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# Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

## Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. Due to travel restrictions and guidance from health authorities, the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) (hereinafter referred to as the Board) met virtually.
2. The Secretary to the Board, as per rule 12 of the "Rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism", opened the virtual meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met before proceeding to congratulate the newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, covered under agenda item 2.1 "Membership issues", as referred to in paragraph 6 below.
3. The Board noted that Mr. Kazunari Kainou and Mr. Sirous Vatankhah were unable to attend the meeting. They provided proper justification for their absence.
4. Table 1 below presents the attendance of members and alternate members at the meeting. The names of members and alternate members present at the meeting are in bold print.

**Table 1. Attendance\***

Members	Alternates
<b>Mr. Omar Alcock<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Amjad Abdulla<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Rachid Tahiri<sup>a</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Ms. Anna Romanovskaya<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Ms. Diana Harutyunyan<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Ms. Natalie Kushko<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Olivier Kassi<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Frank Wolke<sup>a</sup></b>
<b>Mr. José Domingos Gonzalez Miguez<sup>b,1</sup></b>	<b>Ms. Asmau Jibril<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Lambert Schneider<sup>a</sup></b>	Mr. Kazunari Kainou <sup>a</sup>
<b>Mr. Muhammad Tariq<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Kamal Djemouai<sup>b</sup></b>
<b>Mr. Spencer Linus Thomas<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Mr. Eduardo Calvo<sup>a</sup></b>
Mr. Sirous Vatankhah <sup>a</sup>	<b>Mr. Nurul Quadir<sup>a</sup></b>

\* In view of the postponement of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 16) to 2021, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the CMP and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, on 25 August 2020, decided to extend the current membership of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies, as needed, until successors can be appointed or elected (<https://unfccc.int/news/bureau-confirms-criteria-to-advance-the-unfccc-process>). In accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Board (decision 4/CMP.1, annex I), the members and alternate members shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

(a) Term: Two years, i.e. starting the first meeting in 2019.

(b) Term: Two years, i.e. starting the first meeting in 2020.

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the communication dated 12 December 2019 from the Chair of the Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC), the member from Brazil (Mr. José Miguez) will serve the first year (2020) of the first term of office in this position, and the member from the Dominican Republic (Mr. Moises Alvarez) will serve the second year (2021) of the first term of office in this position. Further, in a communication dated 3 July 2020, the Chair of GRULAC informed that Mr. José Miguez will serve in office until 30 June 2021, when he will be succeeded by Mr. Moises Alvarez, who will serve for the remainder of the term.

## **Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda**

5. The Board adopted the agenda of the meeting.

## **Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters**

### **Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues**

6. The Board elected Mr. Olivier Kassi and Mr. Omar Alcock as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, respectively, until the first meeting of the Board in 2022.

7. The Board considered information provided by members and alternate members with respect to any potential conflict of interest.

### **Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction**

8. The Board adopted clarification on the application of the temporary measures for the operations of the CDM after the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol pending CMP guidance at CMP 16 referred to in the EB 108 report, paragraphs 7 and 8, as contained in annex 1 to this report.

9. With regard to afforestation and reforestation (A/R) activities, the Board decided to include in a recommendation to the CMP in its next annual report to the CMP in 2021 that the Board noted that guidance from the CMP would be required with respect to:

(a) Issuance, expiry and replacement of temporary certified emission reductions (tCERs) and issuance and replacement of long-term CERs (ICERs) for the removals verified and certified on or after 1 January 2021, including for voluntary cancellation purposes;

(b) Expiry and replacement of tCERs issued for the second commitment period and replacement of ICERs issued.

10. The Board has assessed that, for the existing registered A/R activities, the matters referred to in paragraph 9 above are not likely to require solutions before CMP 16.

11. The Board agreed to reject the requests for registration of project activities and programmes of activities (PoAs) that have a crediting period or PoA period starting before 1 January 2021, for which the registration fee had not been paid and therefore failed to be deemed as a complete request for registration by 31 December 2020, and to notify the project participants, coordinating/managing entities and designated operational

entities (DOEs) (if they are still active) that resubmission of requests for registration is possible under the temporary measures referred to in EB 108 report, paragraph 7.

12. The Board requested the secretariat to prepare a revised technical assessment of options with regard to the CDM registry in order to enable issuance of CERs with respect to emission reductions occurring after the end of the second commitment period for voluntary cancellation purposes, as prepared by the secretariat for EB 109, including on how the technical options identified could be implemented, for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.
13. The Board considered the options for the design of the biennial survey to be conducted among project participants on the status of CDM project activities and requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note on how to re-purpose the survey, for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.
14. The Board considered proposed promotional activities for the United Nations Online Platform for voluntary cancellation of CERs and requested the secretariat to further elaborate the options presented in the concept note by including more detailed estimates of the costs, and provide an updated concept note for consideration by the Board at a future meeting.
15. The Board considered the concept note on the approach to the project "Overview of the CDM regulatory development: how the CDM regulations have changed over the years since and lessons learned" under objective 2(c) of the CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021, and agreed with the approach therein.
16. The Board took note of an update on the latest carbon market and policy developments.
17. The Board considered a request for information received from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) related to the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) and agreed that the Chair respond to this request.
18. The Board took note of an update on the progress of the support provided to international climate finance institutions.

### **Agenda item 2.3. Performance management**

19. The Board agreed on its annual report to the CMP at its sixteenth session, which covers the period from 13 September 2019 to 14 December 2020, and requested the secretariat to publish it on the UNFCCC and CDM websites.
20. The Board approved its workplan for 2021, as contained in [annex 2](#) to this report. The Board requested the secretariat to include any new mandates arising from meetings in future versions of the workplan, and to provide an update on the status of work at each meeting.
21. The Board adopted the workplans of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP) and the Methodologies Panel (MP), as contained in [annex 3](#) and [annex 4](#) to this report.
22. The Board took note of the status of the implementation of the CDM management plan 2020–2021.

## **Agenda item 2.4. Matters related to the Board and its support structure**

23. The Board appointed the following chairs and vice-chairs of panels and working groups:
- (a) Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki and Mr. Kamal Djemouai, to serve as the chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the CDM-AP;
  - (b) Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne and Ms. Natalie Kushko, to serve as the chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the MP;
  - (c) Ms. Diana Harutyunyan and Mr. Eduardo Calvo, to serve as the chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the A/R Working Group;
  - (d) Mr. Frank Wolke and Mr. Muhammad Tariq, to serve as the chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Working Group.
24. The Board designated four Board members to serve as evaluators for the CDM Registration and Issuance Team, in accordance with the "Procedure: Selection and performance evaluation of experts on the CDM Registration and Issuance Team and Methodologies rosters of experts".

## **Agenda item 2.5. Operations of panels and working groups**

### **(a). CDM Accreditation Panel**

25. The Board took note that no report of the CDM-AP was to be considered at this meeting.

### **(b). Methodologies Panel**

26. The Board took note of the MP electronic consultation report MP84-EC01.

## **Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific)**

### **Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation**

27. The Board took note that no accreditation case-specific issues were to be considered at this meeting.

### **Agenda item 3.2. Registration**

28. The Board noted that 7,851 CDM project activities have been registered as at 11 March 2021. The status of requests for registration of project activities can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website.<sup>1</sup>
29. The Board noted that 340 PoAs have been registered as at 11 March 2021 and that under these PoAs, 2,724 component project activities have been included. The status of requests for registration of PoAs can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website.<sup>2</sup>
30. In accordance with the "CDM project cycle procedure for project activities", the Board considered a request for registration of the project activity "Reduction of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from the new NA plant 6 of Hu-Chems Fine Chemical Corp." (10574), submitted by the DOE E-0022 "TÜV NORD CERT GmbH" (TÜV NORD), and decided to record the request as "provisional" and to be finalized by the Board after guidance from the CMP.

### **Agenda item 3.3. Issuance**

31. The Board noted that 2,078,579,070 CERs have been issued for CDM project activities and that 36,531,180 CERs have been issued for PoAs as at 11 March 2021. The status of CERs issued can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website.<sup>3</sup>
32. The Board noted that 72,585,104 CERs (CERs/tCERs/ICERs) have been voluntarily cancelled as at 11 March 2021. Out of these, 2,802,119 CERs were voluntarily cancelled using the online platform for voluntary cancellation of CERs. The status of CERs voluntarily cancelled can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website.<sup>4</sup>

### **Agenda item 3.4. Other rulings**

33. In accordance with the "CDM project cycle procedure for project activities", the Board considered a request for renewal of crediting period of the project activity "Inner Mongolia Zhuozi Bayin Solar Power Plant Project" (9957), submitted by the DOE E-0061 "Shenzhen CTI International Certification Co., Ltd" (CTI) and decided to continue its deliberations on the request at a future meeting.

## **Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters**

### **Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools**

#### **(a). Standards for CDM project activities and programmes of activities**

34. The Board approved the "Amendments to version 02.0 of the CDM project standards for project activities on addition/change of technologies" and the "Amendments to version 02.0 of the CDM project standards for programmes of activities on addition/change of technologies", as contained in [annex 5](#) and [annex 6](#) to this report.

#### **(b). Methodological standards for large-scale CDM project activities**

35. The Board took note that no large-scale methodologies and tools were to be considered at this meeting.

#### **(c). Methodological standards for small-scale CDM project activities**

36. The Board took note that no small-scale methodologies and tools were to be considered at this meeting

### **Agenda item 4.2. Procedures**

37. The Board took note that no procedures were to be considered at this meeting.

### **Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues**

38. The Board noted that there were no policy issues related to rulings at this meeting.

## **Agenda item 5. Relations with forums and other stakeholders**

39. The Board took note of the external input received on the annotated agenda of its 109<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board thanked the stakeholder for the input, which was considered by the Board under the relevant agenda item.

40. The Board interacted with the Chair of the DOE/Accredited Independent Entity Coordination Forum, Mr. Werner Betzenbichler, via video conference, and took note of the Forum's input. The Board thanked Mr. Betzenbichler for his input and encouraged the Forum to continue raising issues related to the Board's guidance and proposing solutions.
41. The Board took note of the following activity undertaken relating to stakeholders, designated national authorities, applicant entities and DOEs: 53<sup>rd</sup> DOE conference call held on 9 February 2021 via video conference.
42. The Board considered three communications (INQ-10480, INQ-10535 and INQ-10538) submitted by stakeholders and agreed to respond to the submitters in accordance with the "Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders".
43. The Board had considered one communication (INQ-10485) electronically prior to this meeting and responded to the submitter in accordance with the "Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders".
44. No observers were registered for this meeting. Observers to the 110<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board shall register with the secretariat by 26 April 2021.

## **Agenda item 6. Other matters**

45. The Board agreed on the calendar of meetings of the Board for 2021, as contained in annex 7 to this report.
46. The Board agreed on the theme for its side event to be held during the fifty-second session of the subsidiary bodies.
47. The Board agreed to the provisional agenda for the 110<sup>th</sup> meeting, to be held virtually on 17–27 May 2021, as contained in annex 8 to this report.

## **Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting**

48. The Board agreed that any decisions taken by the Board at this meeting are deemed to have been taken in Bonn, Germany.
49. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the meeting.
50. Any decisions taken by the Board shall be made publicly available in accordance with paragraph 17 of the "CDM modalities and procedures" and with rule 31 of the "Rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism". The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting can be accessed via broadcast.<sup>5</sup>

## **Annexes to the report**

### **Strategic planning and direction**

Annex 1 - Clarification: Regulatory requirements under temporary measures for post-2020 cases (version 01.0)

### **Performance management**

Annex 2 - CDM Executive Board workplan 2021 (version 01.0)

Annex 3 - CDM Accreditation Panel workplan 2021 (version 01.0)

Annex 4 - Methodologies Panel workplan 2021 (version 01.0)

### **Standards for CDM project activities and programmes of activities**

Annex 5 - Standard: Amendments to version 02.0 of the CDM project standards for project activities on addition/change of technologies (version 01.0)

Annex 6 - Standard: Amendments to version 02.0 of the CDM project standards for programmes of activities on addition/change of technologies (version 01.0)

### **Other matters**

Annex 7 - Calendar of meetings for 2021 (version 01.0)

Annex 8 - Provisional agenda: CDM Executive Board 110<sup>th</sup> meeting (version 01.0)

**List of documents that have undergone editorial changes or been issued since the last meeting**

***Regulatory Documents***

- ASB0038-2021: Grid emission factor for the electricity system of the Republic of Armenia (version 01.0)
- ASB0049-2020: Fraction of non-renewable biomass in Myanmar (version 01.0)
- ASB0050-2020: Grid emission factor for the Republic of Kenya (version 01.0)
- General guidelines for SSC CDM methodologies (version 23.1)
- CDM-RAA-FORM: Risk acknowledgement and acceptance form (version 01.0)
- CDM-PoA-RCPV-FORM: Validation report form for renewal of CDM programme of activities period (version 03.0)

***Ruling Notes***

- Request for renewal of PoA period for "Distribution of fuel-efficient improved cooking stoves in Nigeria" (version 01.0)
- Request for renewal of PoA period for "Distribution of Improved Cook Stoves in Sub-Saharan Africa" (version 01.0)

***Reports***

- Regular report to the CDM EB: Regional Collaboration Centres (1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020) (version 01.0)
- Regular report to the CDM EB: United Nations platform for voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions (1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020) (version 01.0)
- Regular report to the CDM EB: Key Performance Indicators - annual report 2020 (version 01.0)
- Regular report to the CDM EB: Nairobi Framework Partnership - annual report 2020 (version 01.0)
- Regular report to the CDM EB: Stakeholder communications - annual report 2020 (version 01.0)
- Synthesis report of the annual activity reports submitted by the designated operational entities for the reporting period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (version 01.0)

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## Endnotes

1. <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/>.
2. <http://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/>.
3. [http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers\\_iss.html](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers_iss.html).
4. <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Registry/index.html>.
5. <https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/109/broadcast.html>