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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. The Secretary to the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) (hereinafter referred to as the Board) opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met before proceeding to conduct the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board covered under agenda item 2.1 “Membership issues”, as referred to in paragraph 5 .
2. The Board noted that Mr. Eduardo Calvo and Mr. Martin Enderlin were unable to attend the meeting. They provided proper justification for their absence.
3. Table 1 below represents 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. Where only the name of an alternate member is in bold print, the alternate participated as a member.

Table 1 . Attendance

Members	Alternates
Mr. Amjad Abdulla^a	Mr. Gerald Lindo^a
Mr. Maosheng Duan^a	Mr. José Miguez^a
Mr. Balisi Gopolang^b	Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne^b
Mr. Kazunari Kainou^b	Mr. Lambert Schneider^b
Mr. Oliver Kassi^b	Mr. Martin Enderlin ^b
Ms. Natalie Kushko^a	Ms. Diana Harutyunyan^a
Mr. Arthur Rolle^b	Mr. Eduardo Calvo ^b
Mr. Muhammad Tariq^b	Mr. Daegyun Oh^b
Mr. Frank Wolke^a	Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki^a
Mr. Washington Zhakata^a	Mr. Moises Alvarez^a

(a) Term: 2 years, i.e. ending prior to the first meeting in 2018.

(b) Term: 2 years, i.e. ending prior to the first meeting in 2019.

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

4. The Board adopted the agenda of the meeting and agreed to add four items to the agenda: (a) Theme of the Board's side event at the forty-sixth session of the subsidiary bodies; (b) Approach for the preparation of the CDM two-year business plan and management plan (MAP) 2018-2019; (c) The registration and issuance team (RIT) evaluation process; and (d) Request for authorization from a designated operational entity (DOE) to perform verification activities for the same programmes of activities (PoAs) for which they had performed validation.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

5. The Board welcomed new members and alternate members, and elected Mr. Frank Wolke and Mr. Arthur Rolle as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, respectively, until the first meeting of the Board in 2018.
6. The Board took note of the oaths of service of new members and alternate members of the Board.
7. The Board considered information provided by members and alternate members with respect to any potential conflict of interest. The statements on conflict of interest from members and alternate members can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website.¹

Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction

8. The Board took note of decision 3/CMP.12, "Guidance relating to the clean development mechanism", including its mandates to the Board, and other related decisions adopted at the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), which took place in Marrakech, Morocco, in November 2016.
9. The Board took note of an update on the implementation of decision 3/CMP.12 on the "CDM Loan Scheme".
10. The Board considered a concept note on the share of proceeds (SOP) to cover administrative expenses, including a comprehensive review of the SOP practice and approaches for affecting the collection of the SOP. The Board decided to further consider the issue and requested the secretariat to prepare a revised concept note, based on the discussions of the Board, for consideration at a future meeting.
11. The Board considered a concept note on increasing the voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions (CERs), and requested the secretariat to reach out to companies and organizations that could be relevant for the voluntary cancellation of CERs, and the use of the voluntary cancellation platform, with a view to confirming their interest in cooperation and the technical requirements. The Board further requested the secretariat to prepare an updated concept note for its consideration at a future meeting, incorporating feedback received from the companies and organizations, and guidance received from the Board at this meeting.
12. The Board considered a concept note on technical support for the online platform for voluntary cancellation of CERs and took note of the results of the independent evaluation of the platform, search engine optimization, partnership with exchanges, and status of translation of the platform into Spanish and French. The Board approved the work on improving the design of the platform and requested the secretariat to provide an update on the implementation of the work at a later meeting. Furthermore, the Board agreed to receive, through the regular reporting process, biannual updates on the use of the voluntary cancellation platform.
13. The Board took note of the concept note on improving the user-friendliness of the CDM public website and decided to maintain the website as is. The Board requested the secretariat to submit a new project in the 2018-2019 management plan by preparing a

revised concept note, taking into account the features of the relaunch of the UNFCCC main web pages, and providing information on specific design, structural and content changes that could be made to the CDM public website, including the resource requirements.

14. The Board took note of an update on partnerships and engagement activities in the Middle East region.
15. The Board considered a concept note on the structure of the methodologies-related expert groups under the CDM Executive Board and decided to merge the Methodological Panel (MP) with the Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG) to form a new MP, by expanding the scope of work of the MP to include work relating to small-scale methodologies and include members with small scale expertise in the new MP, with effect from September 2017. In this context, the Board requested the secretariat to provide an analysis of scenarios for a reduction of experts serving on the new MP, for consideration at its next meeting. The Board further requested the secretariat to revise relevant procedures and terms of reference of the new MP prior to the merged panel coming into effect in September 2017.
16. The Board agreed to increase the duration of the MAP from a one-year plan to a two-year plan, in order to better project and manage the resources needed, and to ensure that the resource management decisions taken by the Board include a longer time frame of projected resource needs. The Board also agreed to review the two-year MAP at the end of its first year to make any adjustments in the work and/or resources required. Additionally, the Board requested the EB Finance Committee to continue with the work under its terms of reference, and to work closely with the secretariat to produce an operating procedure for preparing and discussing the MAP.

Agenda item 2.3. Performance management

17. The Board approved the workplan of the Board for 2017, as contained in [annex 1](#) to this report. The Board requested the secretariat to include any new mandates arising from meetings in future versions of the workplan, and provide an update on the status of work at each meeting. The Board further requested the secretariat to append, in future, briefing notes along with the workplan for new mandates by the CMP, so that the Board can take an informed decision.
18. In the context of its workplan for 2017, the Board agreed to the following:
 - (a) In response to decision 3/CMP.12 paragraph 6, consult the CDM-AP and the DOE and Accredited Independent Entity (DOE/AIE) Coordination Forum, and launch a survey to analyze overall costs incurred by the DOEs for maintaining their services and possibilities for the reduction of costs. The secretariat should conduct this analysis and present the results for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.
 - (b) In response to decision 3/CMP.12, paragraph 9, regarding the development and digitization of the methodology-specific design document forms for project activities and programme of activities, request the secretariat to provide an information note on the status of the work, and resources already incurred, and further required to complete the pending work for the Board's consideration at its next meeting.

- (c) Maintain the status quo on the interface for modalities of communication and defer work on the CDM registry procedure and materiality.
- 19. The Board adopted the workplans of the CDM-AP, the MP, the SSC WG, the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG), and the Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Working Group (CCS WG) for 2017, as contained in annex 2 to this report.
- 20. The Board considered a concept note on performance assessments and inactive DOEs and agreed to adopt the revised "CDM accreditation procedure", as contained in annex 3 to this report. The revised procedure:
 - (a) Extends the validity of the provision in footnote seven of the "CDM accreditation procedure" (version 12.0) for one year (that is up to 28 May 2018) with a view to reviewing this matter again at the first Board meeting in 2018;
 - (b) Maintains the current practice, with regard to inactive DOEs, and clarifies that the launching of performance assessments is subject to a DOE making at least one submission of a request for registration, or at least one monitoring report publicly available, during the five-year accreditation term.
- 21. The Board considered the status on the performance evaluation of the RIT roster of experts.

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

- 22. The Board appointed Mr. Martin Enderlin, Mr. Kazunari Kainou, Mr. Gerald Lindo, Mr. José Domingos Gonzalez Miguez, Mr. Lambert Schneider and Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne, to serve on its Finance Committee and appointed Mr. Lambert Schneider and Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne as co-chairs.
- 23. The Board appointed the following chairs and vice-chairs of panels and working groups:
 - (a) Mr. Kazunari Kainou and Mr. Balisi Gopolang, to serve as the chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the CDM-AP;
 - (b) Mr. Eduardo Calvo (tbc) and Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki, to serve as the chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the MP;
 - (c) Ms. Diana Harutyunyan and Mr. Amjad Abdulla, to serve as the chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the SSC WG;
 - (d) Mr. Washington Zhakata and Mr. Olivier Kassi, to serve as the chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the A/R WG;
 - (e) Mr. José Domingos Gonzalez Miguez and Ms. Natalia Kushko, to serve as the chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the CCS WG.
- 24. The Board expressed its appreciation to the members and alternate members for their excellent support of the Panels and working groups rendered thus far.

Agenda item 2.5. Operations of panels and working groups

25. The Board took note of the report of the 77th meeting of the CDM-AP. The report summarized information relating to the work of the panel, including developments with respect to accreditation assessments and other accreditation-related issues. The CDM-AP considered 31 accreditation cases at the meeting, of which 12 were submitted for consideration by the Board, in accordance with the "CDM accreditation procedure".

Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific)

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation

26. The Board considered the recommendations of the CDM-AP and agreed to re-accredit the following entities for five years:
- (a) E-0034 "China Environmental United Certification Center Co., Ltd." (CEC) for validation, verification and certification functions in sectoral scopes 1–15;
 - (b) E-0056 "Korea Testing & Research Institute" (KTR) for validation, verification and certification functions in sectoral scopes 1, 3–5, 11, and 13.
27. The Board took note of the notifications by the CDM-AP on the successful completion of regular on-site surveillance assessments of the following DOEs:
- (a) E-0051 "KBS Certification Services Pvt. Ltd" (KBS), central office, Faridabad, Haryana, India;
 - (b) E-0065 "China Building Material Test and Certification Group Co. Ltd." (CTC), central office, Beijing, China;
 - (c) E-0066 "Earthood Services Private Limited" (Earthood), central office, Gurgaon, India;
 - (d) E-0067 "China Certification Center Inc." (CCCI) , central office, Beijing, China.
28. The Board considered the recommendation by the CDM-AP on lifting the suspension of E-0037 "RINA Services S.p.A." (RINA) and decided to lift the suspension of accreditation of this DOE.
29. The Board considered the regular surveillance assessment of E-0061 "Shenzhen CTI International Certification Co., Ltd." (CTI), together with a recommendation of the CDM-AP, and an independent review report. The Board agreed that the entity failed to address two non-conformities (NC) (2016/RS/04 and 2016/RS/07) following a final opportunity to close the NCs, and therefore did not fulfill the requirements contained in paragraphs 96 and 139 of the accreditation standard (version 06.0), related to the evaluation and demonstration of competence of its personnel, and control of documents in all sectoral scopes. In accordance with paragraph 156 (b) of the CDM accreditation procedure (version 12.0), the Board also agreed to place the entity under-observation for all sectoral scopes.
30. The entity mentioned in paragraph 29 shall address the NCs 2016/RS/04 and 2016/RS/07, and shall provide evidence of implementation of corrective actions by 25 April 2017. The assessment shall comprise a desk review of two person-days, following the relevant steps for addressing NCs in the CDM accreditation procedure

- (version 12.0). The assessment team members who conducted the regular surveillance should also conduct the desk review to lift the under-observation status.
31. The Board took note of the notification by the CDM-AP on the successful completion of performance assessments of the following DOEs:
- (a) E-0046 "China Classification Society Certification Company" (CCSC);
 - (b) E-0051 "KBS Certification Services Pvt. Ltd" (KBS);
 - (c) E-0052 "Carbon Check (India) Private Ltd." (Carbon Check);
 - (d) E-0065 "China Building Material Test and Certification Group Co. Ltd." (CTC).
32. In accordance with rule 30 of the Rules of procedure of the Board, the Board approved on 22 December 2016 via electronic decision-making, the transfer of accreditation of the following entities:
- (a) E-0021, from the "Spanish Association for Standardisation and Certification" to "AENOR S.A.U. (AENOR Sociedad Anónima Unipersonal)" (AENOR);
 - (b) E-0054, from "Re-consult Ltd." to "Re Carbon Gözetim Denetim ve Belgelendirme Limited Şirketi" (Re Carbon).
33. The Board took note of the voluntary withdrawal of accreditation status by the DOE E-0010 "SGS United Kingdom Limited" (SGS) for all accredited sectoral scopes, based on the notification from the entity dated 9 February 2017.

Agenda item 3.2. Registration

34. The Board noted that 7,761 CDM project activities have been registered as at 23 February 2017. The status of requests for registration of project activities can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website.²
35. The Board noted that 303 CDM PoAs have been registered as at 23 February 2017, and that under these PoAs, 2,030 component project activities (CPAs) have been included. The status of requests for registration of PoAs can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website.³

Agenda item 3.3. Issuance

36. The Board noted that 1,806,010,113 CERs have been issued for CDM project activities and that 7,807,249 CERs have been issued for PoAs as at 23 February 2017. The status of CERs issued can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website.⁴
37. The Board noted that 18,788,880 CERs (CERs/temporary CERs/long-term CERs) had been voluntarily cancelled as at 23 February 2017. Out of these, 68,170 CERs had been 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.⁵
38. In accordance with the applicable regulations, the Board considered one request for issuance, for which, either assessments of the secretariat and the RIT contained different proposed decisions, or the secretariat and the RIT's proposed decision was the same however an objection was received from a member of the Board.

39. The Board agreed to approve the request for issuance of the CDM project activity "6 MW Biomass residue based cogeneration unit by MPML at Village Heti (Surla), District Nagpur in Maharashtra, India" (1568) submitted by the DOE E-0022 "TÜV NORD CERT GmbH" (TÜV NORD) for the monitoring period from 1 December 2014 to 31 October 2015.

Agenda item 3.4. Other rulings

40. In accordance with the "CDM project cycle procedure" (PCP), the Board considered three requests for authorization from DOEs to perform verification activities for the same PoAs for which they had performed validation.
41. The Board agreed not to authorize the DOE E-0016 "ERM Certification and Verification Services Limited" (ERM CVS) to perform the verification activities of the PoA "Paradigm Sub Saharan Africa Cook Stove Programme" (9672).
42. The Board agreed not to authorize the DOE E-0022 "TÜV NORD CERT GmbH" (TÜV NORD) to perform the verification activities of the PoA "Biomass Energy Conservation Programme" (10182).
43. The Board agreed not to authorize the DOE E-0009 "Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS" (BVCH) to perform the verification activities of the PoA "Demand side energy efficiency measures in building lighting systems" (9593).
44. In accordance with the PCP, the Board considered one request for post-registration changes to a PoA and agreed to approve the changes to the PoA "DelAgua Public Health Program in Eastern Africa" (9626) submitted by the DOE E-0016 "ERM Certification and Verification Services Limited" (ERM CVS).

Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools

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

45. The Board adopted the following regulatory documents and agreed to make them effective on 1 June 2017:
- (a) "CDM project standard for project activities" (version 01.0), as contained in annex 4 to this report;
 - (b) "CDM validation and verification standard for project activities" (version 01.0), as contained in annex 5 to this report;
 - (c) "CDM project cycle procedure for project activities" (version 01.0), as contained in annex 6 to this report;
 - (d) "CDM project standard for programmes of activities" (version 01.0), as contained in annex 7 to this report;
 - (e) "CDM validation and verification standard for programmes of activities" (version 01.0), as contained in annex 8 to this report.

- (f) "CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities" (version 01.0), as contained in annex 9 to this report;
 - (g) "Standard: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities" (version 06.0), as contained in annex 10 to this report.
46. The Board agreed on the implementation plan of the regulatory documents referred to in paragraph 45 above, including the transitional arrangement for shifting from the current regulations to the new regulations, as contained in annex 11.
47. The Board agreed to consider the revision of the "Glossary: CDM terms" at the next meeting, and for which, the Board requested the secretariat to propose a revised definition of "start date" in the glossary, at that meeting.
48. The Board continued its deliberation on the analysis of streamlining the registration and issuance processes, by reviewing the past and current procedures, and agreed to maintain the current procedural timeline, as contained in the PCP. Furthermore, the Board agreed with the secretariat proposal that projects, which are automatically additional could be processed faster without making any changes to the IT workflow. The Board requested the secretariat to develop suitable Key Performance Indicators in this regard for monitoring the performance.

Agenda item 4.2. Procedures

49. The Board adopted revised procedures as reflected in paragraphs 20 and 45 above.

Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues

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

Agenda item 5. Relations with forums and other stakeholders

51. The Board took note of the external input on the issues included on the annotated agenda of the ninety-third meeting of the Board and its annexes, as received from the call for input in accordance with the "Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders". The input received on specific agenda items was considered by the Board under the relevant agenda item. The Board thanked the stakeholders for the comments.
52. The Board interacted with the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair Mr. Werner Betzenbichler via video conference, and took note of the forum's input on performance assessments and inactive DOEs. The Board thanked Mr. Betzenbichler for his input and encouraged the forum to continue raising issues related to its guidance and proposing solutions.
53. The Board took note of the following activities undertaken relating to stakeholders, including designated national authorities, applicant entities, and DOEs:
- (a) The 17th CDM Global Designated National Authority Forum took place from 5 to 6 November 2016 in Marrakech, Morocco;
 - (b) The 37th DOE conference call took place on 30 November 2016, via video conference.

54. The Board considered three communications (INQ-05573, INQ-05652, and INQ-05653), submitted by stakeholders and agreed to respond to the submitters in accordance with the "Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders".
55. No observers requested to interact with the Board during this meeting. Observers to the ninety-fourth meeting of the Board shall have registered with the secretariat by 11 April 2017.

Agenda item 6. Other matters

56. The Board agreed on the calendar of meetings of the Board for 2017, as contained in annex 12 to this report.
57. The Board agreed to the provisional agenda for its ninety-fourth meeting, to be held in Bonn, Germany, from 2 to 5 May 2017, as contained in annex 13 to this report.

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

58. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the meeting.
59. 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 Board. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting can be accessed via webcast.⁶

Annexes to the report

Performance management

- Annex 1 - CDM Executive Board workplan 2017 (version 01.0)
- Annex 2 - CDM panels and working groups workplans 2017 (version 01.0)
- Annex 3 - CDM accreditation procedure (version 13.0)

Standards for CDM project activities and programmes of activities

- Annex 4 - Standard: CDM project standard for project activities (version 01.0)
- Annex 5 - Standard: CDM validation and verification standard for project activities (version 01.0)
- Annex 6 - Procedure: CDM project cycle procedure for project activities (version 01.0)
- Annex 7 - Standard: CDM project standard for programmes of activities (version 01.0)
- Annex 8 - Standard: CDM validation and verification standard for programmes of activities (version 01.0)
- Annex 9 - Procedure: CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities (version 01.0)
- Annex 10 - Standard: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities (version 06.0)
- Annex 11 - Information note: Implementation plan for new CDM regulations (version 01.0)

Other matters

- Annex 12 - Calendar of meetings for 2017 (version 01.0)
- Annex 13 - Provisional agenda: CDM Executive Board ninety-fourth meeting (version 01.0)

List of documents undergone editorial changes or issued since the last meeting

Regulatory Documents

- ASB0031- Standardized baseline: Grid emission factor for Grenada (version 01.0)
- Methodological tool: Demonstration of additionality of microscale project activities (version 07.1)
- Ruling note: Rationale for the rejection of PRC-9904-001 (version 01.0)
- Ruling note: Rationale for the rejection of PRC-4744-001 (version 01.0)
- Ruling note: Rationale for the rejection of PRC-4463-001 (version 01.0)

- Ruling note: Request for registration for "Wind Power Project by Wires & Fabriks (EKIESL-CDM. February-15-03)" (version 01.0)
- Ruling note: Request for registration for "clinker optimization in cement types production at Derba MIDROC cement plant" (version 01.0)
- Ruling note: Request for issuance for "Biogas Plant at United Plantations Berhad, UIE Palm Oil Mill" (version 01.0)

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Endnotes

1. <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/index.html>>.
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