

**Annex 7****DRAFT WORKPLAN OF THE METHODOLOGIES PANEL
(2012)****(Version 01.0)****I. Background**

1. The Methodologies Panel (hereinafter referred to as the panel) is established under the CDM Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) to assist in the performance of its functions related to methodological issues. The mandate of the panel is determined by its terms of reference, the rules of procedure of the Board, and additional guidance provided by the Board.
2. This workplan of the panel for 2012 outlines the expected tasks of the panel to support the Board and has been developed within the context of the draft CDM Business Plan 2012-2013.¹ It provides details of the activities, expected outputs and timelines associated with each related CDM Business Plan 2012-2013 objective.

¹ EB 66, annex 1 “CDM Business Plan”



II. Workplan

A. Core support activities

CDM Business Plan objective ¹	Specific issue	Activities	Expected deliverables
Appendix 1/Core support to CDM: Effective implementation of procedures on consideration of PNM, including request for revision and clarification & Supporting the efficient operations of panels and working groups	New methodology submissions	Consideration of proposed new methodologies (PNM) as per procedures ²	(a) Recommendations to the Board on draft PNMs for consideration by the Board; (b) Draft reformatted methodologies for cases recommended for approval
	Requests for clarification and requests for revision submitted by project participants	Consideration of requests for clarification and requests for revision submitted by project participants as per procedures ³	(a) Draft responses to requests for revision and clarification for consideration by the Board; (b) Draft revised methodologies for cases recommended to be revised for consideration by the Board
	Requests for deviation from an approved methodology	Consideration of requests for deviation from an approved methodology in accordance with relevant procedures ⁴	Recommendations on requests for deviation from an approved methodology for consideration by the Board
	Direct communication with stakeholders	Consideration of stakeholder communications directly referred to the working group by the secretariat ⁵	Recommendation on responses to stakeholders' communications

² EB 52, annex 9 “Procedure for the submission and consideration of a proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology for large scale CDM project activities” (version. 01.0) and amended or new procedures for carbon capture and storage project activities to be adopted by the Board in 2012.

³ EB 42, annex 9 “Submission and consideration of queries regarding the application of approved methodologies and methodological tools by Designated Operational Entities to the Meth Panel” (applies mutatis mutandis to A/R & SSC A/R) (version. 06.0) and EB 54, annex 2 “Procedure for the submission and consideration of requests for revision of AMs and tools for large scale CDM project activities” (version. 01.0) and amended or new procedures for carbon capture and storage project activities to be adopted by the Board in 2012.

⁴ EB 49, annex 4 “Procedures for requests to the Executive Board for deviation from an approved methodology” (version. 01.0)

⁵ EB 62, annex 15 “Modalities and procedures for direct communication with stakeholders”



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	Request for approval of changes to PDD	Provide input to request for approval of changes to PDDs upon request by the secretariat ⁶	Recommendation on request for approval of changes to PDDs
Appendix 1/Core support to CDM: Effective implementation of procedures on consideration of PNM, including request for revision and clarification & Supporting the efficient operations of panels and working groups	New standardized baselines submissions from DNAs as referred to in paragraph 23 of the procedures ⁷	Consideration of proposed new standardized baselines submitted by DNAs as per procedures	Recommendations to the Board on draft proposed new standardized baselines
	Top-down revisions of methodologies to improve and simplify methodologies	Consideration of draft top-down revisions of methodologies to improve the usability, the accuracy of emission reduction estimation methods or modular application of the methodologies as referred to in paragraph 11 of the methodologies revision procedures ³	<p>Recommendations to the Board on draft top-down revisions of methodologies</p> <p>Work initiated in 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM0025; • AM0030; • ACM0013; • ACM0014; • “Tool to determine project emissions from flaring gases containing methane”; • Revision of methodologies to refer to approved tools, as requested by the Board; • Inclusion of provisions consistently across methodologies for leakage emissions from biomass use; • Editorial amendments, as needed, to correct errors or mistakes; • Revisions triggered by the commenting system after approval by the Board

⁶ EB 65, annex 32 “Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure”

⁷ EB 63, annex 28 “Procedure for submission and consideration of standardized baselines” (version. 01.0)

**B. Deliverables CDM Business Plan 2012 -2013**

CDM Business Plan objective ¹	Specific issue	Activities	Expected deliverables	Status	Planned finish (EB meeting to consider the output)
A (i) - Ensure operational capacity and improve efficiency in the operation of the CDM	Improvement to the guidelines on suppressed demand	(a) Consultation on draft revised suppressed demand guidelines; (b) Consultation on a draft assessment report on treatment of suppressed demand in approved methodologies; (c) Consideration of draft revised methodologies to address suppressed demand	(a) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft revised guidelines; (b) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft assessment report on treatment of suppressed demand in approved methodologies; (c) Recommendation to the Board on draft revised methodologies to address suppressed demand		(a) EB 68–EB 69 (MP 56 - MP 57) (b) EB 67 (MP 55) (c) EB 68–EB 70 (MP 56 - MP 58)
	Implementation of the Programme of Activity (PoA) standards and procedures	(a) Consultation on draft annexes to the sampling standard to provide best practice examples; (b) Consultation on a draft assessment report on cross effects when applying multiple methodologies to PoA; (c) Consideration of a draft revised large scale methodologies to include PoA provisions, prioritising those frequently used	(a) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft annexes to the sampling standard; (b) Feedback to the secretariat on cross effects when applying multiple methodologies to PoA; (c) Recommendation to the Board on draft revised large scale methodologies to include POA provisions, prioritising those frequently used		(a) EB 67 (MP 55) (b) EB 67–EB 69 (MP 55 - MP 57) (c) EB 67–EB 69 (MP 55 - MP 57)



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A (ii) - Improved objectivity, clarity and integrity in the CDM	Guidelines for determining baselines	Consultation on the draft guidelines for determining baselines and to provide feedback to the secretariat	Feedback to the secretariat on the draft guidelines for the determination of the baseline of a measure		EB 69 - EB 70 (MP 57 - MP 58)
	Top-down large-scale methodologies using standardized approaches	Consideration of two draft (revised) methodologies or tools using standardized approaches (potentially for off-grid regions and for energy efficiency in buildings)	<p>Recommendation to the Board on two draft (revised) methodologies or tools</p> <p>Work initiated in 2011: Draft recommendations to the Board on the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New draft methodology “Renewable energy power generation in isolated grids”;• Methodological tool “Project and leakage emissions from anaerobic digesters”;• Methodological tool “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use”		<p>EB 69 (MP 56 - MP 57)</p> <p>• EB 66 (MP54)</p> <p>• EB 66 (MP54)</p> <p>• EB 68 (MP 55 - MP 56)</p>



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A (ii) - Improved objectivity, clarity and integrity in the CDM	Improve guidelines on first-of-its-kind and the assessment of common practice	Draft revised tool “Demonstration and assessment of additionality” and “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality” containing incorporated improved “Guidelines on additionality of first-of-its-kind project activities” and the “Guidelines on common practice” in the methodological tools for consideration by the Board	Feedback to the secretariat on the draft revised tools		EB 69 - EB 70 (MP 57 - MP 58)
	Accounting for uncertainties in measurement in methodologies	Consultation on a draft amended PS and VVS on uncertainties of measurements	Feedback to the secretariat on the draft amended PS and VVS on uncertainties of measurements		EB 68 - EB 70 (MP 56 - MP 58)



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B (ii) - Enhanced promotion and further development of the mechanism	Standardized baselines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Consultation on a draft annex to the guidelines on establishment of sector specific standardized baselines defining options for the setting and approval of values of the relevant thresholds;(b) Consultation on draft revised guidelines with expanded applicability to transport sector projects(c) Consultation on proposal on managing data on cost of technologies for selected sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft annex on thresholds;(b) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft revised guidelines to transport sector projects(c) Feedback to the secretariat on the proposal on the data of cost of technologies		<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) EB 69 (MP 55 - MP 57)(b) EB 70 (MP 58)(c) EB 68 (MP 56)



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