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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. Mr. Peer Stiansen, Chair of 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.
2. The Board noted that Mr. Hussein Badarin was unable to attend the meeting. The alternate member provided proper justification for his 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. Martin Cames^(a)	Mr. Christopher Faris^(a)
Ms. Laksmi Dhewanthi^(b)	Mr. Hussein Badarin^(b)
Mr. Maosheng Duan^(a)	Mr. Qazi Ahmad^(a)
Ms. Diana Harutyunyan^(a)	Ms. Natalie Kushko^(a)
Mr. Antonio Huerta-Goldman^(b)	Mr. Eduardo Calvo^(b)
Mr. Victor Kabengele^(b)	Mr. Kadio Ahossane^(b)
Mr. José Miguez^(a)	Mr. Washington Zhakata^(a)
Mr. Lambert Schneider^(b)	Mr. Kazunari Kainou^(b)
Mr. Hugh Sealy^(a)	Mr. Amjad Abdulla^(a)
Mr. Peer Stiansen^(b)	Mr. Olivier Kassi^(b)

^(a) Term: Two years (term of service ends immediately before the first meeting in 2014)

^(b) Term: Two years (term of service ends immediately before the first meeting in 2015)

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

4. The Board adopted the agenda of the meeting.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

5. The Board welcomed the new member to the Board, Ms. Laksmi Dhewanthi, and congratulated Mr. Hussein Badarin on his re-election as alternate member. The Board expressed deep appreciation to Mr. Shafqat Kakakhel for his dedication and excellent support to the Board.

6. 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 at [<http://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/index.html>](http://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/index.html).

Agenda item 2.2. Performance management

7. The Board considered an update on the status of the work of the Board, taking note of the changes highlighted in the workplan. The Board provided feedback on the workplan and requested these to be reflected in the next version of the workplan.
8. The Board took note of the results of the performance monitoring of designated operational entities (DOEs) provided through the secretariat's quarterly report to the Board. The public reports on the DOE performance monitoring are available at: [<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Notes/index.html#accr>](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Notes/index.html#accr).

Agenda item 2.3. Matters related to the Board and its support structure

9. The Board adopted the procedure "Terms of reference of the CDM Executive Board Finance Committee", as contained in annex 1 to this report.
10. The Board considered the concept note on the work related to governance matters of CDM panels, working groups and appointed experts and requested the secretariat to prepare terms of reference for the CDM roster of experts as well as a concept note on the structure of the panels and working groups for consideration of the Board at future meetings, as indicated in the workplan of the Board.
11. The Board adopted the revised procedure "Terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM Executive Board", as contained in annex 2 to this report, which extends the code of conduct of the Board and measures relating to conflict of interest and transparency to members of panels and working groups. These terms of reference will be applicable to members of panels and working groups who take office after the adoption of the terms of reference by the Board.
12. The Board considered the applications for membership of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP), the Methodologies Panel (Meth Panel), the Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG) and the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG), received in response to the call for experts open from 8 February to 3 March 2013. At its seventy-first meeting, the Board reduced the number of members of these panels and working groups.
13. The Board agreed to appoint the following five experts as members of the CDM-AP: Mr. Abderrahmane Naas, Mr. Anil Jauhri, Ms. Ann Bowles, Mr. Michael Rumberg and Mr. Ricardo Esparta. The term of service commences on the first day of the 65th meeting of the CDM-AP and ends immediately before the first meeting of the panel after the selection of new members by the Board in 2014. The Board expressed its deep appreciation to the outgoing members Mr. Hernán Carlino, Ms. Marina Shvangiradze, Mr. Stanford Mwakasonda, Mr. Takashi Otsubo and Mr. Vinay Deodhar for their contribution to the work of the CDM-AP.
14. The Board agreed to appoint the following 10 experts as members of the Meth Panel: Mr. Ambachew F. Admassie, Mr. Amr Osama Abdel-Aziz, Mr. Braulio Pikman, Mr. Christiaan Vrolijk, Mr. Daniel Perczyk, Mr. Jean-Jacques Becker,

Ms. Jessica Wade-Murphy de Jimenez, Mr. Kenichiro Yamaguchi, Mr. Luis Alberto De La Torre, and Mr. Sudhir Sharma. The term of service commences on the first day of the 60th meeting of the Meth Panel and ends immediately before the first meeting of the panel after the selection of new members by the Board in 2014. The Board expressed its deep appreciation to the outgoing members Mr. Abderrahmane Naas, Ms. Ciska Terblanche, Mr. Jaime Martin, Mr. Jan-Willem Martens, Mr. Jürg Füssler, Mr. Niroj Mohanty and Mr. Pablo Mello e Souza for their contribution to the work of the Meth Panel.

15. The Board agreed to appoint the following five experts as members of the SSC WG: Mr. Bamshad Houshyani, Mr. Daniel Perczyk, Mr. Felix Babatunde Dayo, Mr. Gilberto Bandeira de Melo and Mr. Steven Schiller. The term of service commences on the first day of the 41st meeting of the working group and ends immediately before the first meeting of the SSC WG after the selection of new members by the Board in 2014. The Board expressed its deep appreciation to the outgoing members Ms. Carolyn Luce and Mr. Michiel Ten Hoopen for their contribution to the work of the SSC WG.
16. The Board agreed to appoint the following five experts as members of the A/R WG: Mr. David Neil Bird, Mr. Ederson Augusto Zanetti, Mr. Sabin Guendehou, Ms. Sarah Walker and Mr. Xiaoquan Zhang. The Board expressed its deep appreciation to the outgoing members Mr. Larwanou Mahamane, Mr. Marcelo Rocha, Mr. Raul Ponce-Hernandez and Mr. Shailendra Kumar Singh for their contribution to the work of the A/R WG. In order to allow the newly selected members of the A/R WG to start working via electronic means, their term of office shall start on 31 May 2013, instead of with the first meeting of the working group, as stipulated in the terms of reference of the support structure of the Board. As a consequence, the term of office of outgoing members of the A/R WG ends immediately prior to that date.
17. The Board agreed that the term of office of the members of the Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Working Group (CCS WG) shall also start on 31 May 2013, instead of with the first meeting of the working group, as stipulated in the terms of reference of the support structure of the Board. This will allow the working group to start working via electronic means prior to the first meeting.
18. The Board agreed to extend the term for the Registration and Issuance Team (RIT) until 31 August 2013 and requested the secretariat to make the necessary administrative arrangements.
19. The Board took note of the status of submissions of requests for registration and issuance in 2013 and the processing of these requests by the secretariat following the guidance provided by the Board.

Agenda item 2.4. Reports from panels and working groups

(a). CDM Accreditation Panel

20. The Board took note of the report of the 64th meeting of the CDM-AP. The report summarized information relating to the work of the panel, including the status of applications and developments with respect to accreditation assessments and other accreditation-related issues. The CDM-AP meeting considered 45 accreditation cases, of which 19 were submitted for consideration by the Board in accordance with the CDM accreditation procedure.

(b). Methodologies Panel

21. The Board took note of the report of the 59th meeting of the Meth Panel. The report summarized information relating to the work of the panel including submissions of methodologies and standardized baselines and recommendations to the Board, based on the 2013 workplan of the panel.

(c). Small-Scale Working Group

22. The Board took note of the report of the 40th meeting of the SSC WG. The report summarized information relating to the work of the SSC WG, including submissions of methodologies and recommendations to the Board, based on the 2013 workplan of the SSC WG.

Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific)

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation

23. The Board agreed to the recommendation of the CDM-AP to request the entity CDM-E-0003 "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV) to address the non-conformity identified during the spot-check assessment within regular procedural timelines and processes, in accordance with paragraph 134(b) of the CDM accreditation procedure.
24. The Board considered the recommendation of the CDM-AP and agreed to extend by six months the accreditation of the following entities:
- (a) CDM-E-0006 "Deloitte Tohmatsu Evaluation and Certification Organization" (Deloitte-TECO);
 - (b) CDM-E-0024 "Colombian Institute for Technical Standards and Certification" (ICONTEC).
25. The Board considered the recommendations of the CDM-AP and agreed to reaccredit for three years the following entities:
- (a) CDM-E-0009 "Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS" (BVCH);
 - (b) CDM-E-0023 "Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd." (LRQA).
26. The Board took note of the notifications by the CDM-AP on the positive outcome of the regular on-site surveillances of the following entities:
- (a) CDM-E-0003 "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV), non-central site (Venice, Italy);
 - (b) CDM-E-0024 "Colombian Institute for Technical Standards and Certification" (ICONTEC), central office (Bogotá, Colombia);
 - (c) CDM-E-0051 "KBS Certification Services Pvt. Ltd" (KBS), central office (Faridabad, India).
27. The Board took note of the notifications by the CDM-AP on the positive outcome of performance assessments of the following entities:
- (a) CDM-E-0003 "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV);

- (b) CDM-E-0005 "TÜV SÜD South Asia Private Limited" (TÜV SÜD);
 - (c) CDM-E-0009 "Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS" (BVCH);
 - (d) CDM-E-0010 "SGS United Kingdom Limited" (SGS);
 - (e) CDM-E-0022 "TÜV NORD CERT GmbH" (TÜV NORD);
 - (f) CDM-E-0038 "SIRIM QAS INTERNATIONAL SDN.BHD" (SIRIM);
 - (g) CDM-E-0051 "KBS Certification Services Pvt. Ltd" (KBS);
 - (h) CDM-E-0055 "URS Verification Private Limited" (URS).
28. In addition to the notification of the positive outcomes of the performance assessment, as referred to in paragraph 27, the Board took note of another notification provided by the CDM-AP at its 63rd meeting on the negative outcome of the performance assessment of the entity CDM-E-0003 "DNV Climate Change Services AS" (DNV). The Board took note of a communication received from DNV on this matter and noted that the CDM-AP had not contravened the CDM accreditation procedure.

Agenda item 3.2. Programmes of activities

29. The Board noted that 163 CDM programmes of activities (PoAs) have been registered by 31 May 2013 and that under these PoAs 1,433 component project activities (CPAs) have been included. The status of requests for registration of PoAs can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/>>.

Agenda item 3.3. Registration

30. The Board noted that 6,886 CDM project activities have been registered as of 31 May 2013. The status of requests for registration of project activities can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/>>.
31. In accordance with the applicable regulations, the Board considered 15 requests for registration for which assessments of the secretariat and the RIT contained different proposed decisions or for which the proposed decision was the same between the secretariat and the RIT but an objection from a member of the Board had been received.
32. The Board agreed to register the following project activities:
- (a) "KI Biogas Co., Ltd. Wastewater Treatment for Energy Generation, Nakhon Ratchasima" (6565), submitted by the DOE "TÜV NORD CERT GmbH" (TÜV NORD);
 - (b) "Tram Tau Hydroelectric Power Plant" (7450), submitted by the DOE "JACO CDM., LTD" (JACO);
 - (c) "Suzhou Phase III Municipal Solid Waste Incineration for Power Generation Project" (7694), submitted by the DOE "ERM Certification and Verification Services Limited" (ERM CVS);
 - (d) "Wind Power Project in Tamil Nadu by Savita Oil Technologies Ltd." (7780), submitted by the DOE "Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd." (LRQA);

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- (e) “Shanxi Linfen Dyestuff Efficiency Improvement Project” (8028), submitted by the DOE “Japan Consulting Institute” (JCI);
 - (f) “Guiyang MRTS Line I Project” (8149), submitted by the DOE “China Classification Society Certification Company” (CCSC);
 - (g) “9MW Pure Low Temperature Waste Heat Recovery and Utilisation for Power Generation Project of Linxiang Conch Cement Company Limited” (8282), submitted by the DOE “TÜV NORD CERT GmbH” (TÜV NORD);
 - (h) “San Lorenzo Guimaras 54 MW Wind Power Project” (8285), submitted by the DOE “ERM Certification and Verification Services Limited” (ERM CVS);
 - (i) “Poza Rica Landfill Gas Project” (8361), submitted by the DOE “TÜV Rheinland (China) Ltd.” (TÜV Rheinland);
 - (j) “Biomass based heat and power generation plant, Sonapat” (8666), submitted by the DOE “TÜV NORD CERT GmbH” (TÜV NORD).
33. The Board could not register the following proposed project activities:
- (a) “Biomass based power plant in Batu Pahat in Johor state, Malaysia” (5731), submitted by the DOE “Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS” (BVCH);
 - (b) “Passos Maia CDM Project” (6331), submitted by the DOE “Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS” (BVCH);
 - (c) “Gansu Jingyuan Coal Mine Group Jieneng Thermoelectricity Company CMM Power Generation Project” (6548), submitted by the DOE “ERM Certification and Verification Services Limited” (ERM CVS);
 - (d) “Recovery and Utilization of Associated Gas to Optimize Power Generation at PETROAMAZONAS Block 15 Facilities” (6576), submitted by the DOE “DNV Climate Change Services AS” (DNV);
 - (e) “Co-composting of Palm Oil Mill Waste at Keratong” (8453), submitted by the DOE “Lloyd’s Register Quality Assurance Ltd.” (LRQA).
34. The Board, while considering a request for registration of a project activity applying methodology AMS-III.B, requested the SSC WG to address leakage issues associated with the switching of fossil fuels, for example in switching from coal to coke oven gas, under this methodology.

Agenda item 3.4. Issuance

35. The Board noted that 1,334,957,174 certified emission reductions (CERs) have been issued as of 31 May 2013. The status of requests for issuance of CERs can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance>>.
36. In accordance with the applicable regulations, the Board considered two requests for issuance for which assessments of the secretariat and the RIT contained different proposed decisions or the same proposed decision, which received an objection from a member of the Board.

37. The Board agreed to approve the request for issuance of project activity “Zhangjiagang Nature Gas Power Generation Project” (2439) submitted by the DOE “Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS” (BVCH) for the monitoring period from 1 November 2011 to 31 January 2012.
38. The Board could not approve the request for issuance of project activity “Energas Varadero Conversion from Open Cycle to Combined Cycle Project” (0918), submitted by the DOE “SGS United Kingdom Limited” (SGS) for the monitoring period from 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2010.
39. In accordance with the relevant regulations, the Board considered two requests for permission to resubmit a previously rejected request for issuance, and agreed to permit the resubmission of the request for issuance of the following project activities:
- (a) “Catalytic N₂O Abatement Project in the Tail Gas of the Nitric Acid Plant of the Hanwha Corporation (HWC) in Ulsan, Republic of Korea” (0922), submitted by the DOE “DNV Climate Change Services AS” (DNV) for the monitoring period from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012;
 - (b) “Methane recovery and utilisation project at United Plantations Berhad, Jendarata Palm Oil Mill, Malaysia” (1153), submitted by the DOE “TÜV SÜD South Asia Private Limited” (TÜV SÜD) for the monitoring period from 1 May 2009 to 31 January 2011.
40. In accordance with the relevant regulations, the Board considered one request for permission to resubmit a previously withdrawn request for issuance and agreed to permit the resubmission of project activity “A joint venture project of cogeneration of electricity and hot water using natural gas and biogas produced from on-site wastewater biodigesters” (0478) submitted by the DOE “Colombian Institute for Technical Standards and Certification” (ICONTEC) for the monitoring period from 1 March 2006 to 31 December 2010.

Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools

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

41. The Board considered the draft revised “CDM accreditation standard” and provided feedback to be taken into account by the secretariat in preparing the further draft to be considered by the Board at its seventy-fifth meeting. The Board noted that the secretariat will consult with the CDM-AP and DOEs in preparing the next draft. The Board agreed with the proposed approaches in the present draft, except in areas where it provided the following specific guidance:
- (a) The means for applicant entities (AEs) and DOEs to evaluate and demonstrate compliance with the knowledge-based competence requirements should be modified so that this requirement can be met and enforced in a consistent manner across AEs/DOEs.
 - (b) The list of sectoral scopes and required sector technical knowledge should be modified so that, inter alia, the level of specificity and the total number of sectoral scopes are reasonably balanced and required technical knowledge does not

refer to specific regional or national standards;

- (c) The transition from the current to the revised standard should be designed so as to reduce cost implications for AEs/DOEs, including the grandfathering of qualification to personnel already qualified under the current standard for the corresponding functions and sectoral scopes;
 - (d) Outsourcing of all functions that may be outsourced should be allowed to any other legal entities.
42. The Board provided feedback on the concept note on uncertainties of measurements in large-scale methodologies and requested the secretariat to prepare draft standard provisions for consideration by the Board at a future meeting. The feedback included ensuring the clarity of the provisions, analysing options for the thresholds relating to different project sizes, and exploring the possibility to integrate the provisions into existing standards.

(b). Methodological standards

43. The Board provided feedback on the concept note on the further revision of the standardized baseline regulatory framework. The Board agreed: (a) to revise the regulatory documents relevant to standardized baselines, based on their road-testing and lessons learned; (b) to develop a standard on the application of standardized baselines; and (c) to develop guidelines on data vintage and frequency of update of standardized baselines. The Board requested the secretariat to prioritize the work to develop a standard on the application of standardized baselines, to revise the "Guidelines for establishment of sector specific standardized baselines", and to consider the work on other guidelines thereafter. The Board requested the secretariat to explore the possibility of developing a separate chapter on standardized baselines in the CDM project standard in place of developing a new standard on the application of standardized baselines.
44. The Board provided comments on the draft guideline "Determination of baseline and additionality thresholds for standardized baselines using the performance-penetration approach", and requested the secretariat to revise the draft in accordance with these comments. The Board agreed to consider the revised draft after the work on the revision of guidelines on the establishment of sector-specific standardized baselines is concluded as per the Board's workplan. However, in parallel, the Board requested the secretariat to proceed with further road-testing of the revised draft guideline for determination of baseline and additionality thresholds for standardized baselines using the performance-penetration approach and to update the Board on the results of the road-testing at a future meeting.
45. The Board provided feedback on the concept note on the work programme for the implementation of the standardized baselines guidelines for the afforestation and reforestation (A/R) sector and agreed to the work programme. The Board requested the secretariat to organize the workshop referred to in the concept note within the budget of the workshops approved for standardized baselines under the CDM management plan (CDM-MAP) 2013–2014.
46. The Board approved the standardized baseline "Grid emission factor for the Southern African power pool", as contained in annex 3 to this report.

47. The Board approved the standardized baseline “Fuel switch, technology switch and methane destruction in the charcoal sector of Uganda”, as contained in [annex 4](#) to this report.
48. The Board provided feedback on the concept note on the revision of the PoA-related standards, guidelines and procedures and requested the secretariat to present the draft documents for consideration by the Board at its seventy-fourth meeting. The feedback included:
- (a) The Board agreed that the dates of renewal of the crediting periods of CPAs of a PoA are to be aligned with the date of renewal of the PoA in instances where ICERs are expected to be issued for the PoA;
 - (b) The Board considered the difficulties associated with the requirements for synchronized issuance requests for CPAs of a PoA indicated by stakeholders and agreed to request the secretariat to continue assessing the issue with a view to finding a solution; for any potential solution that the secretariat identifies, the secretariat should estimate the time and resource requirements needed to adjust the workflow system;
 - (c) With regard to pragmatic approaches to meet predefined reliability targets, the Board agreed that both discounting and the use of conservative default factors in methodologies should be included as options for the project proponents to choose from;
 - (d) With regard to the definition of a CPA for dispersed technologies/units, the Board agreed that the proposed development of simplified large-scale methodologies for small units under the CDM-MAP 2013 would address the issue and that separate efforts would not be required;
 - (e) With regard to the separate generic CPA design documents (CPA-DDs) for each CPA type, the Board agreed to allow cross-referencing to avoid repeating every section of the CPA-DD;
 - (f) With regard to the application of the sampling standard to early-mover PoAs, the Board indicated a preference to allow a grace period before which the application of relative precision becomes mandatory (e.g. when 90/10 confidence/precision is indicated for a sampling effort, 10 per cent precision indicated will be considered as relative precision and not as absolute precision after the grace period);
 - (g) With regard to sampling for DOE validation/verification, the Board agreed that the secretariat should explore alternative options to acceptance sampling. In this regard the Board indicated a preference for the option that requires on-site visits by a DOE determined on the basis of a set of criteria (e.g. project size, location, quality of coordinating/managing entity monitoring system, etc.);
 - (h) With regard to single sampling plans, the Board agreed to request the secretariat to develop clearer criteria on stratification and homogeneity, providing examples where possible.

49. The Board provided feedback on the concept note on the development and implementation of a work programme for further standardization in the demonstration of additionality and requested:
- (a) The Meth Panel to revise consolidated methodologies ACM0001 "Flaring or use of landfill gas" and ACM0022 "Alternative waste treatment processes" to introduce standardized approaches for additionality demonstration;
 - (b) The Meth Panel to revise or develop large-scale methodologies for installation of efficient lighting systems and distribution of low greenhouse gas water purification systems. While ensuring environmental integrity, the methodologies should contain standardized approaches to demonstrate additionality and may use methodological requirements that are consistent with those of the small-scale methodologies applicable for the same types of project activities;
 - (c) The secretariat to prepare an analysis on lessons learned from developing standardized approaches for additionality demonstration and identify any new areas of work that would further improve the approaches to demonstrate additionality.
50. The Board agreed to the timelines for the work on further standardization in the demonstration of additionality, as reflected in table 2 below and referred to in paragraph 49 above.

Table 2. Timelines on work for further standardization in the demonstration of additionality

Product	EB76	2014
New large-scale methodologies for dispersed units	Final (Panel recommendation)	
Revised large-scale methodologies for the waste sector	Final (Panel recommendation)	
Analysis on lessons learned		Concept (preceded by call and Panel/WG input)

51. The Board requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note to outline possible ways to develop top-down standardized approaches for additionality demonstration, as part of the workplan on standardized baselines, for consideration by the Board at a future meeting in 2014. These standardized approaches may be standardized baselines for all project activities and PoAs, especially those in regions underrepresented in the CDM, and the approaches should be developed with substantiation of their methodological basis to ensure environmental integrity.

52. The Board provided feedback on the concept note on the monitoring guidelines for situations where project participants do not follow the requirements of methodologies and requested the secretariat to identify and recommend revisions for methodologies where requirements are difficult to follow. The following feedback is to be taken into account by the secretariat in preparing the draft guidelines on this matter to be considered by the Board at its seventy-fifth meeting:

- (a) Provide clear and simple principles to help project participants to set and develop their monitoring plans;
- (b) Limit the work on the assessment of issues related to measurement of monitored parameters;
- (c) Seek inputs from different stakeholders in order to capture most of the issues project participants face during the implementation of their project activities.

(c). Methodological standards for large-scale CDM project activities

(i). New methodologies and tools (large-scale)

53. Following the recommendation by the Meth Panel at its 59th meeting, the Board did not approve the proposed new methodology NM0359 "New grid connected coal fired cogeneration power plants using a less GHG intensive technology".

(ii). Revisions of approved methodologies and tools (large-scale)

54. The Board agreed on the responses prepared by the Meth Panel to the requests for revision as follows:

- (a) To accept request AM_REV_0245 regarding "ACM0019: N₂O abatement from nitric acid production";
- (b) Not to accept request AM_REV_0241 regarding "AM0054: Energy efficiency improvement of a boiler by introducing oil/water emulsion technology";
- (c) Not to accept request AM_REV_0248 regarding "AM0009: Recovery and utilization of gas from oil wells that would otherwise be flared or vented".

55. The Board approved the following revised methodologies as major revisions:

- (a) "AM0028: N₂O destruction in the tail gas of Caprolactam production plants", as contained in annex 5 to this report. The revision:
 - (i) Removes all references to nitric acid plants;
 - (ii) Changes the title from "N₂O destruction in the tail gas of Nitric Acid or Caprolactam Production Plants" to "N₂O destruction in the tail gas of Caprolactam production plants";
- (b) "AM0072: Fossil Fuel Displacement by Geothermal Resources for Space Heating", as contained in annex 6 to this report. This revision corrects mistakes in equations 13, 16 and 20 by changing ^-8 to ^-9;

(c) "ACM0019: N₂O abatement from nitric acid production", as contained in annex 7 to this report. The revision:

- (i) Provides default emission factors that can be adopted at the renewal of the crediting period for projects currently using AM0028 and AM0034 for nitric acid production project activities;
- (ii) Allows project participants not to account for emission reductions whenever the project emissions exceed the baseline emission benchmark;
- (iii) Incorporates provisions from "AM0034: Catalytic reduction of N₂O inside the ammonia burner of nitric acid plants" and "AM0051: Secondary catalytic N₂O destruction".

56. The Board noted that the approved consolidated methodology "ACM0019: N₂O abatement from nitric acid production" fully incorporates the approved methodologies "AM0034: Catalytic reduction of N₂O inside the ammonia burner of nitric acid plants" and "AM0051: Secondary catalytic N₂O destruction in nitric acid plants", and agreed to withdraw the methodologies AM0034 and AM0051.

(iii). Clarifications (large-scale)

57. The Board took note of the responses to the requests for clarifications AM_CLA_0240 and AM_CLA_0242 to AM_CLA_0246 referred to in paragraph 42 of the report of the 59th meeting of the Meth Panel.

58. The Board considered the request for guidance from the Meth Panel on combining methodologies for use in a single PoA in the context of request for clarification AM_CLA_0241. The Board agreed to clarify that in principle, methodologies from different sectors may be combined for application in a PoA as long as the requirements specified in the PoA standard¹ are met. The Board also agreed that the secretariat should propose draft revisions to the PoA standard to clarify the issue of combining different methodologies. This may include, for example, paragraph 31(d) of the PoA standard to clarify how to demonstrate that the implementation of activities under the PoA are integrated through the design of the programme and paragraph 34 to further clarify how large-scale methodologies are to be combined.

(iv). Guidelines (large-scale)

59. The Board adopted a clarification regarding the applicability of the "Guidelines on the assessment of investment analysis", based on a recommendation by the Meth Panel, as contained in annex 8 to this report.

(d). Methodological standard for small-scale CDM project activities

(i). New methodologies and tools (small-scale)

60. The Board approved the new small-scale methodology AMS-II.R "Energy efficiency space heating measures for residential buildings", as contained in annex 9 to this report. The new methodology is applicable to project activities that are intended to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through energy-efficient space heating measures. The consideration of suppressed demand is also incorporated in this new methodology.

(ii). Revisions and amendments of approved methodologies and tools (small-scale)

61. The Board agreed to revise the following approved small-scale methodologies and indicated that they are major revisions:
- (a) "AMS-II.J: Demand-side activities for efficient lighting technologies", as contained in annex 10 to this report. The revision removes limitations that restrict the methodology to a fixed crediting period;
 - (b) "AMS-III.BG: Emission reduction through sustainable charcoal production and consumption", as contained in annex 11 to this report. The revision corrects a mistake in the net calorific value (NCV) of charcoal from IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories 2006, Volume 2, Energy, Table 1.2;
 - (c) "AMS-III.AV: Low greenhouse gas emitting safe drinking water production systems", as contained in annex 12 to this report. In response to the request for clarification SSC_673, the revision broadens the applicability of the methodology to water kiosks that treat water using one or more of the following technologies: chlorination, combined flocculant/disinfection powders and solar disinfection.
62. Following the recommendation from the SSC WG, the Board agreed not to revise the following approved methodologies:
- (a) "AMS-III.AN: Fossil Fuel Switch in existing manufacturing industries", in response to the request for revision "SSC_663: Revision to expand AMS-III.AN to a project facility with less than three years of operational data";
 - (b) "AMS-III.AR: Substituting fossil fuel based lighting with LED/CFL lighting systems", in response to the:
 - (i) Request for revision "SSC_679: Revision of AMS-III.AR to simplify monitoring requirements for project lamps";
 - (ii) Request by the Board (EB 69, paragraph 86) to removing limitations that restrict the methodology to a fixed crediting period. The Board agreed to the assessment of the SSC WG that the current version of the methodology does not limit the crediting period.
63. The Board agreed to launch calls for public input on the draft revisions of the approved methodologies "AMS-II.G: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass" and "AMS-I.B: Mechanical energy for the user with or without electrical energy", as contained in annexes 5 and 6 respectively to the report of the 40th meeting of the SSC WG, for a period of 15 days. The call for public input will be open from **3 June 2013** to **18 June 2013**.

(iii). Clarifications (small-scale)

64. The Board took note of the responses to the requests for clarifications SSC_661–SSC_662, SSC_664, SSC_666–SSC_670 and SSC_672–SSC_678 referred to in paragraphs 30 to 44 of the report of the 40th meeting of the SSC WG.

(iv). Guidelines (small-scale)

65. The Board adopted the revised guideline "Demonstrating additionality of microscale project activities", as contained in annex 13 to this report. The guideline was revised to update a reference to the procedure "Submission and consideration of microscale renewable technologies for automatic additionality".
66. The Board agreed to further consider the request for revision of the "Guidelines on assessment of debundling for SSC project activities", in the context of submission SSC_680 at a future meeting. In this regard, the Board requested the secretariat to provide legal interpretation of the definition of a project participant and requested the SSC WG to continue analysing the issue at its future meetings and make a recommendation to the Board.

Agenda item 4.2. Procedures***(a). Procedures related to project cycle***

67. The Board considered the draft procedure "Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines" and provided comments to be taken into account by the secretariat in preparing a further draft to be considered by the Board at its seventy-fourth meeting. The Board also requested the secretariat to consult with designated national authorities (DNAs) and launch a call for public inputs on the current draft. The Board requested the secretariat to take into account the inputs received from DNAs and the public in the preparation of the further draft for consideration of the Board at its seventy-fourth meeting.
68. The Board considered the draft revised "CDM accreditation procedure" and provided comments to be taken into account by the secretariat in preparing a further draft to be considered by the Board at its next meeting. The Board noted that the secretariat will consult with the CDM-AP and DOEs in preparing the next draft. The Board agreed with the proposed approaches in the present draft, except in areas where it provided the following specific guidance:
 - (a) General principles for putting a DOE under observation, or suspending or withdrawing accreditation should be elaborated or examples given to make them more transparent;
 - (b) It should be made clear that when the Board decides to put a DOE under observation, suspension or withdrawal, it would provide reasons for such action;
 - (c) The process for withdrawal should be further clarified;
 - (d) The cases where under-observation status is triggered due to a failure to follow the accreditation procedure should be clearly covered in the section on handling the under-observation status;
 - (e) In the reaccreditation process, the option for the Board to reject the reaccreditation of a DOE should be explicitly provided;
 - (f) The provision for handling cases where fraudulent behaviour by a DOE is found during an accreditation assessment should be elaborated;

- (g) The thresholds for triggering an additional performance assessment should be set considering the projected number of submissions of requests for registration and issuance;
 - (h) Specific provisions may need to be introduced for treating DOEs undertaking few or no validation or verification/certification activities;
 - (i) Selection of experts for the independent panel for the process of independent review of CDM-AP recommendations should be based on predetermined requirements to ensure independence of experts.
69. The Board adopted the revised procedure "Performance monitoring of designated operational entities", as contained in annex 14 to this report. The revised procedure introduces the revisions agreed by the Board at its seventieth meeting when it considered the concept note on the revision of the procedure. The Board agreed to incorporate the dynamic statistical method for determination of thresholds for indicators I1CC and I1IRC.

Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues

70. The Board considered the policy issue of the application of E- guidelines to the demonstration of additionality through investment analysis and agreed to work further to develop a policy in relation to the application of E- guidelines in this context. The Board agreed to pursue an approach by which, for the first seven years from the effective implementation date of the relevant E- policy, the benefit of that E- policy does not need to be considered by project participants in the additionality demonstration through investment analysis. The Board also requested the secretariat to prepare guidelines on this approach and to assess the necessary revisions to the "Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality", the "Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality" and any other decisions of the Board that would result from the adoption of the above approach.

Agenda item 5. Relation with forums and other stakeholders

Agenda item 5.1. Designated national authorities

(a). Interaction with the DNA Forum co-chairs

71. The Board held an interaction with the Co-Chair of the DNA Forum, Mr. Giza Gaspar Martins, via video conference. The DNA Forum Co-Chair welcomed the input of the Board to the process of review of the CDM modalities and procedures and supported a review outcome that would strengthen the role of the Board. He expressed the support of DNAs for decisions of the Board aimed at simplifying methodologies, promoting and simplifying standardized baselines and PoAs, and identifying opportunities for standardization of the demonstration of additionality. The Co-Chair commended the Board and the secretariat for the approval of the standardized baseline "Grid emission factor for the Southern African Power Pool" and the standardized baseline "Fuel switch, technology switch and methane destruction in the charcoal sector of Uganda", as well as the deployment of the online learning platform.
72. The DNA Forum Co-Chair also expressed the support of DNAs for measures and initiatives that aim to ensure the role of the CDM as a building block for any future mechanisms and suggested the Board and secretariat to strengthen communication with

policymakers and other stakeholders on the CDM and its successes. Mr. Martins also emphasized the pivotal role of DNAs in catalysing carbon mitigation actions in developing countries and channeling carbon finance. He proposed that the Board and the secretariat continue the capacity building of DNAs, and through them the capacity building of national stakeholders.

73. The Board thanked the DNA Forum Co-Chair for his presentation and sought information from him regarding how DNAs perceive the activities of the regional collaboration centers (RCCs) and regarding the resource situation of DNAs in light of the current market situation. The Board encouraged DNAs to provide input to initiatives to further develop the regulatory framework when calls for inputs are launched.
74. Mr. Martins responded that the two established RCCs in Africa have made a lot of effort in reaching out to DNAs and establishing contact with them and offered to gather information from DNAs on their interactions with the RCCs if the Board so wishes. He also offered to use the facilities provided by the secretariat to inform and gather input from DNAs on the regulatory framework. He informed the Board that most DNAs were suffering from resource limitations independently of the current market situation. In order to overcome the current market situation, the Co-Chair emphasized the need for action from Parties through the establishment of a support mechanism for CER prices.
75. The Board thanked Mr. Martins for the interaction and encouraged him to continue conveying the inputs and views of DNAs to the Board.

(b). Information on activities related to DNAs

76. The Board took note that a regional training and workshop for African DNAs focused on standardized baselines and PoAs will be held in Cote d'Ivoire in the first week of July 2013 in conjunction with the African Carbon Forum.

Agenda item 5.2. Designated operational entities

(a). Interaction with the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair

77. The Board took note of the inputs from the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum, as reported by its Chair, Mr. Werner Betzenbichler.
78. Mr. Betzenbichler opened his statements with comments on the recent developments for DOE business and the difficult market situation that CDM stakeholders are currently facing, with low volumes of validations and verifications and consequently staff oversupply.
79. The Chair of the forum provided the following comments on the agenda of the meeting:
 - (a) Accreditation standard: he expressed appreciation for the interaction of DOEs with the CDM-AP and requested that the approval of the standard be delayed as it still has many areas for further development, including the competence requirements and transitional measures;
 - (b) Accreditation procedure: it is almost ready for approval with only a few areas to be resolved, such as application of small entities, communication with Assessment Teams, short-cut process in case of fraud, and fee structure;

- (c) DOE performance monitoring procedure: ensure that the thresholds are defined appropriately and that enhanced feedback is given to the entities when indicator I_2 crosses the threshold;
 - (d) Concept note on PoA: the forms for PoAs and CPAs should not be revised frequently; also, provide more options on the sampling provisions including acceptance sampling;
 - (e) Concept note on uncertainties of measurements: more guidance needed on how DOEs are to assess them;
 - (f) E+/E- policy: more guidance and clarifications are required from the Board, in particular on the application to renewals of crediting periods.
80. Mr. Betzenbichler also expressed the need to have further stakeholder consultations on the accreditation standard and procedure prior to adoption.
81. The Board thanked Mr. Betzenbichler for his inputs and encouraged the forum to continue raising issues related to its guidance and offering appropriate solutions and recommendations.

(b). Information on activities related to AEs/DOEs

82. The Board took note of the following activities with DOEs:
- (a) 15th DOE video conference, 26 March 2013;
 - (b) 16th DOE video conference, 7 May 2013.
83. The Board also took note that two regional calibration workshops will take place on 3 and 4 June 2013 in China and on 7 and 8 June 2013 in India. These workshops will focus on PoAs, standardized baselines and post-registration changes.

(c). Letters to the Board from AEs/DOEs

84. The Board considered a confidential letter from a DOE (2013-239-DOE) submitted by a DOE asking for guidance in cases where the requirement of paragraph 9 of the CDM project cycle procedure is not met. The Board issued a clarification, as contained in annex 15 to this report.

Agenda item 5.3. Communication and activities with stakeholders

(a). External input to items on the agenda of the meeting

85. The Board took note of the external input on the issues included on the annotated agenda of the seventy-third meeting of the Board and its annexes, as received in response to the call for input in accordance with the “Modalities and procedures for direct communications with stakeholders”. The inputs received on specific agenda items were considered by the Board during the relevant agenda items. The Board thanked stakeholders for their comments.

(b). Information on activities related to stakeholders

86. The Board took note that the 7th CDM round table took place on 20 April 2013. It focused on the sampling standards for projects and PoAs, and the accreditation procedure and standard. The Board also took note that the 8th CDM round table will take place on 17 June 2013. This round table will be dedicated to PoA and standardized baselines issues.

(c). Letters to the Board from stakeholders

87. The Board considered the following letters from stakeholders:
- (a) Letter 2013-243-S from a project participant, supported by a letter from the host country DNA (2013-244-DNA), asking the Board for guidance with regard to early starter A/R CPAs and the possibility of their inclusion in an A/R PoA. The Board issued a clarification as contained in [annex 16](#) to this report;
 - (b) Two letters from the Project Developer Forum and the AIE/DOE Coordination Forum (2013-260-S and 2013-262-DOE respectively) providing views on the E+/E- policies. The Board thanked the stakeholders for providing their views on the issue;
 - (c) Two letters (2013-263-S and 2013-263-S) from stakeholders on an issue related to the bundling and debundling of project activities. The Board provided guidance as per paragraph 66 of this meeting report;
 - (d) Two letters (2013-254-S and 2013-266-S) submitted by stakeholders seeking guidance from the Board on the possibility of temporarily or permanently withdrawing from the CDM and on how to avoid double counting in case project participants wish to claim emission reductions under another scheme. The Board agreed to respond to the letters by referring the stakeholders the relevant CDM rules, emphasizing the context within which the CDM is operating. The Board requested the secretariat to prepare a draft response for the consideration of the Chair, based on the discussions in the Board.

Agenda item 5.4. Interaction with registered observers

88. No registered observer requested an interaction with the Board.
89. The Board further agreed to continue its practice of meeting with registered observers at the end of the meeting and to reconsider this arrangement when necessary. Observers to the seventy-fourth meeting of the Board shall have registered with the secretariat by **1 July 2013**.

Agenda item 6. Other matters

90. The Board agreed to the provisional agenda for its seventy-fourth meeting, to be held in Bonn, Germany, from 22 to 26 July 2013, as contained in [annex 17](#) to this report.

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

91. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the meeting.

92. Any decisions taken by the Board shall be made publicly available in accordance with paragraph 17 of the CDM modalities and procedures and rule 31 of the Rules of procedure of the Board. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting can be accessed via webcast under <http://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/Meetings>.

Annexes to the report

Matters related to the Board and its support structure

- Annex 1 - Procedure: Terms of reference of the CDM Executive Board Finance Committee (version 01.0)
- Annex 2 - Procedure: Terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM Executive Board (version 04.0)

Standards for CDM project activities and programme of activities

- Annex 3 - Standardized baseline: Grid emission factor for the Southern African power pool (version 01.0)
- Annex 4 - Standardized baseline: Fuel switch, technology switch and methane destruction in the charcoal sector of Uganda (version 01.0)

Methodological standards for large-scale CDM project activities

- Annex 5 - AM0028: N₂O destruction in the tail gas of Caprolactam production plants(version 06.0)
- Annex 6 - AM0072: Fossil Fuel Displacement by Geothermal Resources for Space Heating (version 03.0)
- Annex 7 - ACM0019: N₂O abatement from nitric acid production (version 02.0)
- Annex 8 - Clarification: Applicability of the "Guidelines on the assessment of investment analysis" (version 01.0)

Methodological standards for small-scale CDM project activities

- Annex 9 - AMS-II.R: Energy efficiency space heating measures for residential buildings (version 01.0)
- Annex 10 - AMS-II.J: Demand-side activities for efficient lighting technologies (version 05.0)
- Annex 11 - AMS-III.BG: Emission reduction through sustainable charcoal production and consumption (version 02.0)
- Annex 12 - AMS-III.AV: Low greenhouse gas emitting safe drinking water production systems (version 04.0)
- Annex 13 - Guideline: Demonstrating additionality of microscale project activities (version 05.0)

Procedures

- Annex 14 - Procedure: Performance monitoring of designated operational entities (version 02.0)

Relation with forums and other stakeholders

Annex 15 - Clarification: Validation of informing about the progress of a project activity after notification of prior consideration of the CDM (version 01.0)

Annex 16 - Clarification: Start date and crediting period of component project activities under an afforestation and reforestation programme of activities (version 01.0)

Other matters

Annex 17 - Provisional agenda: CDM Executive Board seventy-fourth meeting (version 01.0)

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

Regulatory Documents

Standards

- Clean development mechanism project standard (version 03.0)

Procedures

- Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure (version 03.2)

Guidelines

- Guidelines for completing the proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology form (version 01.1)
- Guidelines for completing the proposed new small scale baseline and monitoring methodology form (version 01.1)
- Guidelines for completing the proposed new afforestation and reforestation baseline and monitoring methodology form (version 01.1)
- Guidelines for completing the small-scale afforestation and reforestation baseline monitoring and methodology submission form (version 01.1)
- Guidelines for completing the proposed new carbon capture and storage baseline and monitoring methodology form (version 01.1)
- Guidelines for completing the project design document form for small-scale CDM project activities (version 01.1)
- Guidelines for completing the programme design document form for small-scale CDM programmes of activities (version 02.1)

Reports and summaries

- Recommendation to the SBI: Possible changes to the CDM modalities and procedures (version 01.2)
- EB72 meeting report (version 01.1)
- DOE performance monitoring report sixth monitoring period (1 July to 31 December 2012) (version 01.0)

- DOE performance monitoring report fifth monitoring period (1 January to 30 June 2012) (version 03.0)
- Quarterly report of the UNFCCC secretariat to the Board: Progress against the CDM management plan (CDM-MAP) 2013-2014 (version 01.0)
- Quarterly report of the UNFCCC secretariat to the Board: Compliance with process-related timelines (version 01.0)
- Quarterly report of the UNFCCC secretariat to the Board: Financial resources (version 01.0)
- EB66 Summary – Russian (version 01.1)
- EB71 Summary – Arabic
- EB71 Summary – English
- EB71 Summary – French
- EB71 Summary - Spanish
- EB71 Summary – Russian
- EB72 Summary - Arabic
- EB72 Summary – English
- EB72 Summary – French
- EB72 Summary - Spanish

Forms

New Forms

- CDM-NM-FORM - Proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology form (version 01.0)
- CDM-AMC-FORM - Approved baseline and monitoring methodology/methodological tool clarification request form (version 01.0)
- CDM-AMR-FORM - Approved baseline and monitoring methodology/methodological tool revision request form (version 01.0)
- CDM-PNM-FORM - New baseline and monitoring methodology proposal form (version 01.0)
- CDM-SSC-NM-FORM - Proposed new small scale baseline and monitoring methodology form (version 01.0)
- CDM-AR-NM-FORM - Proposed new afforestation and reforestation baseline and monitoring methodology form (version 01.0)
- CDM-CCS-NM-FORM - Proposed new carbon capture and storage baseline and monitoring methodology form (version 01.0)

Revised Forms

- F-CDM-PoA-ISS - CDM programme of activities issuance request form (version 02.0)
- F-CDM-RA - CDM registry holding account opening request form (version 1.5)

Rulings

- Project activity 2514 - Ruling note: Request for issuance for “Bionersis Project Thailand 1” (version 01.0)
- Project activity 3674 - Ruling note: Request for issuance for “Yunnan Hongta Cement Waste Heat Recovery Power Generation Project” (version 01.0)
- Project activity 5348 - Ruling note: Request for registration for “India-FaL-G Brick and Blocks Project No.4.” (version 01.0)
- Project activity 6242 - Ruling note: Request for registration for “Yuecheng Coal Mine Methane Power Generation Project” (version 01.0)
- Project activity 6259 - Ruling note: Request for registration for “Wujia coalmine power generation project” (version 01.0)
- Project activity 6814 - Ruling note: Request for registration for “Busan Metro Line 1 Dadae” (version 01.0)
- Project activity 6818 - Ruling note: Request for registration for “Daegu Metro 3th Urban Railroad” (version 01.0)
- Project activity 6820 - Ruling note: Request for registration for “Incheon Metro Line 2” (version 01.0)
- Project activity 6971 - Ruling note: Request for registration for “Methane Recovery in Wastewater Treatment and Utilization for Electricity Generation at Saremas 1 Palm Oil Mill, Sarawak, Malaysia” (version 01.0)
- Project activity 7682 - Ruling note: Request for registration for “Rio Grande do Norte and Ceará Wind Energy Complex Project Activity” (version 01.0)

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Endnotes

1. Standard for demonstration of additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for programmes of activities.