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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”.<sup>1</sup>

*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-third meeting.

*Background:* At its previous meeting, the Board agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda for its eighty-third meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the Board on 23 March 2015 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 a report on the Board interactions with stakeholders and policymakers during the Secretary-General's 2014 Climate Summit and Climate Change Week in New York, USA.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

*Background:* The Board, at its eighty-second meeting, due to time constraints, deferred to its next meeting the consideration of the report on the interactions with stakeholders and policymakers held by the Board during the Secretary-General's 2014 Climate Summit and Climate Change Week in September 2014.

5. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of an oral update on the online platform for voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions (CERs).

*Background:* The Board, at its eighty-first meeting, agreed to the development of an online platform for voluntary cancellation of CERs and requested the secretariat to present the platform to the Board before it is made publicly available.

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

6. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the updated workplan of the Board for 2015, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

*Background:* 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.

7. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the Nairobi Framework Partnership workplan for 2015 to improve regional distribution of the CDM as well as to promote new areas for potential use of the CDM, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

*Background:* The CMP, through its decision 2/CMP.5, requested the secretariat to facilitate the coordination among partner agencies in the implementation of the Nairobi Framework activities.

8. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider a short list for the selection of candidates for the independent third-party evaluation of regional collaboration centres (RCCs).

*Background:* The Board, at its eighty-second meeting, agreed to the terms of reference for the consultant to undertake a third-party evaluation of the RCCs and requested the secretariat to prepare a shortlist of candidates for the consideration and final selection by the Board at its next meeting.

9. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on proposals for improving the management plan (MAP) preparation process, as contained in annex 3 to these annotations, pending finalization by the Finance Committee.

*Background:* The Board, at its eighty-second meeting, requested its Finance Committee, with support from the secretariat, to make proposals and present options for discussion by the Board on the improvement of the MAP preparation process. The Board requested the Finance Committee to explore expanding the time horizon of the Board's budget planning and provide proposals to the Board for a timeline for the preparation of the business plan and the MAP for 2016.

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

10. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider possible options for offsetting their emissions for the year 2015.

*Background:* The Board, at its eighty-first meeting, indicated its willingness to offset its emissions for the year 2015 and requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note on possible options for offsetting.

11. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider collaborating furthering with relevant standard-setting bodies.

*Background:* A member of the Board has requested to include this item on the agenda for this meeting for consideration by the Board.

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

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

12. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 71<sup>st</sup> meeting of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP).

*Background:* The CDM-AP held its 71<sup>st</sup> meeting on 10–12 March 2015 in Bonn, Germany.

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

13. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Methodologies Panel (MP).

*Background:* The MP held its 66<sup>th</sup> meeting on 16–20 March 2015 in Bonn. The MP dealt with case-specific issues, methodological clarifications, guidance and other issues, as specified below.

### **(c). Small-Scale Working Group**

14. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG).

*Background:* The SSC WG held its 47<sup>th</sup> meeting on 23–25 March 2015 in Bonn. The SSC WG 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**

15. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to:

- (a) Accredit and recommend for designation applicant entities for sector-specific validation and verification/certification functions;

- (b) Take note of notifications from the CDM-AP on the completion of regular surveillance assessments;
- (c) Take note of notifications from the CDM-AP on the completion of performance assessments;
- (d) Take note of notifications from the designated operational entities (DOEs) on voluntary withdrawal of accreditation;
- (e) Consider recommendations of the CDM-AP on other issues.

*Background:* In accordance with the “CDM accreditation procedure”, the accreditation-related recommendations and the supporting documentation will be sent to the Board under separate cover under confidentiality.

### **Agenda item 3.2. Programmes of activities**

16. ► **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](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers_iss.html)>.

### **Agenda item 3.3. Registration**

17. ► **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.

18. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for one request for post-registration changes as listed in table 1 below.

*Background:* The secretariat prepared and sent to the Board a summary note on the request for approval of changes including a notification that the case will be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting. In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure”, the Board shall decide whether to approve the changes and allow subsequent requests for issuance for the project activity or approve the changes and allow subsequent requests for issuance for the project activity, but limit the CERs up to the level estimated in the originally registered project designed document (PDD) or reject the proposed changes, but allow subsequent requests for issuance for the project activity only if it is implemented as described in the registered PDD.

**Table 1. Request for post-registration changes for which the secretariat prepared and sent to the Board a summary note including a notification that the case will be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting**

Ref no.	Title	Approve	Reject
0648	Central de Resíduos do Recreio Landfill Gas Project (CRRLLGP)	?	?

### **Agenda item 3.4. Issuance**

19. ► **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.

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

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

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

20. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on non-binding best practice examples in methodologies, as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Board, at its eighty-first meeting, agreed to the insertion of non-binding best practice examples within the CDM methodologies in its MAP 2015. The Board also requested the secretariat, in consultation with the MP and the SSC WG, to define the criteria for selection of priority methodologies that will be revised to include non-binding best practice examples and recommend a list of methodologies for work in 2015 for the consideration by the Board.

21. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on a concept note on the assessment of and report on applicability of afforestation and reforestation (A/R) modalities and procedures, as contained in annex 5 to these annotations.

*Background:* The CMP, through its decision 7/CMP.10, requested the Board to assess the applicability of the modalities and procedures contained in decisions 5/CMP.1 and 6/CMP.1 to project activities involving revegetation. The CMP also requested the Board to report back to CMP 11 on the outcome of the assessment, including an indication of sections of the modalities and procedures in which modifications would be needed in respect of the project activities involving revegetation.

22. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on a concept note on additional cost-effective approaches for eligibility of land to qualify as CDM A/R projects, as contained in annex 6 to these annotations.

*Background:* The CMP, through its decision 4/CMP.10, requested the Board to explore additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land to qualify as a CDM A/R project activity and report back on this matter to CMP 11 for its consideration.

23. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the joint concept note on a new activity in the same physical geographical location at which a project activity, whose crediting period has expired, existed, as contained in annex 7 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Board, at its eighty-first meeting, requested the MP to continue considering the matter related to a new project activity in the same physical or geographical location at which a project activity, whose crediting period has expired existed, and requested the MP in particular to define the terms used (e.g. site), to distinguish between cases that require requests for clarification and those that do not, and to provide a clearer definition of a new project activity as opposed to the continuation/modification of an existing one.

24. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the CDM-AP to revise the CDM accreditation standard to ease the monitoring requirements of DOE personnel in situations where DOE personnel are qualified by on-site observation of validation/verification activity.

*Background:* The recommendation agreed by the CDM-AP is contained in paragraphs 25 and 26 of the report of its 71<sup>st</sup> meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/accreditation>>.

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

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

25. ► **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 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate from the Board at its eighty-first meeting (EB 81 report, paragraph 55) and at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82, annex 8). 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 consolidation of the methodologies:

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

*Background:* The recommendation agreed by the MP is contained in paragraph 15(a) of the report of its 66<sup>th</sup> meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

26. ► **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 MP is contained in paragraph 17 of the report of its 65<sup>th</sup> 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)**

27. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the following recommendations to provide response to request for revision, as referred to in the MP report:

- (a) “Recommendation to approve the request for revision “AM\_REV\_0254: Request for Revision to broaden the scope of AM0086 Version 03.0” related to the approved methodology “AM0086: Distribution of zero energy water purification systems for safe drinking water”;
- (b) “Recommendation to approve the request for revision “AM\_REV\_0255: Determination of project emissions from transportation of liquid fuels in complementary routes in trucks in year y (PECR,y) using specific consumptions obtained by sampling” related to the approved methodology “AM0110: Modal shift in transportation of liquid fuels”.

*Background:* The recommendation agreed by the MP is contained in table 2 of paragraph 13 and in paragraph 14 of the report of its 66<sup>th</sup> 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 MP 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.

28. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendations of the MP to approve the revisions to the following approved methodologies and tools as major revisions:

- (a) “AM0031: Bus rapid transit projects”, as contained in annex 2 to the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out to improve the current approach of demonstrating additionality without the consideration of CER revenues as per the mandates from the Board at its seventieth meeting (EB 70 report, paragraph 56), at its seventy-fifth meeting (EB 75 report, paragraph 53) and at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8). The MP received one public input regarding the proposed emission performance threshold of 20gCO<sub>2</sub>/PKM to demonstrate additionality and recommended revised threshold value of 30gCO<sub>2</sub>/PKM. The rationale for the emission performance threshold and the elements of public input is contained in annex 3 to the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The draft revision:
  - (i) Introduces reference to the tool “Baseline emissions for modal shift measures in urban passenger transport”;
  - (ii) Improves the approaches on additionality demonstration as described above;

- (iii) Improves the guidance on the renewal of the crediting period;
  - (iv) Improves the language, readability, clarity and consistency;
- (b) “AM0086: Distribution of zero energy water purification systems for safe drinking water”, as contained in annex 4 to the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The revision was based on the request for revision AM\_REV\_0254. The draft revision expands the applicability of the methodology to scenarios in which the fraction of population with access to improved drinking water is above 60 per cent;
- (c) “AM0101: High speed passenger rail system”, as contained in annex 5 to the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out as per the mandate from the Board at its sixty-seventh meeting regarding the renewal of the crediting period (EB 67 report, paragraph 107) and at its eighty-second (EB 82 report, annex 8). The revision also improves the current approach of demonstrating additionality without consideration of the CER revenues as per the mandate from the Board at its seventieth meeting (EB 70 report, paragraph 56). The draft revision:
  - (i) Improves the approaches on additionality demonstration;
  - (ii) Improves the guidance on the renewal of the crediting period;
  - (iii) Improves the language, readability, clarity and consistency;
- (d) “AM0107: New natural gas based cogeneration plant”, as contained in annex 6 to the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate from the Board at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8) to simplify the methodology and improve its consistency. The draft revision simplifies the methodology and improves the consistency in the methodology;
- (e) “AM0110: Modal shift in transportation of liquid fuels”, as contained in annex 7 to the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The revision was based on the request for revision AM\_REV\_0255. The draft revision allows the use of sampling to determine the specific fuel consumption for calculation of project emissions from transportation of liquid fuel, in complementary routes, by trucks;
- (f) “ACM0012: Consolidated baseline methodology for GHG emission reductions from waste energy recovery projects”, as contained in annex 8 to the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate from the Board at its eighty-first meeting (EB 81 report, paragraph 59) to work further on appendix 1 of the methodology and at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82, annex 8) to simplify and streamline 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”;
- (g) “ACM0016: Mass Rapid Transit Projects”, as contained in annex 9 to the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out per the mandate from the Board at its sixty-seventieth meeting regarding the renewal of the crediting period (EB 67 report, paragraph 107) and at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8). The revision also improves the current approach of demonstrating additionality without consideration of the CER revenues per the mandate from the Board at its seventieth meeting (EB 70 report, paragraph 56). The MP received one public input regarding the proposed emission performance threshold of 20gCO<sub>2</sub>/PKM to demonstrate additionality and recommended revised threshold value of 30gCO<sub>2</sub>/PKM. The rationale for the emission performance threshold and the elements of public input is contained in annex 3 to the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The draft revision:
  - (i) Introduces reference to the tool “Baseline emissions for modal shift measures in urban passenger transport”;
  - (ii) Improves the approaches on additionality demonstration;
  - (iii) Improves the guidance on the renewal of the crediting period;
  - (iv) Improves the language, readability, clarity and consistency;
- (h) The methodological tool “Emissions from solid waste disposal sites”, as contained in annex 10 to the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate from the Board at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8) regarding standardization of input parameters to the first-order decay (FOD) model. The draft revision introduces both approaches for the application of an FOD model by integrating default values for different climatic regions;
- (i) The methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”, as contained in annex 11 to the report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate from the Board at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8) to simplify and streamline the requirements for accounting for leakage emissions from the use of biomass residues/biomass from cultivation. The draft revision:
  - (i) Simplifies and streamlines the requirements for accounting for leakage emissions from the use of biomass residues or biomass from cultivation;
  - (ii) Introduces leakage calculation due to the use of biomass residues;
  - (iii) Expands simplified approaches to include both small-scale and large-scale methodologies;
  - (iv) Includes project emissions due to biomass processing and biomass transport;

- (v) Changes the title to “Project and leakage emissions for biomass”.

*Background:* The recommendation agreed by the MP is contained in paragraph 15 of the report of its 66<sup>th</sup> meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

29. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to approve the inclusion of ocean thermal technology in the positive list of the approved consolidated methodology “ACM0002: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources” and to implement this inclusion during the next revision of the methodology. The MP also agreed to recommend to the Board that the MP continue working to identify other renewable energy technologies that can be included in the positive list. The work was carried out in response to the request from the Board at its eighty-first meeting (EB 81 report, paragraph 58) and in accordance with the mandate from the Board at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8).

*Background:* The recommendation agreed by the MP is contained in paragraph 16 of the report of its 66<sup>th</sup> 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 provide mandate to the MP to revise approved methodologies to introduce reference to the revised “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”.

*Background:* The recommendation agreed by the MP is contained in paragraph 15(j) of the report of its 66<sup>th</sup> 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 provide additional mandate to the MP to revise the methodological tool “Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system”.

*Background:* The recommendation agreed by the MP is contained in paragraph 19 of the report of its 66<sup>th</sup> meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

32. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to approve the response to requests for clarification AM\_CLA\_0265 and AM\_CLA\_0266 as prepared by the MP and referred to in the MP reports.

*Background:* The recommendations agreed by the MP are contained in table 4 in paragraph 25 of the report of its 66<sup>th</sup> meeting, 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 MP 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

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

33. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the SSC WG to approve the proposed new methodologies “SSC-NM097: Using renewable energy

sources to charge electric vehicles” and “SSC-NM098: GHG reduction methodology by constructing charging stations and charging points to provide charging service to electric vehicles and to displace fossil fuel vehicles”. All the elements from these two methodologies are incorporated in the revised methodology “AMS.III.C: Emission reductions by electric and hybrid vehicles”, as contained in annex 1 to the report of the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SSC WG. The consolidated methodology “AMS.III.C: Emission reductions by electric and hybrid vehicles” provides additional options for the calculation of baseline and project emissions, based on electricity used for charging vehicles.

*Background:* The recommendation is contained in paragraph 18 of the report of the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SSC WG, available on the UNFCCC CDM website at: [http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc\\_wg/index.html](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html).

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

34. ► **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-III.B: Switching fossil fuels”, as contained in annex 2 to the report of the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SSC WG. This work has been carried out under the mandate for “Simplification of methodologies including digitization to reduce transaction costs”, included in the 2015 workplan of the SSC WG, with the aim of simplifying requirements related to emission reductions and to improve consistency across all fuel switching methodologies. The draft revision includes:
  - (i) Allowing emission reduction for electricity export to a grid;
  - (ii) Additional approaches to establish the baseline for greenfield project activities e.g. reference plant approach;
  - (iii) Simplification in baseline emissions estimation by including the approach in the approved methodology ACM0009;
- (b) “AMS-III.Q: Waste energy recovery (gas/heat/pressure) projects”, as contained in annex 3 to the report of the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SSC WG. This work has been carried out under the mandate for “Simplification of methodologies including digitization to reduce transaction costs”, which is included in the SSC WG workplan for 2015. The draft revision:
  - (i) Expands the applicability to cover greenfield facilities using approaches consistent with “ACM0012: Consolidated baseline methodology for GHG emission reductions from waste energy recovery projects”;
  - (ii) Incorporates previous clarifications issued by the Board;
  - (iii) Changes the title from “Waste energy recovery (gas/heat/pressure) projects” to “Waste energy recovery”.

*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 23 of the report of the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the

SSC WG available on the UNFCCC CDM website at:  
<[http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc\\_wg/index.html](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html)>.

**(iii). Clarifications (small-scale)**

35. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the recommended clarifications SSC\_716 and SSC\_718, as provided in paragraphs 29 and 30 of the report of the 47th 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>>.

**Agenda item 4.2. Procedures**

36. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to comment on, and adopt, if appropriate, the draft revised procedure for development, revision, clarification and up-date of standardized baselines, as contained in annex 8 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Board, through its MAP 2015, agreed to revise this procedure for standardized baselines.

37. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the package of revised documents due to their reclassification in accordance with the application of the revised “CDM Executive Board decision and documentation framework”, as contained in annex 9 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Board, at its eighty-first meeting, took note of the status of work to align existing regulatory documents with the revised “CDM Executive Board decision and documentation framework” and requested the secretariat to facilitate the alignment work, so that the document classification of all existing regulatory documents is aligned with the revised framework before its effective date (1 June 2015).

38. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the procedure for selection and performance evaluation of experts on the CDM RIT and Methodologies rosters of experts, as contained in annex 10 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Board, at its seventy-fourth meeting, requested the secretariat to further review the system for appraising the performance of members of panels, working groups and experts included on the CDM rosters of experts and for evaluating applicant members and experts, and to prepare a proposal for the consideration by the Board prior to implementation of the revised system in 2014. As a part of this review, the secretariat prepared a draft procedure that was considered by the Board at its seventy-ninth and eightieth meeting and provided further comments on the proposal. The Board agreed to continue considering the matter with a view to adopting the draft procedure at a future meeting.

39. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the CDM-AP to revise the CDM accreditation procedure:

(a) To reduce the costs of the regular surveillance assessments;

- (b) To provide the CDM-AP more flexibility on options available to it on the accreditation cases;
- (c) To provide the CDM-ATs and the CDM-AP with an option to conclude a performance assessment as non-satisfactory;
- (d) To address limited oversight of the DOEs with low volume of their work.

*Background:* The recommendation agreed by the CDM-AP is contained in paragraph 24 and 27–30 of the report of its 71<sup>st</sup> meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/accreditation>>.

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

40. ► **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 come up from the discussions during this meeting may be included for consideration, including policy issues encountered through the experience of the assessment of cases.

41. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider an analysis on the “Application of E- policy in investment analysis for additionality demonstration and selection of baseline scenario”.

*Background:* The Board, at its eighty-second meeting, took note of the work undertaken by the secretariat related to the “Application of E- policy in investment analysis for additionality demonstration and selection of baseline scenario” and requested the secretariat to prepare an analysis setting E- benefit years as a parameter and explaining how the additionality limit would be for real project activities.

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

#### **Agenda item 5.1. Designated national authorities**

##### **(a). Information on activities and communications related to DNAs**

42. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that the African Regional Workshop on Carbon Finance takes place in Marrakesh, Morocco on 11 and 12 April 2015, followed by the African Carbon Forum (ACF) from 13 to 15 April 2015.

*Background:* The Board, through its MAP 2015, agreed to organize three regional stakeholder events as well as the ACF.

#### **Agenda item 5.2. Designated operational entities**

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

43. ► **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.

**(b). Information activities and communications related to AEs/DOEs**

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

- (a) 2015-382-DOE submitted by a DOE (confidential);
- (b) INQ-02892-L1B8 submitted by a DOE (confidential).

*Background:* Following the 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. The secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, shall bring to the attention of the Board non-process-related communications that require the attention of or further guidance from the Board.

**Agenda item 5.3. Communication and activities with stakeholders**

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

45. ► **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.

**(b). Information activities and communications related to stakeholders**

46. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of activities undertaken with regard to stakeholders and to consider the following submissions received from stakeholders and agree on any actions, as appropriate:

- (a) 2015-381-S submitted by a stakeholder (DelAgua);
- (b) 2015-383-S submitted by a stakeholder (EKI Energy).

*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. The secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, shall bring to the attention of the Board non-process-related communications that require the attention of or further guidance from the Board.

**Agenda item 5.4. Interaction with registered observers**

47. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to interact with the registered observers.

*Background:* The “Procedure for direct communication with stakeholders” provide for the registered observers to interact with the Board at each meeting.



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

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

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

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

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

## Annexes to the annotations

- Annex 1 - CDM Executive Board workplan 2015
- Annex 2 - Nairobi Framework Partnership workplan 2015
- Annex 3 - Concept note: Proposals for improving the management plan preparation process
- Annex 4 - Concept note: Non-binding best practice examples within the CDM methodologies
- Annex 5 - Concept note: Applicability of the A/R CDM modalities and procedures to project activities involving revegetation
- Annex 6 - Concept note: Additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land for A/R CDM project activities
- Annex 7 - Concept note: New project in the same physical or geographical location at which a project whose crediting period has expired existed
- Annex 8 - Draft procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines
- Annex 9 - Reclassification of existing regulatory documents in accordance with the revised CDM Executive Board decision and documentation framework
- Annex 10 - Draft procedure: Selection and performance evaluation of experts on the CDM Registration and Issuance Team and Methodologies rosters of experts

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