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CDM Executive Board workplan 2015

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COVER NOTE

1. Procedural background

1. The CDM Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) at its eighty-second meeting approved the workplan of the Board for 2015 and requested the secretariat to include in future versions of the workplan any new mandates arising from meetings and to provide an update on the status of work at each meeting.
2. This work is in line with the requests of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) to the Board to continue its work to further improve the consistency, efficiency and transparency of its decision-making.

2. Purpose

3. The workplan of the Board for 2015 provides an overview of the issues to be considered by the Board at each meeting. This allows planning the workload of the Board and ensures efficient use of meeting time. The document indicates the work planned for the Board at the meetings in 2015, based on the agreed CDM management plan (CDM-MAP) 2015. The workplan also provides information on the products which will undergo panel or working group consultation as well as calls for public input.

3. Key issues and proposed solutions

4. Changes to the previous version of the workplan are highlighted and the rationale for changes is also provided in the document.

4. Impacts

5. The updated workplan will ensure efficiency and transparency of the decision-making process and facilitate the Board's management of its workload.

5. Proposed work and timelines

6. The secretariat includes in the workplan any new mandates arising from each meeting and provides an update on the status of work at the following meeting.

6. Recommendations to the Board

7. The secretariat recommends that the Board take note of the updated workplan and provide comments, as appropriate.

1. CDM Executive Board workplan 2015

1. The table below provides an overview of the workplan of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism for 2015.

Table 1. CDM Executive Board workplan 2015

Project/ routine	Product	EB82	EB83	EB84	EB85	EB86	EB87	Comments
Governance and management matters								
Servicing of regulatory body								
Support to the Executive Board (EB)	Selection of Chair/Vice Chair for EB, panels and working groups (WGs)	Final						
	Selection of CDM EB Finance Committee (EBFC) members	Final						
	Selection of panel/WG members	Info (to launch call)			Final			

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Support to the EB (<i>cont.</i>)	Selection of CDM Registration and Issuance Team (RIT) members	Info (to launch call)			Final			
	Calendar of meetings	Final					Final	
	EB workplan 2015	Final	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info	
	EB report to CMP				Concept/ Draft	Final		
	Report on interactions with stake- holders and policy makers		Info					
243 Improvement of the management plan (MAP) preparation process	Project concept note	Concept						
	Options for improving the MAP preparation process		Concept					
Support to the EB (<i>cont.</i>)	Mid-year review CDM MAP 2015				Info			Collection of project ideas via survey following the mid- year review at EB85.

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Support to the EB (<i>cont.</i>)	CDM Business Plan 2016- 2017					Concept	Final	
	CDM MAP 2016						Final	
	Information on projected future income and expenditure				Info		Info	This information will be provided through the MAP 2016.
242 Identification of key performance indicators (KPIs)	Project concept note	Concept						
	KPIs for CDM: Options and recommen- dations			Concept				
241 Independent third-party evaluation of RCCs	Project concept note	Concept						Project plan approved electronically in June.
	Selection of evaluator		Final					
	Third-party evaluation					Info		

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Servicing of panels/working groups								
Panels and working groups (WGs)	2015 workplans of panels and WGs	Final						
	Panel and WG meeting reports		Final		Final		Final	
	Reporting on performance of panel/WG members						Info	
	Procedure for selection and perfor- mance evaluation of RIT and Meth experts on the rosters of experts		Final					

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Panels and WGs (<i>cont.</i>)	Revisions of regulations for the appointment of assess- ment teams and the role of the CDM- AP in this process	Concept (panel/ WG input)						
Secretariat-organized interactions								
Global DNA Forum	Interaction with Co- Chairs			Info			Info	
DOE/AIE Coordination Forum	Interaction with the Chair	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info	
Accreditation system								
Accreditation	Options for fixed fees for accredita- tion assess- ments				Concept (panel/ WG input)			
	Review of the flexibility in the accreditation standard and procedure				Concept (secre./ panel/ WG joint rec.)		Final	

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Accreditation (cont.)	Approach on performance monitoring of designated operational entities (DOEs)				Concept (panel/WG input)			
Synergies on the accreditation systems of both constituted bodies	Response to Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC)	Final			Info			Decision 6/CMP.10, paras. 1 and 2 Update on the informal interaction between the chairs and vice-chairs of the Board and the JISC
Entity performance monitoring system	Synthesis report of the annual activity reports by DOEs	Info					Info	
Market and policy analysis								
Policy analysis and reports	Carbon market and policy update	Info		Info		Info		

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Partnerships								
Nairobi Framework	Nairobi Framework Partnership 2014 annual report	Info						
	Nairobi Framework Partnership workplan 2015		Info					
CDM loan scheme	Implementation report of CDM loan scheme					Info		
Regional collaboration centres operations	Report on operations				Info		Info	Information included in the MAP mid-year review.
Regulatory policy improvement								
222 Enhance the clarity, consistency and user-friendliness of regulations	Measures to improve the quality of documents			Info				

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222 (cont.)	Validity of regulatory documents	Info		Concept				
247 Additional LULUCF activities under the CDM and additional approaches to demonstration of land eligibility for A/R CDM project activities	Assessment of and report on applicability of afforestation/ re-forestation (A/R) modalities and procedures based on CMP.10 mandate		Concept		Final (through panel/WG report)	Final (through panel/WG report)		Decision 7/CMP.10, paras. 1 and 2. A/R WG 40 finalized its recommendation in this regard before EB85.
	Additional cost-effective approaches for eligibility of land to qualify as CDM A/R projects		Concept		Final (panel/WG input through panel/WG report, preceded by call)			Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 8 EB83 report para. 34

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Regulatory management								
Regulatory framework management and processing and managing official documents	Application of revised EB decision and documentation framework		Final	Final				
	Voluntary monitoring of the contribution to sustainable development	Concept						
	Reregistration process for project activities previously deregistered from the CDM						Concept	

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Rulings								
Project assessments								
Assessment of compliance with CDM requirements relating to project submissions	Consideration of cases for issuance, registration, PoAs and other project-related submissions	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	
Regulatory matters								
Report on implementation of voluntary deregistration						Info		Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 11
CDM registry procedure							Final	

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Project assessments								
246 Simplification of the project submission, registration and issuance processes and further opportunities for streamlining of the CDM	Project concept note	Concept						
	Proposal for simplifica- tion and streamlining of the CDM			Concept (preceded by call)		Final		Decision 3/CMP.9, para. 21 Decision 4/CMP.10, paras. 13, 14, 17, 18, 19
	Recommen- dations to the CMP on simplifica- tion and streamlining of the CDM					Final		Decision 4/CMP.10, paras. 13, 14, 17, 18, 19
	Use of the CDM infrastructure in other fields			Concept		Final		EB84 report, para. 9 The final product will be considered in the context of 231/2 (page 24)

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246 (cont.)	Consolidated and streamlined set of PoA provisions			Concept	Draft (preceded by call)	Final Concept (preceded by call)		EB84 report, para. 8
218 Development of specific simplified project-cycle templates	Project-cycle templates					Info		
Methodologies								
110 Further development of standardized baselines framework	Project concept note	Concept						
	Revision of Guidelines for establishment of sector specific standardized baseline				Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)	Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)	Final (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)	Meth Panel 67 could not conclude and agreed to send it to EB86 after reaching an agreement by electronic means.

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110 (cont.)	Report on road testing of current approaches in Guidelines for establishment of sector specific standardized baseline						Info (panel/ WG input)	
	Development of two standards with a methodological framework for two specific project types				Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)		Info	

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110 (cont.)	Revision of Procedure for development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines		Draft	Final				
	Further work to define rules for determination of country-specific thresholds for specific project types/sectors of under-represented countries						Draft (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)	Decision 3/CMP.9, para. 13

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110 (cont.)	Concept note on the options to develop sector-wide emission factor				Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)	Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)		Meth Panel 67 agreed to merge this concept note with the revision of guideline for establishment of sector specific standardized baselines for EB86.
	Database on cost and efficiency of technologies				Info Concept	Info		Change to concept note because the document includes a recommendation for the Board to provide guidance.
	Support to development of six standardized baselines							On a no-objection basis per the relevant procedures
223 Simplification of methodologies including digitization to reduce transaction costs	Project concept note	Concept						Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 6

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223 section: Cross-cutting issues (additionality, monitoring etc.)	Non-binding best practice examples in methodolo- gies		Concept (panel/WG input)		Final (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)		Final (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)	Call will be opened after EB85.
	Small-scale and microscale additionality guidelines, (Update of positive list, harmoniza- tion of the guidelines)				Final (through panel/ WG report)			
	Analysis of component project activity (CPA) threshold				Concept (panel/ WG input)			Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 18 (a) Further work will be determined when concept note is considered.
	Monitoring guidelines/ standards (package 1)				Draft (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)		Final (through panel/ WG report)	

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223 section: Cross-cutting issues (<i>cont.</i>)	Monitoring guidelines/ standards (package 2)						Draft (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)	
	Digitized methodology -specific forms for three specific methodolo- gies				Final (panel/ WG input)		Final (panel/ WG input)	Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 15
	Analysis of implications of allowing requests for revision of a methodology without a draft project design document (PDD)			Concept (panel/ WG input)		Final		Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 5
	Revision of Guidelines on assessment of investment analysis				Draft (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)		Final (through panel/ WG report)	

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223 section: PoA regulatory documents	Combina- tions of methodolo- gies that do not require prior approval						Final (through panel/ WG report)	
	Revision of Sampling standard/ Guideline to include survey guidelines					Final (panel/ WG input)		
223 section: Revision of large-scale and small- scale methodologies	Various top- down revised/new methodolo- gies and tools mandated by the Board		Final (through panel/WG report, preceded by call)		Final (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)		Final (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)	Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 6
Streamlining guidance on additionality	Streamlining the additionality approach				Concept (panel/ WG input)			Further work will be determined when concept note is considered.

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244 Development of new methodologies to broaden the applicability of the CDM	Project concept note	Concept						
	Various top- down revised/new methodolo- gies				Concept (panel/ WG input)	Concept (panel/ WG input)	Draft (through panel/ WG report)	Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 6 Concept note will be presented in two batches.
	Grid emission factors							On a no-objection basis per the relevant procedures
225 New project in the same physical geographical location at which a project whose crediting period has expired existed			Final (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)			Info		Decision 3/CMP.9, para. 17
Regulatory policy improvement								
216 Application of the E- policy for additionality demonstration	Analysis and consolidated document covering explanations of the E- issues		Info		Info	Info	Info	EB84 report, para. 15
Regulatory management								
Global/local stakeholder consultation				Concept		Concept		EB84 report, para. 33

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Revised Procedure for direct communication		Final (preceded by call)						Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 12
Report on stakeholder communications and impacts							Info	
Implications of changes to rules related to change of DOE at verification				Concept				
Support to DNAs								
Technical assistance to DNAs on guidelines for local stakeholder consultation	Concept note (if triggered by a DNA request)							Decision 3/CMP.9, para. 20

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Technical assistance to DNAs on guiding tools for monitoring sustainable development benefits	Concept note with implementation plan			Concept				Decision 3/CMP.9, para. 8
245 Increased support for stranded projects	Project concept note	Concept						
	Outreach to financial institutions and survey design			Concept	Concept	Info		EB84 report, para. 11
	System and process established				Info		Info	EB84 report, para. 11
	Reporting of inactive projects				Info	Info		Aligned with report on survey design

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Partnerships								
231/2 Assisting policymakers/ stakeholders in compliance markets / Development and promotion of voluntary cancellation	Update on support provided to nurture demand for CDM and certified emission reductions (CERs)			Info			Info	EB84 report, para. 9: Further work on how the CDM infrastructure can be used in other fields to be conducted in this context.
	Online platform for voluntary cancellation of CERs		Info		Final		Info	
	Board to offset its emissions for 2015		Concept	Info		Info		
	Promoting the voluntary cancellation tool at COP 21					Info		

EB Workplan 2015 (Total of documents 148 149)						
Numbers of items	EB82	EB83	EB84	EB85	EB86	EB87
Concept	10	5	10	40 9	4 6	1
Draft	0	1	0	3	0	3
Final	8	7	3	40 11	9 6	14
Info	7	6	7	9 5	12 13	12 14
Total	25	19	20	32 28	22 25	30 32

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