to those interested on working in the country



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Thank you!

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