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CDM Executive Board workplan 2014

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1. Procedural background

1. The Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the Board) at its seventy-seventh meeting approved the workplan of the Board for 2014 and requested the secretariat to include in future versions of the workplan any new mandates arising from meetings and to provide an update on the status of work at each meeting.
2. This work is in line with the requests of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) to the Board to continue its work to further improve the consistency, efficiency and transparency of its decision-making.

2. Purpose

3. The workplan of the Board for 2014 provides an overview of the issues to be considered by the Board at each meeting. This allows planning the workload of the Board and ensures efficient use of meeting time. The document indicates the work planned for the Board at the meetings in 2014, based on the agreed clean development mechanism (CDM) management plan (CDM-MAP) 2014. The workplan also provides information on the products which will undergo panel or working group consultation as well as calls for public input.

3. Key issues and proposed solutions

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

4. Impacts

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

5. Proposed work and timelines

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

6. Recommendations to the Board

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

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1. CDM Executive Board workplan 2014

1. The table below provides an overview of the workplan of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism for 2014.

Table 1. CDM Executive Board workplan 2014

Activity		Product	EB77	EB78	EB79	EB80	EB81	EB82	2015	Comments
Governance and management matters										
SMC	Development and approval of the 2014 CDM Management Plan (CDM MAP) and two-year Business Plan (BP)	Information on projected future income and expenditure				Info				
		Mid year review CDM MAP 2014				Info/Final				
		CDM Business Plan					Final			
		CDM MAP 2015						Final		
GOV	Supporting the efficient operation of the Executive Board (EB)	Selection of chair/vice chair for EB, panels and working groups (WGs)	Final							While the initial appointment of members in May 2013 (EB73) was for one year, the EB re-appointed those members at the first meeting in 2014. Therefore there is no need for the Board to select new members for the EBFC until beginning of 2015.
		Selection of CDM EB Finance Committee (EBFC) members	Final			Final				

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GOV cont.	Supporting the efficient operation of the Executive Board cont.	Workplan 2014 of the EBFC		Final						Further work will be determined when concept note is considered.
		Selection of panel/WG members	Final							
		EB strategy planning session					Prior to meeting			
		Calendar of meetings	Final					Final		
		EB workplan 2014	Final	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info		
		Alignment of oath of service and code of conduct				Concept				
	Report to the CMP	EB report to CMP				Concept	Final			
	Supporting the efficient operations of panels and WGs	2014 workplans of panels and WGs	Final		Info			Info		
		Panel and WG meeting reports	Final		Final		Final	Final		

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GOV cont.	Modalities for agreement on proposals between secretariat and panels/WGs		Final						
	Selection and performance evaluation system of members of panels and WGs and experts included in the CDM rosters			Final	Final				EB79 report para 14
	Revisions of regulations for the appointment of assessment teams and the role of the CDM-AP in this process					Final (panel/WG consideration)			EB79 report para 13 Proposal (or options) agreed by the secretariat and the CDM-AP
	Reporting on performance of panel/WG members and experts included in the CDM rosters				Info				Info for experts included in the CDM rosters dependent on the adoption of the related procedure.

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GOV cont.		Review of the roles of the panels and WGs			Concept			Concept (Panel/ WG input)		EB79 report para 15
		Review of the terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM EB						Final		
	Accreditation	Identify practical means for DOEs to conduct the examination to qualify DOE personnel, as required by the CDM accreditation standard		Info	Info (through panel report)		Info			EB79 report para 23
		Transitional provisions for the implementation of the revised CDM accreditation standard				Final				Revision to reflect the postponed deadline as per EB79 report para 22

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GOV cont.	Global DNA Forum	Interaction with the Global DNA Forum through its co-chairs			Info			Info		CMP.9 para 9 EB79 report para 17
	DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair	DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair interaction	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info		
	Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC)	Dialogue with the JISC with a view to reaching a common decision on accreditation				Info				
SMC	Market and policy reports	Carbon market and policy update	Info		Info		Info			
PIC	Communication and outreach	Communications workplan			Concept					
ACCR	Entity performance monitoring (semi-annual reports)	Analysis reports			Info			Info		
	Entity performance monitoring system	Synthesis report of the annual activity reports by DOEs						Info		

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ERR	Nairobi Framework	Nairobi Framework Partnership workplan 2014	Info							CMP.9 para 24
	CDM loan scheme contract administration	Implementation report of CDM loan scheme					Info			
	Regional collaboration centres	Report on operations			Info	Info		Info		
222	Improve the management of the regulatory framework and enhance the clarity, consistency and user-friendliness of regulations	Report on the development of internal procedures and standards for regulations management				Info		Info		Delay due to human resources leaving the team. The situation is undergoing urgent review by the management for further course of action.
		EB decision and documentation framework	Final					Info		

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Rulings (case-specific matters)										
REG ISS	Assessment of compliance with CDM requirements relating to project submissions	Consideration of review cases for issuance, registration, programmes of activities (PoAs) and other project-related submissions	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final		
Regulatory matters										
REG	Project registration	Effective registration date of CDM project activities	Info							
		Review of effective registration dates				Draft				
REG ISS	Assessment of compliance with CDM requirements relating to project submissions	Policy issues related to cases	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final		
		Number of non-active registered CDM project activities and PoAs				Info				

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METH	Effective implementation of procedures on consideration of proposed new methodologies (PNMs), revisions and clarifications	Consideration of methodology submissions	Final (through panel/ WG reports)		Final through panel/ WG reports)		Final (through panel/ WG reports)	Final (through panel/ WG reports)		Covered under project 110
		Clarification on when to request revision or clarification of, or deviation from an approved methodology		Final						
		Recommendation to CMP.10 for the revision of provisions related to request for revision of methodologies and tools					Draft			
		Revision of "Procedure for development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines"					Draft			

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METH cont.		Revision of "Procedure for development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and tools"							Draft	
		Procedures for the submission and consideration of country-specific positive lists of technologies					Draft (SSC WG input)			
GOV	Maintenance of the accreditation and methodology processes	Secretariat to review the application of accreditation fee				Concept				Further work will be determined when concept note is considered.
135	Review and upgrade of the CDM registry	CDM registry procedure					Final		Final	Suggestion to move to 2015 in order to balance the workload of meetings.

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110	Further development and implementation of standardized baselines	Report on the results of road testing the current approaches			Info (Panel/ WG input)		Info (Panel/ WG input)			Proposal (or options) agreed by the secretariat and the Meth Panel.
		Revised guidelines for the establishment of sector-specific standardized baselines (SBs)		Concept			Final (prec. by call and Panel/ WG consideration)			
		Inclusion of the facilities with CDM registered projects in developing sector-specific SBs			Concept					
		Revised QA/QC guidelines			Draft (prec. by call and Panel/ WG consideration)		Final			Proposal (or options) agreed by the secretariat and the Meth Panel Adopted at EB79 (annex 7)
		Data collection for SBs						Info		

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110 cont.	The development of two standards with a methodological framework for two specific project types					Concept (panel/ WG input)		Final (preceded by call and through panel/WG report)	
	Top-down development of three standardized baselines		Concept						Further work will be considered through the process of SBs.
	Further work on standardized baselines including country-specific thresholds on baseline and additionality			Concept (panel/ WG input)		Concept (Panel/ WG consideration)			<p>CMP.9 para 13</p> <p>Further work will be determined when concept note is considered.</p> <p>EB79 report para 40</p> <p>Proposal (or options) agreed by the secretariat and the Meth Panel.</p>

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110 cont.		Selection of standardized baseline vis-à-vis CDM methodology		Concept						
		Revision to CDM Project Standard (PS), Validation and Verification Standard (VVS), Project Cycle Procedure (PCP) and PNM guidelines to include elements of SBs		Final	Final					
		Development of standard for coverage of data and validity of SBs	Final (panel/ WG input)							
		Development of methodological tool for standardized baselines in transport sector			Final (through panel/ WG report, prec. by call)					

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110 cont.		Revision to the "Procedure for the development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines" for inclusion of procedure on deviations"					Draft	Final		
160	Design and implementation of carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) standards and procedures	Package of documents due to introduction of provisions related to carbon dioxide capture and storage project activities		Final (WG input)						
149	Improved transparency of sustainable development co-benefits	Evaluation of the sustainable development tool		Info			Concept (prec. by call)			CMP.9 para 7
219	Development of best practice guidance for monitoring A/R	Field manual for measurement of forest carbon pools for monitoring of						Info (panel/ WG input)		

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	projects	A/R project activities								
223	Simplification and streamlining of methodologies tools, and standards	Further work on methodologies, tools and standards	Concept	Concept						EB79 report para 59
		Flexibility in timing of verification of A/R project activities			Concept	Final (Panel/ WG input)				
		Simplification and streamlining of 20 methodologies	Final (through panel WG report, prec. by call)		Final (through panel/ WG report, prec. by call)		Final (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)	Final (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)		
		Development of eligibility criteria for PoAs for greater applicability			Final (through panel/ WG report, prec. by call)		Final (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)	Final (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)		
		Batched issuance requests for a monitoring period of a PoA		Concept (panel/ WG input)			Draft			

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223 cont.	Feasibility of further simplification of requirements					Info			CMP.9 para 11, 12. CMP.9 para 19.
	Revised PS, VVS, PCP Revision of regulatory documents due to batched issuance requests PoA					Final			
	Revision of PoA standard				Draft (panel/WG input)	Final			
	Revision of PS due to revision of PoA standard					Final			
	Thresholds for micro-scale component project activities		Concept						
	Improved PoA regulations including for multi-country PoAs		Concept			Info			
	Revised sampling standard				Draft (panel/WG input)				

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224	Simplification of the validation process for specific project activities	Simplification of the validation process			Concept (panel/ WG input)					CMP.9 para 10, 18
		Revised PS, VVS, PCP Revision of regulatory documents to reflect the simplification of the validation process				Final	Final			EB79 report para 57
225	New project in the same physical geographical location at which a project whose crediting period has expired existed	Guidance for the new projects in the same physical geographical location at which a project whose crediting period has expired existed					Concept (prec. by Panel/ WG consideration)			CMP. 9 para 16, 17 Proposal (or options) agreed by the secretariat and the Meth Panel.
		Revision of PS and VVS Revision of regulatory documents to reflect guidance for new projects					Final (panel/ WG input)			

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		in the same physical geographical location at which a project whose crediting period has expired existed								
180	Revision and improvement of the PS, VVS and PCP	Revised PS, VVS, PCP			Draft (prec. by call)	Draft	Final			EB79 report para 54
		Permanent changes (biomass and hydro projects)			Concept					
		Double issuance		Concept						
		Global/local stakeholder consultation				Concept		Concept		Further consideration is required to finalize the product.
216	Application of E- for additionality demonstration	Revision and development of the draft policy guideline and revision of Combined Tool and Additionality Tool		Draft	Draft		Final (prec. by call)			Obsolete as per EB79 report para 42

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216 cont.		Implications of Board's previous decisions				Final (prec. by call)				Obsolete as per EB79 report para 42
		Concept note on application of E- for additionality demonstration						Concept		EB79 report para 42
218	Development of specific simplified project-cycle forms	Project cycle forms					Info	Info		
220	Feedback mechanism for input from stakeholders	Procedure for direct communication				Final		Final		Timing of regulation aligned with the work on the process of the feedback mechanism for stakeholder input and postponement to EB82 in order to balance the workload of the meetings
		Report on the implementation of feedback mechanism for stakeholder input					Info	Info		
227	Local stakeholder consultation	Public availability of practices of DNAs				Info	Info (if received from DNAs)			CMP.9 para 20 Insufficient information received by DNAs so far.
		Technical					Concept			No DNA request

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		assistance to DNAs					(if triggered by a DNA request)			received so far.
228	Development of guiding tools to assist DNAs in monitoring sustainable development benefits	Guiding tools for the monitoring of sustainable development benefits				Concept				CMP.9 para 8 EB79 report para 63
226	Analysis of the net mitigation potential of the CDM	Options for achieving net mitigation via the CDM		Concept					Concept	
MAT	Review the concept of materiality in the verification process and potential for further application in the CDM					Concept	Concept			CMP.9 para 21 Further work will be determined when concept note is considered. Further work required to gather information on experience gained through the application of materiality.
Demand Side Initiative	Engagement with compliance and voluntary markets			Concept	Concept		Concept			Further work will be determined when concept note is considered. EB79 report para 6

Numbers of items	EB77	EB78	EB79	EB80	EB81	EB82	2015
Concept	1	10	8	5 4	3 7	0 3	1
Draft	0	1	3	3 4	5 4	0	1
Final	13	7	9	6 5	17 16	10 11	4 2
Info	4	4	9	9 8	9 10	12 13	0
Total	18	22	29	23 21	34 37	22 27	3 4

2. Quarterly reports to the CDM Executive Board

1. Quarterly reports are published on the UNFCCC CDM website¹. Confidential information pertaining to quarterly reports will be provided to the Board via other means, as required.
2. The reports will be made available at the end of the indicated month.

Table 2. Quarterly reports to the CDM Executive Board

Performance management	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Progress against the CDM Management Plan	April 2014	July 2014	October 2014	January 2015
Compliance with process-related timelines	April 2014	July 2014	October 2014	January 2015
DOE performance monitoring	The DOE performance monitoring reports are published in accordance with the reporting frequency specified in the DOE performance monitoring procedure (section 7.2).			
Financial resources	April 2014	July 2014	October 2014	January 2015
Stakeholder interaction				
Activities with DOEs/AEs	April 2014	July 2014	October 2014	January 2015
Activities with stakeholders	April 2014	July 2014	October 2014	January 2015
Activities with DNAs	April 2014	July 2014	October 2014	January 2015
Regional distribution				
Work by the secretariat and other organizations to expand the reach of the CDM	April 2014	July 2014	October 2014	January 2015
Market and policy developments				
Key developments in the carbon market	April 2014	July 2014	October 2014	January 2015
Communication and outreach				
Activities of the Board and secretariat related to communication and outreach	April 2014	July 2014	October 2014	January 2015

¹ <<https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/report/>>.

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