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Betreff: CDM Workshop for the Practitioners Network

Re: Invitation to Workshop on CDM

Dear Colleagues,

Today I am contacting you on behalf of the "Thematic Group on Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies", a group established under the umbrella of the "Practitioners Network for European Development Cooperation".

The Thematic Group has the objective to facilitate exchange of experience and to promote collaboration on climate and energy related matters between interested staff of the member (and non member) organizations of the network. We are trying to identify areas related to climate change and energy, where development practitioners might have profound interest in the exchange of hands-on experience.

Our role as Thematic Group is to get such workshops organized, provide the initial input, etc., we, however, assume that the connections and relationships established through our workshop(s) (usually 2-3) should then be strong enough to ensure that the participants will find the proper way and means to continue their communication and cooperation in the adequate manner. The Thematic Group then moves on to the next topic.

In this overall context, we herewith approach you in order to ask for your support in the identification of the degree of your organizations interest related to the topic:

"How to include CDM into development cooperation projects"

For this workshop, we initially decided to wait for the results of the COP 15. As we all know there was no agreement found on this issue in Copenhagen. Irrespective of this (or even because of this) we still feel the need of many colleagues to have an exchange on the issue.

The workshop will focus on the joint assessment of the current situation and of the options and opportunities to make use of the CDM vehicle for the financing of our projects and programs. As some member organizations of the Thematic Group have already obtained significant experience in this area (e.g. KfW through its KfW Carbon Fund), they will be sharing their knowledge with the participants of the workshop.

We herewith request you, as your organizations' contact person for the Practitioners Network, to identify those people in your organization which are working on the CDM issue and/or related topics and to forward this invitation-mail to them.

The kick-off workshop has been tentatively scheduled for March 29th, 2010 at KfW Headquarters Frankfurt, Germany. If this date is not possible interested practitioners are requested to make other suggestions for an alternative time during the second half of March 2010. The workshop will be limited to about 25 participants so that there will be

depth discussions will be possible.

Please respond by return mail as soon as possible (preferably within one week from receipt of this mail) even if your

organization might not be participating. Please feel free to forward this mail to other European donor organizations, if you think this will make sense and if the organization is not yet represented on the mailing list.

Kind regards

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