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*As per the practice of the CDM Executive Board, it is possible that some small groups of members/alternates will be formed to go into depth on certain issues. The meetings of the small groups shall be held virtually or through email exchange in the period between 24 to 29 September 2020. The small groups shall report back to the Board at the second phase of the meeting for decision making.



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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) “proper justification” has been provided for the absence of any member or alternate member.¹

Background: In accordance with the “Rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism”, 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 107th meeting.

Background: At its previous meeting, the Board agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda for its 107th meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the Board on 31 August 2020, 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 CDM 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.

¹ 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).

Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction

4. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of implications of the postponement of CMP.16.

Background: The Board, through its CDM workplan 2020, agreed to receive information on the implications of the postponement of CMP.16.

5. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on potential further social media engagement to promote the voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions (CERs).

Background: The Board, at its 105th meeting, took note of an update on the status of the social media campaign for the voluntary cancellation of CERs and requested the secretariat to present a concept note about potential further social media engagement to promote the voluntary cancellation of CERs, including creation of a mobile application.

6. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note “Overview of CDM regulatory development: how CDM regulations have evolved over the years and lessons learned”, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its business and management plan for 2020–2021 (hereinafter referred to as CDM MAP 2020–2021), decided to document the evolution of CDM regulations to provide reference of the evolution of CDM regulations for stakeholders.

7. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of an update on the latest carbon market and policy developments.

Background: The Board, through its CDM MAP 2020–2021, agreed to receive regular updates from the secretariat on developments and prospects in the carbon market and related governmental policies.

8. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the report “Financing and use of the CDM by international finance institutions”, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its CDM MAP 2020–2021, agreed to receive regular updates on the support provided to international climate finance institutions.

Agenda item 2.3. Performance management

9. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the “Status of CDM MAP 2020–2021 implementation”, as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its 104th meeting, adopted its CDM MAP 2020–2021 and, in accordance with the procedure “CDM business and management plan preparation, approval and monitoring”, agreed to conduct a mid-year review of the first year of MAP implementation to assess its progress and refine, if necessary, the future direction of work.

10. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the key messages to be conveyed in its annual report to the CMP at its sixteenth session.

Background: In accordance with decisions 1/CMP.2 and 2/CMP.3, the Board's annual report to the CMP is to be finalized at its next meeting (i.e. 108th meeting). At this meeting, the Board is to agree on the key messages it wishes to convey to the CMP.

11. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the updated "CDM Executive Board workplan 2020", as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its 106th meeting, approved the workplan of the Board for 2020 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.

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

12. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that no matters related to the Board and its support structure are to be considered at this meeting.

Agenda item 2.5. Operations of panels and working groups

(a). CDM Accreditation Panel

13. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the report of the 87th meeting and an electronic consultation report CDM-AP87-EC01 of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP).²

Background: The CDM-AP held its 87th meeting virtually from 1 to 4 September 2020 and the electronic consultation from 27 July to 14 August 2020.

(b). Methodologies Panel

14. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the report of the 82nd meeting of the Methodologies Panel (MP).³

Background: The MP held its 82nd meeting virtually from 15 to 26 June 2020 and addressed case-specific issues, methodological clarifications, guidance and other issues.

Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific)

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation

15. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to:
- (a) Take note of notifications from the CDM-AP on the completion of regular surveillance assessments;

² <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/accreditation/index.html>.

³ <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>.

- (b) Take note of notifications from the CDM-AP on the completion of performance assessments;
- (c) Consider a recommendation from the CDM-AP on the extension of accreditation of additional sectoral scopes.
- (d) Consider recommendations from the CDM-AP on other accreditation-related matters.

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

Agenda item 3.2. Registration

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

Background: The information available on the UNFCCC CDM website⁴ indicates the status of project activities submitted for registration. The information available in the section on “CDM Programmes of Activities” on the UNFCCC CDM website⁵ indicates the status of PoAs submitted for registration.

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

Background: Three or more members of the Board or a Party involved requested a review of the request for registration listed in table 1 below. The subsequent assessments by the secretariat and the registration and issuance team (RIT) 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 “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” (PCP-PA), the Board shall decide whether to register the project activity or to reject the request for registration.

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

Ref. no.	Title
PA 10560	Reducing Gas Leakages within the Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Network in Bangladesh

⁴ <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/projsearch.html>.

⁵ <http://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/index.html>.

Agenda item 3.3. Issuance

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

Background: The information available in the section “Issuance Certified Emission Reduction” on the UNFCCC CDM website indicates the status of requests for issuance of project activities and PoAs.⁶

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

Background: Three or more members of the Board or a Party involved requested a review of the request for issuance listed in table 2 below. The subsequent assessments by the secretariat and the RIT contained different proposed decisions (i.e. one to approve and the other to reject), or the same proposed decisions (both to approve or to reject), but an objection was received from a member of the Board. In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities” (PCP-PoA), the Board shall decide whether to approve or to reject the request for issuance.

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

Ref. no.	Title	Monitoring period	No. of CERs
PoA 9007	Distribution of Improved Cook Stoves in Sub-Saharan Africa	1 Sep 2018–30 Nov 2019	240,027

Agenda item 3.4. Other rulings

20. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for two requests for inclusion of a component project activity (CPA) in a registered PoA as listed in table 3 below, for which a review was requested.

Background: One member of the Board or a Party involved requested a review of the inclusion of the CPAs listed in table 3 below. In accordance with the PCP-PoA, the Board, taking into account any comments received from the coordinating/managing entity and the validating designated operational entity (DOE), shall either: (a) confirm the inclusion of the CPA in the registered CDM PoA; or (b) exclude the CPA from the registered CDM PoA with immediate effect if it determines that the CPA was erroneously included in the PoA.

Table 3. Requests for inclusion of a CPA in registered PoA review cases for which an objection by a member of the Board was received

Ref. no.	Title
CPA 9863-P1-0004-CP1	CPA004: Chennai Metro Rail Limited Corridor 1 Extension, Corridor 3, Corridor 4 and Corridor 5 under MRTS PoA under PoA 9863: The MRTS PoA

⁶ http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers_iss.html.

Ref. no.	Title
CPA 10494-P1-0001-CP1	SSC CPA 1 under PoA 10494: PROGRAM OF PHOTOVOLTAIC INCENTIVES OF COLOMBIA

21. **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for eight requests for renewal of crediting period for project activities as listed in table 4 below, for which a review has commenced.

Background: Three or more members of the Board or a Party involved requested a review of a request for renewal of the crediting period for a project activity. The subsequent assessments by the secretariat and the RIT contained different proposed decisions (i.e. one to approve and the other to reject), or the same proposed decisions (either to approve or to reject), but an objection was received from a member of the Board. In accordance with the PCP-PA, the Board shall decide whether to approve or to reject the request for renewal of a crediting period.

Table 4. Requests for renewal of crediting period cases for which assessments by the secretariat and the RIT contain different proposed decisions or an objection by a member of the Board was received

Ref. no.	Title
PA 2183	Curva de Rodas and La Pradera landfill gas management project
PA 0765	Catalytic N ₂ O destruction project in the tail gas of three Nitric Acid Plants at Hu-Chems Fine Chemical Corp.
PA 7427	Xundian Gaobenshan Wind Farm Project
PA 8610	Guyuan Shandianhe Wind Farm Phase I Project
PA 9590	Datang International Faku Shuangtaizi Wind Power Project
PA 9736	Datang International Faku Wulongshan 48MW New Wind Power Project
PA 9828	Henan Mianchi Shangqu Wind Power Project
PA 9857	Jiangxi Datang International Jishan Wind Farm Project

Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools

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

22. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the “Progress report on digitalization of methodologies for web-based generation of project design documents and monitoring templates”, as contained in annex 5 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its 102nd meeting, requested the secretariat to undertake the road-testing of the tool for web-based generation of project design documents.

23. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the concept note “Impacts of the use of the digitized methodology ACM0002 on the regulatory framework”, as contained in annex 6 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its CDM MAP 2020–2021, requested the secretariat to present a concept note in the MAP mid-year context.

24. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the draft revised “Glossary: CDM terms”, as contained in annex 7 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its 106th meeting, considered the recommendation of the MP to provide a mandate to revise the definitions of biomass, biomass residues and renewable biomass in the “Glossary: CDM terms” and requested the secretariat, in consultation with the MP, to propose revisions to these definitions.

25. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the concept note “Revision of the regulatory provisions on standardized baselines”, as contained in annex 8 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its 106th meeting, considered the concept note “Revision of the regulatory provisions on standardized baselines” and requested the secretariat to present a revised concept note at the next meeting, adding new options, including measures to facilitate submissions from the designated national authorities (DNAs) of proposed updated standardized baselines in time and attaching draft revised regulatory documents that reflect the proposed changes to the regulations.

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

26. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to reject the proposed new methodology “NM0378: Use of renewable sources of carbon instead of fossil sources in the production of thermoplastic resins and its components”.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 19 of the 82nd MP meeting report. The proposed new methodology is intended for project activities producing thermoplastic resins and its components using renewable sources of carbon where, in the absence of the CDM project activity, fossil sources would be used.

27. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to approve the draft new methodology “AM00XX: Emission reduction from partial switching of raw materials and increasing the share of additives in the production of blended cement”, as contained in annex 1 to the 82nd MP meeting report.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 20 of the 82nd MP meeting report. This new methodology is based on the bottom-up submission “NM0379: Emission reduction from partial switching raw materials and increasing the share of additives in the production of blended cement”.

(i). Revisions to approved methodologies and tools (large-scale)

28. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to provide a mandate to revise the methodology “AM0027: Substitution of CO₂ from fossil or mineral origin by CO₂ from renewable sources in the production of inorganic compounds”.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 27 of the 82nd MP meeting report. The work is being carried out in response to the mandate by the Board at its 106th meeting (EB 106 report, paragraph 41) to analyse methodology “AM0027: Substitution of CO₂ from fossil or mineral origin by CO₂ from renewable sources in the production of inorganic compounds”.

29. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to provide a mandate to revise the methodology “ACM0022: Alternative waste treatment processes”.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 28 of the 82nd MP meeting report. The recommendation is based on several bottom-up submissions for clarifications related to this methodology. The revision will address inconsistencies and ambiguities in the language used in some parts of the methodology.

(ii). Clarifications (large-scale)

30. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that no large-scale clarifications are to be considered at this meeting.

(c). Methodological standards for small-scale CDM project activities

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

31. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that no new small-scale methodologies are to be considered at this meeting.

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

32. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendations of the MP to approve, as major revisions, the following draft revised methodologies:

- (a) “AMS-II.E: Energy efficiency and fuel switching measures for buildings”, as contained in annex 3 to the 82nd MP meeting report.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 34 of the 82nd MP report. The Board, at its 103rd meeting, requested the MP to revise the methodology “AMS-II.E: Energy efficiency and fuel switching measures for buildings” to include methods and equations to calculate emission reductions for projects that do not apply “TOOL31: Determination of standardized baselines for energy efficiency measures in residential, commercial and institutional buildings”.

- (b) “AMS-III.AR: Substituting fossil fuel-based lighting with LED/CFL lighting system”, as contained in annex 4 to the 82nd MP meeting report.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 35 of the 82nd MP report. The revision is based on the bottom-up submission “SSC_783: Revision to include an option for project lamps that have multiple charging methods under AMS-III.AR” regarding AMS-III.AR (version 6.0) and provides specific guidance to determine project

emissions for activities involving more than one source of electricity (e.g. solar and grid) to charge the battery of project lamps.

(iii). Clarifications (small-scale)

33. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendations of the MP to approve the clarifications prepared in response to the following requests for clarification:

- (a) “SSC_780: Clarification on the applicability of electric cooking projects in three different situations under AMS-I.E.” regarding AMSI.E (version 10.0);
- (b) “SSC_781: Clarification on the validity and applicability of monitoring survey results under AMS-II.G.” regarding AMS-II.G. (version 10.0);
- (c) “SSC_784: Clarification on market share and double counting under AMS-III.C” regarding AMS-III.C. (version 15.0);
- (d) “SSC_785: Clarification on applicability of AMS-I.C., AMS-I.E. and AMS-I.I. to a fuel-switch project involving renewable biochar displacing non-renewable biomass in the context of household cooking” regarding AMS-I.I. (version 4), AMS-I.C. (version 21.0) and AMS-I.E. (version 10.0);
- (e) “SSC_786: Clarification on monitoring of the number of utilization days for the project device under AMS-II.G.” regarding AMS-II.G. (version 06.0).

Background: The recommendations of the MP are contained in paragraphs 38–42 of the 82nd MP meeting report. Information on requests for clarification on approved small-scale methodologies is available on the UNFCCC CDM website.⁷

Agenda item 4.2. Procedures

34. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that no procedures are to be considered at this meeting.

Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues

35. ► **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 assessment of cases.

⁷ <https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/SSCmethodologies/clarifications/pending>.

Agenda item 5. Relations with forums and other stakeholders

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

Background: Following the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, stakeholders can provide comments on the annotated agenda. Comments received will be posted on the UNFCCC CDM website.

37. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to interact with the DOE/Accredited Independent Entity Coordination Forum (DOE/AIE Coordination Forum).

Background: In accordance with the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board allocates time for interaction with the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair at each Board meeting.

38. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of activities undertaken regarding stakeholders, DNAs, applicant entities (AEs) and DOEs.

Background: In accordance with the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board and its support structure provide opportunities for interaction with stakeholders, such as DNAs, AEs and DOEs, as well as engagement in information-sharing and capacity-building activities.

39. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the following submissions received from stakeholders and agree on any actions, as appropriate:

- (a) INQ-09818;
- (b) INQ-09826;
- (c) INQ-09830;
- (d) INQ-09917;
- (e) INQ-10013;
- (f) INQ-10063;
- (g) INQ-10071;
- (h) INQ-10078;
- (i) INQ-10082;
- (j) INQ-10101;
- (k) INQ-10126;
- (l) INQ-10137.

Background: In accordance with the “Procedure: 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 the stakeholders. The secretariat, in consultation

with the Chair, shall bring to the attention of the Board any communications on policy, methodological issues or administrative issues when they require the attention or further guidance of the Board.

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

Background: In accordance with the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board allocates time for interaction with registered observers to the meeting. Such interactions should be limited to discussions on policy and general issues, and not on case-specific matters related to the agenda of the meeting.

Agenda item 6. Other matters

41. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the “CDM Loan Scheme: Final report”, as contained in annex 9 to these annotations.

Background: As per guidance provided in decision 3/CMP.12, the CDM Loan Scheme was operationally closed in 2019, with residual issues addressed and settled in early 2020. This final update provides an overview of the implementation of the Loan Scheme, including lessons learned.

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

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

43. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the report of the 107th meeting.

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

Annexes to the annotations

- Annex 1 - Concept note: PROJ2019-01 - Overview of CDM regulatory development: how CDM regulations have evolved over the years and lessons learned
- Annex 2 - Information note: Financing and use of the CDM by international finance institutions
- Annex 3 - Status of CDM MAP 2020–2021 implementation (1 January–30 June 2020)
- Annex 4 - CDM Executive workplan 2020
- Annex 5 - Information note: Progress report on digitalization of methodologies for web-based generation of project design documents and monitoring templates
- Annex 6 - Concept note: Impacts of the use of digitized methodology ACM0002 on the regulatory framework
- Annex 7 - Draft Glossary: CDM terms
- Annex 8 - Revision of the regulatory provisions on standardized baselines
- Annex 9 - Information note: CDM Loan Scheme: Final report

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