Title: The CDM Loan Scheme 2012-2018: Piloting an Innovative Approach – What Can Be Learned?

Date: Tuesday, 19 March 2019

Time: 13:00 – 14:00

Venue: Meeting Room 1

Organized by: UNFCCC (with UNOPS and UNEP-DTU participation/presentation)

Objectives:
- Provide overview of CDM Loan Scheme stats and experience
- Emphasize unique pilot character, adaptive approach and technical/market challenges (incl. CER price)
- Promote innovative ‘revolving fund’ model as future implementation option
- Exemplify multi-UN arrangement as effective and complementary

Speakers/Moderators/Panelists: This session will be a discussion between William Axelsson and Philipp von Waechter (UNOPS), Soeren Lutken (UNEP DTU) and James Grabert (UNFCCC), moderated by Luca Brusa (UNFCCC).

Summary:
- The CDM Loan Scheme was launched during the Africa Carbon Forum in Addis 2012, as a new and innovative way to support the development of CDM projects in countries with fewer than 10 registered projects, with special focus on ‘least developed countries’.
- Close to 200 loan applications were processed during 7 phases, with over 60 loans receiving funding. The loan scheme has provided a unique window into opportunities for, and barriers to, developing CDM projects in challenging circumstances.
- The Loan Scheme is now being wound down and this event looks at what was achieved and what lessons were learned during the process related to: a) the next generation of market based mechanisms; b) the loan scheme as alternative fund/implementaiton instrument; and c) effective UN partnerships and collaboration.