

Date of meeting: 30 January 2018

Place of meeting: Koror, Palau

**Joint Committee of the Joint Crediting Mechanism
between the Republic of Palau and Japan
Fifth Meeting**

Meeting Report

Agenda item 1. Opening

Mr. Greg Decherong, Director, Palau Energy Administration, Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce opened the fifth meeting of the Joint Committee (JC) of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) and gave opening remarks.

Mr. Takeshi Ogino, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Palau gave opening remarks.

Table: Attendance

JC Members from Palauan side	
Mr. Greg DECHERONG	Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce
Mr. Brian MELAIREI	Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce
Mr. Calvin IKESIL	Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce
Mr. Tutii CHILTON	Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce
Mr. Gustav AITARO	Ministry of State
Mr. Darren FRITZ	Ministry of Finance
Mr. Xavier Erbai MATSUTARO	Office of Climate Change/Bureau of Budget and Planning /Ministry of Finance
Ms. Lorraine RIVERA	Office of Climate Change/ Bureau of Budget and Planning /Ministry of Finance
Mr. Ken SUGIYAMA	Palau Public Utilities Corporation
JC Members from Japanese side	
Mr. Takeshi OGINO	Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Palau

Ms. Hitomi MURAKAMI	Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Palau
Ms. Mihoko KAWAMURA (alternate)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Wataru MATSUMURA	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Mr. Kazuhisa KOAKUTSU	Ministry of the Environment

* The names of members present at the meeting are in bold print above.

Agenda item 2. Organizational matters

Agenda item 2.1 Adoption of the agenda

The JC adopted the agenda of the meeting.

Agenda item 2.2 Attendance

No observers attended the JC meeting.

Agenda item 3. Rules and guidelines

Agenda item 3.1 Revisions related to editorial matters

Agenda item 3.1.1 JCM Project Cycle Procedure

The JC considered the draft revisions on “JCM Project Cycle Procedure” and adopted it, as contained in Annex 1 to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.1.2 JCM Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report

The JC considered the draft revisions on “JCM Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report” and adopted it, as contained in Annex 2 to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.1.3 JCM Verification Report Form

The JC considered the draft revisions on “JCM Verification Report Form” and adopted it, as contained in Annex 3 to this meeting report.

Agenda item 3.1.4 JCM Credits Issuance Request Form

The JC considered the draft revisions on “JCM Credits Issuance Request Form” and adopted it, as contained in Annex 4 to this meeting report.

Agenda item 4. Issuance of JCM credits

Agenda item 4.1 PW002 “Small Scale Solar Power Plants for Schools in Island States”

The JC considered the draft “Notification Form for JCM Credits to be Issued” and accepted

notifying each side of the amount of credits to be issued for the project PW002 “Small Scale Solar Power Plants for Schools in Island States.” using the notification form.

Agenda item 4.2. PW003 “Small Scale Solar Power Plants for Commercial Facilities in Island States II”

The JC considered the draft “Notification Form for JCM Credits to be Issued” and accepted notifying each side of the amount of credits to be issued for the project PW003 “Small Scale Solar Power Plants for Commercial Facilities in Island States II.” using the notification form.

Agenda item 5. Third-Party Entity

Agenda item 5.1 Addition of new sectoral scopes (Japan Management Association)

The JC designated Japan Management Association (JMA) for the additional sectoral scopes of 1, 2 and 3 for verification based on the scopes of accreditation under ISO 14064-2.

Agenda item 6. Other matters

Agenda item 6.1 Progress of the JCM model projects and development of the JCM projects in Palau

The Japanese side explained the updated information on the JCM model projects which are currently implemented in Palau and the financing programme for the JCM.

The Japanese side also explained the JCM promotion scheme, JCM Demonstration Project, MRV Application Study and JCM Feasibility Study.

The JC discussed possible ways forward for promoting the JCM in Palau including enhancement of cooperation between both sides taking into consideration, inter alia, the utilization of other supporting schemes such as the Japan Fund for the Joint Crediting Mechanism managed by the Asian Development Bank and further development of projects in the sector of waste, transport and biofuels in Palau. The JC also took note of the importance of enhancing not only renewable energy projects but also energy efficiency projects.

The Palauan side noted with appreciation the support Japan is providing to Palau through the JCM partnership towards meeting its NDC targets. Similarly, it is with great pleasure for Palau to showcase and promote Japan’s leading technologies on low carbon technology. In due consideration, it is imperative that emission reduction projects implemented in Palau are arranged to effectively meet its NDC targets. As it stands, the proportion of credit allocation may be an essential factor towards achieving such targets. Accordingly, the Palauan side seeks Japanese side’s consideration in its support towards equitable distribution of allocation of credits for both Japan and Palau side, resulting in a win-win allocation of credits, as perceived

by both parties in the next round of JCM projects.

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

The Co-Chairs gave closing remarks and closed the meeting.

Annexes to the report

Annex 1 Joint Crediting Mechanism Project Cycle Procedure (version 04.0)

Annex 2 Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and
Monitoring Report (version 02.1)

Annex 3 JCM Verification Report Form (version 02.1)

Annex 4 JCM Credits Issuance Request Form (version 03.0)