

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

REGARDING

BILATERAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN

THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT AND
WATER MANAGEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF
MOROCCO

REGARDING CO-OPERATION FOR THE REALISATION OF PROJECTS IN THE FIELD
OF THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF THE KYOTO
PROTOCOL

The Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management of the Republic of Austria and the Secretary of State for the Environment of the Kingdom of Morocco hereinafter referred to as Partners,

- Recalling that the Kingdom of Morocco has approved the Kyoto Protocol in January 2002 and that the Republic of Austria has ratified the Kyoto Protocol in May 2002;
- In view of the recognition of the Kyoto Protocol's fundamental objective by the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Austria, and their intention to implement it;
- Taking into account in particular Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol including Decision 15/CP.7 and 17/CP.7 adopted at the Marrakesh Conference as well as future decisions of the Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC concerning the implementation of this Article;
- Affirming their intention to undertake all efforts to promote sustainable development;
- Recalling existing co-operation and stressing the importance of enhanced co-operation in the field of environment;

have reached the following understanding:

1 Scope and Objective

1. The co-operation in the framework of this Memorandum will include support for realising projects under the Clean Development Mechanism in accordance with Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol in the Kingdom of Morocco through joint activities.

2. The Partners will facilitate the exchange of information on their climate change programmes and strategies, including programmes for the use of the flexible mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol.

3. The Partners will facilitate the development and implementation of CDM projects and assist interested project developers, e.g. through providing relevant information on project opportunities, on the relevant national provisions for such projects, including procedures for permitting and licensing, and on procedures for obtaining Letters of No Objection and formal approval for project activities in accordance with Art. 12.5 of the Kyoto Protocol.

2 Project Cycle

1. The project cycle will be based on the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol and all relevant COP and COP/MOP decisions and will follow requirements of the respective national programmes and guidelines of both Partners.

2. Baselines and monitoring plans will be established in accordance with the relevant COP and COP/MOP decisions and with guidelines of the CDM Executive Board.

3. The Partners will support international efforts for the elaboration and further development of methodologies for baseline setting and monitoring plans and for simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale projects.

3 Approval of the Projects by the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Austria

The Republic of Austria will acquire certified emission reductions from project activities provided that such project activities are in conformity with all relevant international rules and guidelines as well as with the criteria of the Austrian national programme for JI and CDM. The formal approval of the project by the Kingdom of Morocco will be a necessary precondition for acquisitions of CERs under the Austrian JI/CDM programme.

4 Project Types and Categories

1. This Memorandum concerns the following priority project categories in so far as the technical implementation of the projects corresponds to the current state of technical development:

- Construction (or retrofitting) of CHP installations;
- Fuel switch in energy conversion installations to renewable or from fuels with high carbon content to fuels with lower carbon content, in particular in existing distance-heating systems;
- Construction (or retrofitting) of power generation installations operated with renewables (in particular hydropower, wind power, biogas or biomass CHP);
- Projects leading to avoidance or (energetic) recovery of landfill gas;

