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Annotations to the proposed agenda

Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. ► **Action:** The Chair of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) (hereinafter referred to as the Board) shall ascertain whether: (a) the members present constitute a quorum; and (b) the absence of any member or alternate member is “without proper justification”.¹

Background: According to the Rules of procedure of the Board, at least two thirds of the members of the Board, representing a majority of members from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and a majority of members from Parties not included in Annex I, must be present to constitute a quorum.

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

2. ► **Action:** Members may wish to adopt the proposed agenda for the eighty-first meeting.

Background: At its last meeting, the Board agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda for its eighty-first meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the Board on 3 November 2014 and thereafter posted on the UNFCCC CDM website in accordance with rule 21 of the Rules of procedure of the Board.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

3. ► **Action:** Members of the Board may wish to provide statements on any conflict of interest concerning the issues on the agenda for the meeting, and take action, as appropriate.

Background: Following the request by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), through its decision 2/CMP.5, to publish statements of conflict of interest on the UNFCCC website, members and alternate members are requested to disclose whether they have any conflict of interest relating to the work of the Board at each meeting.

Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction

4. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of an oral report on the development of an online platform for voluntary cancellation.

Background: The Board at its eightieth meeting considered approaches for the development of an online certified emission reduction (CER) purchasing tool and

¹ Please refer to rule 28 of the Rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism, decision 4/CMP.1 (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/8/Add.1).

requested the secretariat to continue to work on this matter and to report back to the Board on options and solutions.

5. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider an update on the work related to the private sector engagement.

Background: At its seventy-ninth meeting, while considering the concept note on increasing the demand for CERs and the use of the CDM by facilitating the acceptance of CERs for compliance and voluntary purposes, the Board requested the secretariat to elaborate on which benefits associated with the voluntary cancellation of CERs can be used to attract private-sector demand, and how these benefits can be brought together as a basis for reaching out to the private sector.

6. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt its CDM management plan (MAP) for 2015.

Background: The Board requested the secretariat to prepare the MAP 2015, in consultation with the Board's Finance Committee, taking into account inputs received by the Board and the CDM business plan 2014–2015.

7. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the work undertaken related to the definition of net mitigation.

Background: The Board through its MAP 2014 and workplan 2014 decided to conduct an analysis of the net mitigation potential of registered CDM projects.

Agenda item 2.3. Performance management

8. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of a report on the implementation of the workplan of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP), the Methodologies Panel (Meth Panel), the Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG), the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG) and the Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Working Group (CCS WG) for 2014, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-seventh meeting, adopted the workplan of its panels and working groups for 2014.

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

9. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on the process for appointment of CDM assessment teams, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

Background: The Board at its seventy-ninth meeting agreed to consider the process for appointment of assessment teams and the role of the CDM-AP and requested the CDM-AP and secretariat to jointly prepare a concept note, with a view to assessing whether revisions of regulations on this matter are required, for consideration no later than at the eighty-first meeting of the Board.

10. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on numbers, frequency and timing of assessments of designated operational entities (DOEs), as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

Background: The Board at its eightieth meeting requested the secretariat to prepare a

concept note, in consultation with the CDM-AP, on options on numbers, frequency and timing for assessments of DOEs, ensuring the integrity of the accreditation process while taking into account the impact on costs to DOEs given the current market situation.

11. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of a report on the work undertaken by the task force on examinations to qualify DOE personnel, as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-ninth meeting, requested the task force on examinations to qualify DOE personnel to continue supporting the DOEs in developing a guidance document for their voluntary use and requested the secretariat to report back to the Board on the work of the task force.

12. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider an analysis by the CDM-AP of the proposal included in the draft decision on synergy relating to accreditation (FCCC/SBI/2014/L.4/Add.1), as contained in paragraph 18 to the report on the seventieth meeting of the CDM-AP.

Background: The Board decided via electronic decision, in accordance with rule 30 of its Rules of procedure, to request the CDM-AP to analyse the proposal included in the draft decision on synergy relating to accreditation, as the outcome of the negotiations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at its fortieth session in June 2014.

13. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to agree on its tentative calendar of meetings for 2015.

Background: Together with the consideration of the MAP 2015, the Board is also to consider a tentative calendar of meetings for 2015.

14. ► **Action:** The Board may consider an update by the Chair on the work undertaken by members and alternate members of the Board since the eightieth meeting.

Background: The Chair of the Board will provide an update of the activities undertaken since the last meeting in July, including the interactions held with policy makers and stakeholders, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's 2014 Climate Summit and the Climate Week in September 2014, to interact with policy makers and stakeholders during this period.

Agenda item 2.5. Operation of panels and working groups

(a). CDM Accreditation Panel

15. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the reports on the 69th and 70th meetings of the CDM-AP.

Background: The CDM-AP held its 69th meeting on 25–27 August 2014 and its 70th meeting on 3–5 November 2014 in Bonn, Germany.

(b). Methodologies Panel

16. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the reports on the 64th and 65th meetings of the Meth Panel.

Background: The Meth Panel held its 64th meeting on 19–22 August 2014 and its 65th meeting on 21–24 October 2014 in Bonn. The Meth Panel dealt with case-specific issues, methodological clarifications, guidance and other issues, as specified below.

(c). Small-Scale Working Group

17. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the reports on the 45th and 46th meetings of the SSC WG.

Background: The SSC WG held its 45th meeting on 25–28 August 2014 and its 46th meeting on 27–30 October 2014 in Bonn. The SSC WG dealt with case-specific issues, methodological clarifications, guidance and other issues, as specified below.

(d). Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group

18. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 39th meeting of the A/R WG.

Background: The A/R WG held its 39th meeting via web-based audio-conference on 11 August 2014 and dealt with case-specific issues, methodological clarifications, guidance and other issues, as specified below.

Agenda item 3. Rulings (case specific)

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation

19. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to:
- (a) Consider the recommendations of the CDM-AP on the outcome of spot checks;
 - (b) Accredit and recommend for designation applicant entities for sector-specific validation and verification/certification functions;
 - (c) Reaccredit designated operational entities (DOEs) for sector-specific validation and verification/certification functions;
 - (d) Take note of notifications from the CDM-AP on the completion of regular surveillance assessments;
 - (e) Take note of notifications from the CDM-AP on the completion of performance assessments;
 - (f) Take note of notifications from the DOEs on voluntary withdrawal of accreditation;
 - (g) Consider recommendations of the CDM-AP on other issues.

Background: In accordance with the accreditation procedure, the accreditation-related recommendations and the supporting documentation will be sent to the Board under separate cover as confidential information.

Agenda item 3.2. Programmes of activities

20. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take stock of the progress of registration and issuance of programmes of activities (PoAs).

Background: The information available in the section on “Programme of Activities” on the UNFCCC CDM website (<<http://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/index.html>>) indicates the status of PoAs submitted for registration as a single CDM project activity. Information on the status of certified emission reductions (CERs) issued for PoAs is available at <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers_iss.html>.

Agenda item 3.3. Registration

21. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take stock of the progress of registration of project activities.

Background: The information available on the UNFCCC CDM website (<<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/projsearch.html>>) indicates the status of project activities submitted for registration.

22. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for one request for registration as listed in table 1 below, for which a review has been commenced.

Background: Three or more members of the Board or a Party involved requested a review of the requests for registration listed in table 1 below. The subsequent assessments by the secretariat and the RIT Team contained different proposed decisions (i.e. one to register and the other to reject), or the same proposed decisions (both to register or to reject) but an objection was received from a member of the Board. In accordance with the applicable regulation for the case listed in table 1 below, the Board shall decide whether to register the project activity or to reject the request for registration.

Table 1.^(a) Request for registration review case for which assessments by the secretariat and the RIT Team contain different proposed decisions or an objection by a member of the Board was received

Ref no.	Title	Register	Reject
9051	“Tucuruí-Macapá-Manaus Electrical Interconnected grid” (for simplicity hereafter referred to simply as the “LT-Amazonas Project”).	?	?

^(a) Table 1 refers to case for which the “Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure” version 03.0 is applicable (i.e. for requests for registration which have been submitted under the validation and verification standard (VVS) track) and/or cases for which the “Procedures for review of requests for registration” version 01.2 is applicable (i.e. for requests for registration which have been submitted under the validation and verification manual (VVM) track).

Agenda item 3.4. Issuance

23. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take stock of the progress of issuance for project activities and the operation of the CDM registry.

Background: The information available in the section on “Issuance of CERs” on the UNFCCC CDM website (<<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance>>) indicates the status of requests for issuance.

24. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take stock of the number of CERs that were voluntarily cancelled.

Background: The information available in the section on “CERs cancelled to date in the CDM Registry” on the UNFCCC CDM website (<https://cdm.unfccc.int/Registry/vc_attest/index.html>) indicates the total amount of CERs cancelled.

25. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for one request for issuance, for which a review has been commenced, as listed in table 2 below.

Background: Three or more members of the Board or a Party involved requested a review of the issuance request listed in table 2 below. The subsequent assessments by the secretariat and the RIT Team contained different proposed decisions (i.e. one to approve and the other to reject), or the same proposed decision (both to approve or to reject) but an objection from a member of the Board was received. In accordance with the applicable regulation for each case listed in table 2 below, the Board shall decide whether to approve or to reject the request for issuance.

Table 2:^(a) Request for issuance review case for which assessments by the secretariat and the RIT Team contain different proposed decisions or an objection by a member of the Board was received

Ref. no.	Title	Monitoring Period	No. of CERs	Approve	Reject
PoA-4302	SASSA Low Pressure Solar Water Heater Programme	01 Jan 2012 - 31 Dec 2012	34,749	?	?

^(a) Table 2 refers to a case for which the “Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure”, version 03.0 is applicable (i.e. for requests for issuance which have been submitted under the VVS track) and/or a case for which the “Procedures for review of requests for issuance of CERs” version 02.0 is applicable (i.e. for requests for issuance which have been submitted under the VVM track).

Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools

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

26. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the draft package of documents on the results of road-testing of the current approaches, revised guidelines for the establishment of sector-specific standardized baselines and further work on standardized baselines including country-specific thresholds on baseline and additionality, as contained in annex 5 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its CDM-MAP 2014, agreed on the further development and implementation of standardized baselines.

27. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider a package for revision of PoA-related regulatory documents, containing draft revision of PoA-related regulatory documents, including a report on improved PoA regulations including multi-country PoAs; a concept note for the further simplification of batched issuance requests for PoAs; and concept note for the application of multiple methodologies for PoAs, as contained in annex 6 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-eighth meeting, considered a concept note on further work on batched issuance requests for PoAs and requested the secretariat to work further to propose revisions to regulatory documents related to PoAs. The Board, at its eightieth meeting, agreed in principle to allow the submission of multiple specific CPA-DDs per generic CPA-DD and requested the secretariat to assess the changes that may be required for the specified timelines as well as workflow-related changes on the UNFCCC CDM website. The Board, at its eightieth meeting, also discussed options for further simplification of requirements on the application of multiple methodologies to PoAs and requested the secretariat to assess the feasibility of further ways for simplifying the requirements on the application of multiple methodologies for PoAs.

28. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of an information note on the development of methodology-specific project design forms, as contained in annex 7 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its MAP 2014, and in accordance with the mandate from CMP 9, agreed to simplify the validation process

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

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

29. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to approve the new methodology “AM00XX: Recovery and utilization of coke oven gas from coke plants for LNG production” as contained in annex 1 to the report of the 64th meeting of the Meth Panel. The draft methodology is based on proposed new methodology “NM0372: Recovery of Coke oven gas for production of LNG” and is applicable to project activities that install a new liquefied natural gas (LNG) production plant which will recover the coke oven gas (COG) of an existing coke plant to produce LNG.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 15 of the report of its 64th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

30. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to approve the new consolidated methodology “ACM00XX: Construction of a new natural gas power plant”, as contained in annex 1 to the report of the 65th meeting of the Meth Panel. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate received from the Board at its seventy-eighth meeting (EB 78, annex 8) to simplify and improve the consistency in the methodologies. The draft consolidated methodology is based on the revision of “AM0029: Baseline Methodology for Grid Connected Electricity Generation Plants using Natural Gas” and “AM0087: Construction of a new natural gas power plant supplying electricity to the grid or a single consumer” and is applicable to project activities that implement new power generation plants that use natural gas as fuel, and displace electricity from the electric power grid or from a specific baseline power generation technology. The draft revision:

- (a) Aligns baseline scenarios by clarifying identification of baseline alternative;
- (b) Simplifies estimation of leakage emissions;
- (c) Streamlines the baseline emissions calculation;

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 19 (a) of the report of its 65th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

31. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to withdraw the approved methodologies “AM0029: Baseline Methodology for Grid Connected Electricity Generation Plants using Natural Gas” and “AM0087: Construction of a new natural gas power plant supplying electricity to the grid or a single consumer” as these methodologies have been fully incorporated into the new consolidated methodology “ACM00XX: Construction of a new natural gas power plant”.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 22 of the report of its 65th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

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

32. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the following recommendation to provide response to request for revision, as referred to in the Meth Panel report:

- (a) “Recommendation to approve the request for revision “AM_REV_0253: The balanced method for measurement of FCCj (Fraction of total carbon content in waste type j) and FFCj (Fraction of fossil carbon in total content of waste type j)” related to the approved consolidated methodology “ACM0022: Alternative waste treatment processes”.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 17 and in table 3 of paragraph 18 of the report of its 65th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>. Information on requests for revision to approved methodologies and tools finalized by the Meth Panel for consideration by the Board is available on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/revisions/pending>> and <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/tools-revisions/pending>> respectively.

33. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to approve the revisions to the following approved methodologies and tools as major revisions:

- (a) “AM0014: Natural gas-based package cogeneration”, as contained in annex 2 to the report of the 65th meeting of the Meth Panel. The revision was carried out as per the workplan 2013 to simplify and streamline the methodology and in response to the mandate received from the Board at its seventy-eighth meeting (EB 78, annex 8) to simplify and improve the consistency in the methodology. The Meth Panel considered the possibility of a consolidation of AM0014 with the approved methodology “AM0102: Greenfield cogeneration facility supplying electricity and steam to a Greenfield Industrial Consumer and exporting excess electricity to a grid and/or project customer(s)”, as indicated in report of the 64th meeting of the Meth Panel (MP 64, paragraph 20(a)), but agreed not to

consolidate the methodologies as the applicability of the methodologies cannot be fully aligned. The draft revision:

- (i) Simplifies and streamlines the methodology with respect to baseline scenario identification, additionality demonstration and baseline emissions calculation procedure;
 - (ii) Expands applicability to greenfield consumer facilities;
 - (iii) Changes the title to “Fossil fuel based cogeneration for identified recipient facility(ies)”;
- (b) “AM0048: New cogeneration project activities supplying electricity and heat to multiple costumers”, as contained in annex 3 to the report of the 65th meeting of the Meth Panel. The revision was carried out as per the workplan 2013 to simplify and streamline the methodology. The draft revision:
 - (i) Simplifies and streamlines the methodology with respect to baseline scenario identification, additionality demonstration and baseline emissions calculation procedure;
 - (ii) Corrects the title to “New cogeneration project activities supplying electricity and heat to multiple customers”;
- (c) “ACM0002: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources”, as contained in annex 4 to the report of the 65th meeting of the Meth Panel. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate received from the Board at its seventy-eighth meeting (EB 78, annex 8) to standardize the requirements on additionality in the methodology. The draft revision standardizes the requirements on additionality in the methodology;
- (d) “ACM0009: Consolidated baseline and monitoring methodology for fuel switching from coal or petroleum fuel to natural gas”, as contained in annex 5 to the report of the 65th meeting of the Meth Panel. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate received from the Board at its seventy-ninth meeting (EB 79, paragraph 46) to further work on the revision of methodologies involving fuel switch as well as the methodological tool “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use” and based on the request for clarification: “AM_CLA_0262: Monitoring of εproject,i in case of application of Option D as per ACM009 version 4.0.0 page 6”. The draft revision:
 - (i) Adds a reference to the following methodological tools:
 - a. “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use”;
 - b. “Assessment of the validity of the original/current baseline and update of the baseline at the renewal of the crediting period”;
 - (ii) Clarifies that net leakage should always be considered as zero when net leakage effects are negative;
 - (iii) Corrects the approach in Option D of the baseline efficiency calculation which was leading to overestimation of baseline emissions;

- (iv) Includes other editorial changes;
- (e) “ACM0011: Consolidated baseline methodology for fuel switching from coal and/or petroleum fuels to natural gas in existing power plants for electricity generation”, as contained in annex 6 to the report of the 65th meeting of the Meth Panel. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate received from the Board at its seventy-ninth meeting (EB 79, paragraph 46) to further work on the revision of methodologies involving fuel switch as well as the methodological tool “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use”. The draft revision:
 - (i) Adds a reference to the following methodological tools:
 - a. “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use”;
 - b. “Assessment of the validity of the original/current baseline and update of the baseline at the renewal of the crediting period”;
 - (ii) Clarifies that net leakage should always be considered as zero when net leakage effects are negative;
 - (iii) Includes other editorial changes;
- (f) The methodological tool: “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use”, as contained in annex 7 to the report of the 65th meeting of the Meth Panel. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate received from the Board at its seventy-ninth meeting (EB 79, paragraph 46) to further work on the revision of methodologies involving fuel switch as well as the methodological tool “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use”. The draft revision highlights that net leakage needs to be considered always as zero in situations where net leakage is calculated as negative;
- (g) “ACM0012: Consolidated baseline methodology for GHG emission reductions from waste energy recovery projects”, as contained in annex 8 to the report of the 65th meeting of the Meth Panel. The revision was carried out as per the workplan 2013 to simplify and streamline the methodology and in response to the mandate received from the Board at its seventy-sixth meeting (EB 76, paragraph 48) to further work on certain sections of the methodology. The draft revision:
 - (i) Provides new definitions, and streamlines the sections for applicability, procedure for baseline scenario identification, additionality and baseline emissions;
 - (ii) Includes previously issued clarifications and Board decisions, such as the “Information note: previous rulings related to the appropriateness of benchmarks for project activities utilizing waste heat/waste gas for power generation” that relates to this methodology;
 - (iii) Expands the application of the methodology to claim additional emission reduction to those project activities that generate electricity and mechanical energy from recovery and use of waste energy beyond the maximum capacity of the pre-existing equipment at the recipient facilities;
 - (iv) Changes the title to “Waste energy recovery”;

- (h) “ACM0022: Alternative waste treatment processes”, as contained in annex 9 to the report of the 65th meeting of the Meth Panel. The revision was carried out as per the workplan 2013 to introduce standardized approaches for additionality demonstration, request for revision AM_REV_0253 and to implement the PoA standards and procedures. The draft revision:
- (i) Introduces standardized approaches for the demonstration of additionality;
 - (ii) Improves the provision for the use of this methodology in a component project activity under a PoA;
 - (iii) Addresses relevant comments from the commenting system;
 - (iv) Introduces an additional option (balance method) for the determining the parameter of fossil fraction of the waste;

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 19 of the report of its 65th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

34. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to provide mandate to the Meth Panel to revise the methodological tool “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality”.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 28 of the report of its 64th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>. The Meth Panel, while considering the clarification “AM_CLA_0261: Clarification on the application of combined tool and on classification of cargo transported”, agreed to seek a mandate from the Board to revise the “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality”.

35. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to provide mandate to the Meth Panel to work on guiding elements for the approved consolidated methodology ACM0001.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 20 of the report of its 65th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>. While considering the revision of the methodology ACM0012, the Meth Panel considered the proposal to provide guiding elements for users of this methodology. The Meth Panel appreciated the proposal and agreed that providing such guiding elements will increase the usability of the methodology and will potentially reduce the number of request for reviews of the CDM project activities using this methodology. The Meth Panel agreed to seek a mandate to work on guiding elements for the methodology ACM0001.

36. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to provide mandate to the Meth Panel to further work on the presentation of the guiding elements.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 21 of the report of its 65th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>. The work will focus on consideration of providing these guiding elements in a separate document and consider procedural aspects regarding the guiding document.

37. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to provide mandate to the Meth Panel to revise the methodological tool “Tool to determine the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems”.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 31 of the report of its 65th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>. While considering the request for deviation M-Dev0488, the Meth Panel agreed to seek a mandate from the Board to revise the methodological tool “Tool to determine the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems” to update the table containing “default baseline efficiency for different technologies” with efficiency value for biomass as a fuel, and cogeneration technologies.

38. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to provide mandate to the Meth Panel to revise the methodological tool “Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system”.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 39 of the report of its 65th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>. In response to the mandate to conduct road-testing of the current approaches of the standardized baseline standard (SB standard), the Meth Panel requested the secretariat to prepare an analysis, based on the literature review and country data, that highlights the implications of applying the SB standard to the power sector including newly proposed “weighted average emission factor approach”. The analysis will also reflect the comparison of this approach with the approach of the methodological tool “Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system” (Grid tool). In addition, it will consider lessons learned from the submissions on standardized baselines for grid emission factors using the grid tool.

(iii). Clarifications (large-scale)

39. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to approve the response to requests for clarification AM_CLA_0259 to AM_CLA_0264 and CLA_TOOL_0023 to CLA_TOOL_0024 as prepared by the Meth Panel and referred to in the Meth Panel reports.

Background: The recommendations agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in table 5 in paragraph 26 and table 5 in paragraph 29 of the report of its 64th and 65th meeting respectively, which are available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>. Information on requests for clarification to approved methodologies and tools finalized by the Meth Panel for consideration by the Board is available on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/clarifications/pending>>.

(c). Methodological standards for small-scale CDM projects

40. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the draft information note “Assessing risk of occurrence of negative emission reductions in small-scale component project activities”, containing analysis and recommendation to the Board to address the issue of negative emission reductions, as contained in annex 20 to the report of the 45th meeting of the SSC WG. The recommendation in the information note mainly covers:

- (a) Analysis of the risks associated with the occurrence of negative emission reductions in small scale CPAs;
- (b) Recommendations on the measures to address the issue.

Background: This work is conducted in response to the request by the Board at its seventy-eighth meeting, to the SSC WG to propose appropriate modifications to the regulatory documents and/or related methodologies to address the issue of negative emission reductions (as per Option 1 of a concept note on further work on batched issuance requests for PoAs presented to the Board at its seventy-eighth meeting). The recommendation agreed by the SSC WG is contained in paragraph 31 of the report of its 46th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

41. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the revised approved default values of fraction of non-renewable biomass (fNRB) for the Republic of Sudan, as contained in the information note “Default values of fraction of non-renewable biomass for the Republic of Sudan” in annex 21 to the report of the 45th meeting of the SSC WG.

Background: The work is based on the request to the secretariat, in consultation with the SSC WG, to continue to determine fNRB values for Parties with 10 or fewer registered CDM project activities as of 31 December 2010. The recommendation agreed by the SSC WG is contained in paragraph 32 of the report of its 46th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

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

42. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the SSC WG to approve the proposed new methodology: “SSC-II.XX.: Energy efficiency in electric motor systems”. The draft of the methodology is contained in annex 1 to the report of the 45th meeting of the SSC WG. The draft new methodology was prepared in response to the mandate received from the Board at its seventy-fifth meeting (EB 75 report, paragraph 67) to develop specific methodologies for specific industrial applications (e.g. motor drive system) with standardized approaches for baseline settings. The new methodology is applicable to project activities that introduce energy efficiency measures such as efficient motors, pumps, fans, etc. through replacement/retrofit.

Background: The recommendation is contained in paragraph 19 of the 45th meeting of the SSC WG available on the UNFCCC CDM website at: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html>.

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

43. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to approve the revisions to the following approved methodologies and tools as major revisions:
- (a) “AMS-I.G.: Plant oil production and use for energy generation in stationary applications”. The methodology was approved at the fifty-fifth meeting of the Board. The draft revision as contained in annex 2 to the report of the 45th meeting of the SSC WG:
 - (i) Removes the applicability conditions related to land eligibility and project emission calculations related to the cultivation of biomass where applicable

- and includes a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”;
 - (ii) Includes a reference to the methodological tools “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use” and “Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight”;
 - (iii) Removes the restriction for the application of the methodology in PoAs;
 - (iv) Removes the PoA-specific provision to scrap the baseline equipment.
- (b) “AMS-I.H.: Biodiesel production and use for energy generation in stationary applications”. The methodology was approved at the fifty-fifth meeting of the Board. The draft revision as contained in annex 3 to the report of the 45th meeting of the SSC WG:
- (i) Removes the applicability conditions related to land eligibility and project emission calculations related to the cultivation of biomass where applicable and includes a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”;
 - (ii) Includes a reference to the methodological tools “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use” and “Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight”;
 - (iii) Removes the restriction for the application of the methodology in PoAs;
 - (iv) Removes the PoA-specific provision to scrap the baseline equipment;
- (c) “AMS-III.AK.: Biodiesel production and use for transport applications”. The methodology was approved at the fifty-fifth meeting of the Board and the draft revision as contained in annex 4 to the report of the 45th meeting of the SSC WG:
- (i) Removes the applicability conditions related to land eligibility and project emission calculations related to the cultivation of biomass where applicable and includes a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”;
 - (ii) Includes a reference to the methodological tools “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use” and “Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight”;
- (d) “AMS-III.T.: Plant oil production and use for transport applications”. The methodology was last revised at the fifty-fifth meeting of the Board and the draft revision as contained in annex 5 to the report of the 45th meeting of the SSC WG:
- (i) Removes the applicability conditions related to land eligibility and project emission calculations related to the cultivation of biomass where applicable and includes a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”;
 - (ii) Includes a reference to the methodological tools “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use” and “Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight”;

- (iii) Removes the restriction for the application of the methodology in PoAs;
 - (iv) Removes the PoA-specific provision to scrap the baseline equipment.
- (e) “AMS-III.C.: Emission reductions by electric and hybrid vehicles”, based on the request for revision SSC_712, to include vehicle charging stations to claim emission reductions and to include two additional options to determine specific fuel consumption for baseline vehicles. The draft revision as contained in annex 1 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG:
 - (i) Expands the applicability of the methodology to cover situations where renewable energy source is used for charging the electric vehicles through a dedicated transmission/distribution line;
 - (ii) Elaborates procedures to avoid double counting of emission reductions in cases where renewable energy source is used for charging the electric/hybrid vehicles;
 - (iii) Includes additional options for determination of specific fuel consumption of baseline vehicles based on operational/historic data of the vehicles under baseline operational conditions (data from a control group of vehicles, national statistics, and industry default values);
- (f) “AMS-III.BB.: Electrification of communities through grid extension or construction of new mini-grids” to simplify metering requirements, based on the request for revision SSC_714. The methodology was approved at the sixty-seventh meeting of the Board and the draft revision as contained in annex 2 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG simplifies the monitoring procedures for consumers under grid extensions (e.g. using prepaid electricity purchase devices);
- (g) “AMS-I.L.: Electrification of rural communities using renewable energy”, to allow increased flexibility to determine system availability factor for solar PV systems, based on the request for revision SSC_715. The draft revision as contained in annex 3 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG includes further options to determine the average value of availability for solar PV systems;
- (h) “AMS-III.AU.: Methane emission reduction by adjusted water management practice in rice cultivation”, based on the mandate received from the Board at its eightieth meeting (EB 80 report, paragraph 36), to prepare and recommend a top-down revision of AMS.III.AU incorporating the new approach based on the proposed standardized baseline “PSB0019: Standardized baseline for methane emissions from rice cultivation in the Republic of the Philippines”. The draft revision as contained in annex 4 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG introduces a simplified option for emission reductions calculation for countries/regions, with the aim of reducing transaction costs especially for those in the regions which are underrepresented in the CDM;
- (i) “AMS-I.B.: Mechanical energy for the user with or without electrical energy”. The draft revision of the methodology is based on the SSC WG workplan 2013 to include provisions to address suppressed demand, the request by the Board at its seventy-seventh meeting (EB 77 report, paragraph 62) to include procedures for determining baseline scenarios for Greenfield/capacity expansion project activities in Type I methodologies and the request by the Board at its seventy-

sixth meeting (EB 76, paragraph 53) to include a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass” in small-scale methodologies in relevant methodologies. The draft revision as contained in annex 5 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG:

- (i) Adds a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”, and streamlines biomass cultivation procedures across small- and large-scale methodologies;
 - (ii) Removes restrictions for application of the methodology in a PoA;
 - (iii) Includes procedures for determining baseline scenarios for greenfield/capacity expansion project activities;
 - (iv) Provides a simplified procedure to determine baseline under suppressed demand scenario;
- (j) “AMS-I.D.: Grid connected renewable electricity generation”. The draft revision of the methodology is based on the request by the Board at its seventy-sixth meeting (EB 76, paragraph 53) to include a reference to methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass” in small-scale methodologies in relevant methodologies and to address the guidance by the Board to make all methodologies applicable to PoAs by providing additional methodological provisions for PoAs where necessary. The draft revision as contained in annex 6 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG:
- (i) Introduces the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”, streamlining the procedure to estimate project emissions associated with biomass cultivation across large- and small-scale methodologies,
 - (ii) Removes restrictions for application in a PoA;
 - (iii) Includes the changes recommended in “SSC_591: Revision of AMS-I.D for replacement projects and projects supplying electricity to users via grid” and “SSC_558: Clarification on the treatment of capacity addition in the case of wind energy projects under AMS-I.D”;
 - (iv) Streamlines the procedure for retrofit and capacity addition with “ACM0002: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources”;
- (k) “AMS-I.E.: Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user”. The draft revision of the methodology is based on the request by the Board at its seventy-sixth meeting (EB 76, paragraph 53) to include a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass” in small-scale methodologies in relevant methodologies and to address the guidance by the Board to make all methodologies applicable to PoAs by providing additional methodological provisions for PoAs where necessary. The draft revision as contained in annex 7 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG:
- (i) Adds a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”, streamlines biomass cultivation procedures across small and large scale methodologies;

- (ii) Removes restrictions for application of the methodology in a PoA.
- (l) “AMS-I.F: Renewable electricity generation for captive use and mini-grid”. The draft revision of the methodology is based on the request by the Board at its seventy-sixth meeting (EB 76, paragraph 53) to include a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass” in small-scale methodologies in relevant methodologies and to address the guidance by the Board to make all methodologies applicable to PoAs by providing additional methodological provisions for PoAs where necessary. The methodology was approved at the fifty-fourth meeting of the Board and the draft revision as contained in annex 8 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG:
 - (i) Introduces the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”, streamlines biomass cultivation procedures across small- and large-scale methodologies;
 - (ii) Removes restrictions for application of the methodology in a PoA;
- (m) “AMS-III.A.: Offsetting of synthetic nitrogen fertilizers by inoculant application in legumes-grass rotations on acidic soils on existing cropland”. The draft revision of the methodology is based on the request by the Board at its seventy-sixth meeting (EB 76, paragraph 53) to include a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass” in small-scale methodologies in relevant methodologies. The draft revision as contained in annex 9 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG streamlines with the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”;
- (n) “AMS-III.AS.: Switch from fossil fuel to biomass in existing manufacturing facilities for non-energy applications”. The draft revision of the methodology is based on the request by the Board at its seventy-sixth meeting (EB 76, paragraph 53) to include a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass” in small-scale methodologies in relevant methodologies and to address the Board’s guidance to make all methodologies applicable to PoAs by providing additional methodological provisions for PoAs where necessary. The draft revision as contained in annex 10 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG:
 - (i) Adds a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”, streamlining biomass cultivation procedures across small and large-scale methodologies;
 - (ii) Streamlines upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use procedures;
 - (iii) Removes restrictions for application of the methodology in a PoA;
- (o) “AMS-III.BF.: Reduction of N₂O emissions from use of Nitrogen Use Efficient (NUE) seeds that require less fertilizer application”. The draft revision of the methodology is based on the request by the Board at its seventy-sixth meeting (EB 76, paragraph 53) to include a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass” in small-scale methodologies in relevant methodologies and to address the Board’s guidance to make all methodologies applicable to PoAs by providing additional methodological provisions for PoAs

where necessary. The draft revision as contained in annex 11 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG:

- (i) Streamlines the sources and calculations of default emission factors, replacing a calculation procedure;
 - (ii) Removes restrictions for application of the methodology in a PoA;
- (p) “AMS-II.J.: Demand-side activities for efficient lighting technologies”. This work is carried out in response to the mandate for “Simplification and streamlining of methodologies, tools and standards” and as per the 2014 workplan of the SSC WG. The draft revision as contained in annex 12 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG includes:
 - (i) Further clarification in unique marking requirement for the project/PoA;
 - (ii) Simplification of testing requirements for project lamps;
 - (iii) Simplification of emission reductions calculation (in particular, extrapolation of monitoring results of the first batch of installed lamps to the whole project);
 - (iv) Criteria for automatic additionality consistent with “AM0113: Distribution of compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) and light-emitting diode (LED) lamps to households”;
 - (v) Expansion of applicability to include switching from incandescent lamps (ICLs) to light-emitting diodes (LEDs) as well as switching from compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) to LEDs;
- (q) “AMS-III.AR.: Substituting fossil fuel based lighting with LED/CFL lighting systems”. This work is carried out in response to the mandate for “Simplification and streamlining of methodologies, tools and standards”, as per the 2014 workplan of the SSC WG. The draft revision as contained in annex 13 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG:
 - (i) Provides further clarity in unique marking requirement for the project/PoA;
 - (ii) Includes simplification of emission reductions calculation (in particular, extrapolation of monitoring results of the first batch of installed CFLs/LEDs to the whole project);
 - (iii) Includes a revision of the minimum quality standards for lighting products;
 - (iv) Provides criteria for automatic additionality;
 - (v) Introduces editorial corrections in equations;
- (r) “AMS-III.G.: Landfill methane recovery”. This work is carried out in response to the mandate for “Simplification and streamlining of methodologies, tools and standards” as per the 2014 workplan of the SSC WG. The draft revision as contained in annex 14 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG includes a simplified additionality procedure consistent with “ACM0001: Flaring or use of landfill gas”;

- (s) “AMS-III.E.: Avoidance of methane production from decay of biomass through controlled combustion, gasification or mechanical/thermal treatment”. This work is carried out in response to the mandate for “Simplification and streamlining of methodologies, tools and standards” as per the 2014 workplan of the SSC WG. The draft revision as contained in annex 15 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG introduces a suppressed demand scenario;
- (t) “AMS-III.H.: Methane recovery in wastewater treatment”. This work is carried out in response to the mandate for “Simplification and streamlining of methodologies, tools and standards” as per the 2014 workplan of the SSC WG. The draft revision as contained in annex 16 to the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG:
 - (i) Includes a simplified additionality procedure for existing waste water treatment plants
 - (ii) Introduces MCF values for land application.

Background: Based on the procedure on “Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools” the SSC WG may propose that the Board revise an approved methodology. The recommendations agreed by the SSC WG are contained in paragraph 22 of the report of the 45th meeting of the SSC WG and paragraph 22 of the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG available on the UNFCCC CDM website at: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html>.

44. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to reject the revisions to the following approved methodology “AMS-III.AJ.: Recovery and recycling of materials from solid wastes”, based on the request for revision “SSC_648: Revision of AMS-III.AJ to cover energy savings through recycling of paper/cardboard”. The case has been pending since SSC WG 39 and the key issues, among others, on approaches to determine baseline emissions are not adequately addressed. The SSC WG however agreed to encourage the authors of the submission to re-submit the proposal taking into account the feedback provided by the SSC WG.

Background: Based on the procedure on “Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools” the SSC WG may propose that the Board reject the revision of an approved methodology. The recommendations agreed by the SSC WG are contained in paragraph 24 of the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG available on the UNFCCC CDM website at: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html>.

45. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation not to revise the methodologies:
- (a) “AMS-II.G: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass”;
 - (b) “AMS-I.L: Electrification of rural communities using renewable energy”;
 - (c) “AMS-III.R: Methane recovery in agricultural activities at household/small farm level”.

The SSC WG considered including a menu of options for eligibility criteria for inclusion of CDM component project activities (CPAs) of PoAs into the methodologies. Instead of

revising the methodologies AMS-II.G., AMS-I.L. and AMS-III.R., the SSC WG agreed to recommend the inclusion of the templates of eligibility criteria in the draft revision of the “General guidelines for SSC CDM methodologies”.

Background: This work is carried out in response to the mandate for “Simplification and streamlining of methodologies, tools and standards” with the aim to include a menu of options for eligibility criteria for inclusion of CDM component project activities (CPAs) into a PoA to facilitate the work of coordinating/managing entities (CMEs) as per the 2014 workplan of the SSC WG.

(iii). Guidelines (small-scale)

46. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the information note “Small-scale and microscale thresholds for CPAs” as contained in annex 22 to the report of the 45th meeting of the SSC WG. The SSC WG recommended that the Board agree to the approach to revising the definition of CPA thresholds proposed in this document and mandate the secretariat to propose revisions to relevant regulatory documents in consultation with the SSC WG.

Background: The CMP, at its ninth session, through decision 3/CMP.9, paragraph 12, requested the Board to analyse the thresholds for CPAs to qualify as microscale activities in PoAs, taking into account regional circumstances while ensuring environmental integrity. The Board, at its seventy-eighth meeting, considered a concept note on thresholds for microscale CPAs and provided guidance on the analysis of thresholds for CPAs to qualify as microscale activities.

47. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the draft revised “General guidelines for SSC CDM methodologies” as contained in annex 22 of the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG. The revision of the guidelines:
- (a) Includes options to reduce transaction costs related to sample-based surveys; following a request from the Board at its seventy-fifth meeting;
 - (b) Includes criteria for storage of biomass agricultural residues, based on the decision from the Board at its seventy-sixth meeting (EB 76, paragraph 40);
 - (c) Further clarify procedures for determining baseline scenarios for Type-I Greenfield/capacity expansion project activities; based on the mandate from the Board at its seventy-seventh meeting (EB 77, paragraph 62);
 - (d) Eligibility criteria PoAs for the methodologies: (i) “AMS-II.G: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass”; (ii) “AMS-I.L: Electrification of rural communities using renewable energy”; and (iii) “AMS-III.R: Methane recovery in agricultural activities at household/small farm level”.

Background: For item (a), the Board, at its seventy-fifth meeting, requested the SSC WG to continue exploring options to reduce transaction costs related to sample-based surveys, without compromising the environmental integrity of emission reduction estimates. In doing so, the SSC WG should assess whether it would be more appropriate to specify a survey frequency based on a period of time elapsed (e.g. one year) rather than requiring a correspondence between an issuance request and the survey conducted (EB 75, paragraph 60). For item (b), the Board, at its seventy-ninth meeting, considered an information note from the SSC WG in relation to methane

emissions from biomass storage and requested to include a condition in the “General guidelines to SSC CDM methodologies” at its next revision that biomass agricultural residues (wood, wood product, straw) utilized for energy purposes shall not be stored longer than one year before they are used (EB 79, paragraph 51). For item (c), the Board, at its seventy-seventh meeting, considered the proposal from the SSC WG to initiate the revision of type I methodologies to further clarify and align the baseline scenario for greenfield/capacity expansion projects in respective methodologies with the current procedure provided in the “General guidelines for SSC CDM methodologies” for determining baseline scenarios (EB 77 paragraph 62). For item (d), the work was carried out in response to the mandate for “Simplification and streamlining of methodologies, tools and standards” with the aim to include a menu of options for eligibility criteria for inclusion of CPAs into a PoA to facilitate the work of CMEs as per the 2014 workplan of the SSC WG (see paragraph 45 above).

48. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the draft information note “Graduation and expansion of positive list of small-scale project”, as contained in annex 23 of the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG. The information note contains an analysis and recommendation to the Board on the graduation framework and expansion of the positive list of technologies that are currently defined under the “Guidelines on the demonstration of additionality of small-scale project activities”. The recommendation in the information note mainly cover:

- (a) Criteria to assess graduation of current positive list of technologies (Graduation framework);
- (b) Revision of small-scale methodologies related to lighting (i.e. AMS-II.J, AMS-III.AR) to introduce specific criteria for automatic additionality of efficient lighting technologies and exclude them from the current globally applicable positive list from the “Guidelines on the demonstration of additionality of small-scale project activities”;
- (c) Consideration of the public submission on expansion of the positive list to cover land-fill and waste water projects through revision of AMS-III.G and III.H.

Background: This work was conducted in response to the request by the Board at its seventy-seventh meeting (EB 77 report, paragraph 63) on “Simplification and streamlining of methodologies, tools and standards” as per the 2014 workplan of the SSC WG.

(iv). Clarifications (small-scale)

49. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the recommended clarifications SSC_709, SSC_710, SSC_711, as provided in paragraphs 31 to 33 of the report of the 45th meeting of the SSC WG and SSC WG_713 as provided in paragraph 30 of the report of the 46th meeting of the SSC WG.

Background: Information on the clarifications to methodologies is available on the UNFCCC CDM website at:
<<http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/SSCmethodologies/clarifications>>.

(d). Methodological standard for afforestation and reforestation CDM project activities

(i). Clarifications (A/R)

50. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the recommended clarification SSC_AR_010 as provided in paragraph 8 of the report of the 39th meeting of the A/R WG.

Background: Information on the clarifications to methodologies is available on the UNFCCC CDM website at:

<<https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/ARmethodologies/clarifications>>.

Agenda item 4.2. Procedures

51. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the draft modalities and procedure for direct communication, as contained in annex 8 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its MAP 2014, agreed to develop a consistent approach in processing all stakeholder communications and for tracking and reporting back to stakeholders the actions taken by the secretariat in response to stakeholder inputs.

52. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the draft revisions of the CDM project standard (PS), CDM validation and verification standard (VVS) and CDM project cycle procedure (PCP), as contained in annex 9 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eightieth meeting, agreed to continue considering the draft revised PS, VVS and PCP, and requested the secretariat to prepare a new version of the draft revised PS, VVS and PCP reflecting and clearly indicating with tracked changes the feedback referred to in paragraphs 37 and 38 of its meeting report.

53. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the handling of approved and published clarifications on approved large-scale methodologies.

Background: The current procedure for development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools does not specify the process for withdrawing obsolete clarifications. A Board member requested that this matter be included on the agenda for this meeting. In accordance with rule 21 of the Rules of procedure of the Board, members and alternate members may request additions to the provisional agenda.

54. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider an update of the implementation of the “CDM Executive Board decision and documentation framework”.

Background: The Board at its seventy-seventh meeting revised the “CDM Executive Board decision and documentation framework” and agreed that this document does not enter into force unless and until all existing relevant CDM documents have been reviewed and re-classified, as applicable. The Board requested the secretariat to undertake this review and to bring all documents that require re-classification to the Board for approval, with the aim of all necessary re-classification being completed by 1 January 2015.

Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues

55. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the issue related to the application of E-policy.

Background: The Board considered issues related to the application of E-policy at its seventy-ninth meeting and agreed to continue considering the matter at a future meeting.

56. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider any policy issues triggered by the consideration of registration and issuance cases.

Background: Following a request by the Board, policy issues that arise from the discussions during this meeting may be included for consideration, including policy issues encountered through the experience of the assessment of cases.

Agenda item 5. Relations with forums and other stakeholders

57. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to interact with the co-chairs of the global Designated National Authorities Forum (DNA Forum).

Background: In accordance with the “Modalities and procedures for direct communication with stakeholders”, adopted by the Board at its sixty-second meeting, the Board shall also allocate time for interaction during Board meetings with the global DNA Forum through its co-chairs twice a year.

58. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to interact with the CDM DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair.

Background: The “Modalities and procedures for direct communication with stakeholders” provide for the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair to interact with the Board at each meeting.

59. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the efforts made by the secretariat to arrange for a meeting of the Board with the Director of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

Background: The Board, at its eightieth meeting, took note that, due to the unavailability of the Executive Director of the GCF at the fortieth session of the subsidiary bodies, the interaction between the Executive Director and the Chair of the Board was postponed. The Board requested the secretariat to arrange a new meeting with the Executive Director of the GCF.

60. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of activities undertaken with regard to DNAs, applicant entities (AEs) and DOEs and to consider the following submissions received from DOEs and agree on any actions, as appropriate:

- (a) 2014-354-DOE submitted by a designated operational entity;
- (b) 2014-370-DOE submitted by a designated operational entity (confidential);
- (c) 2014-372-DOE submitted by a designated operational entity (confidential);

- (d) 2014-375-DOE submitted by a designated operational entity (confidential).

Background: Following the “Modalities and procedures for direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board and its support structure are to provide avenues for interaction with AEs/DOEs, provision of information and capacity-building, and the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, shall bring to the attention of the Board communications on policy, methodological and administrative issues when they require the attention of or further guidance from the Board.

61. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of external inputs to the annotated agenda of this Board meeting.

Background: Following the “Modalities and procedures for direct communication with stakeholders”, stakeholders have the opportunity to provide comments on the annotated agenda. Comments received will be posted on the UNFCCC CDM website.

62. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of activities undertaken with regard to stakeholders.

Background: Following the “Modalities and procedures for direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board and its support structure are required to consult with stakeholders on policy matters that have a significant impact on them, and the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, shall bring to the attention of the Board communications on policy, methodological and administrative issues when they require the attention of or further guidance from the Board.

63. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to: (a) agree to make itself available for informal briefings with registered observers in the afternoon of the last day of the meeting; and (b) invite members and alternates to share information on events in which they participated.

Background: On the occasion of the previous meeting of the Board, the Chair and other members of the Board met with registered observers for an informal briefing and agreed to continue with such meetings in the afternoon of the last day of its future meetings, unless otherwise indicated.

Agenda item 6. Other matters

64. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider any other business it deems necessary.

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

65. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the report of the eighty-first meeting.

Background: The Chair will summarize the meeting and adopt the report, including references to any decisions taken.

Annexes to the annotations

- Annex 1 - Workplan of panels and working groups for 2014 (end-year review)
- Annex 2 - Concept note: The process for appointment of CDM assessment teams
- Annex 3 - Concept note: Numbers, frequency and timing of assessments of DOEs
- Annex 4 - Work undertaken by the task force on examinations to qualify DOE personnel
- Annex 5 - Revision of guidelines for establishment of sector-specific standardized baselines
- Annex 6 - Revision of PoA-related regulatory documents
- Annex 7 - Information note: Methodology-specific project design form
- Annex 8 - Draft Procedure: Modalities and procedures for direct communication with stakeholders
- Annex 9 - Revision of CDM project standard, validation and verification standard, and project cycle procedure

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