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Annotations to the proposed agenda

Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

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

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

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

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

Background: At its last meeting, the Board agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda for its seventy-ninth meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the Board on 7 May 2014 and thereafter posted on the UNFCCC CDM website in accordance with rule 21 of the Rules of procedure of the Board.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

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

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

Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction

4. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on increasing the demand for certified emission reductions (CERs) and the use of the CDM by facilitating the acceptance of CERs for compliance and voluntary purposes.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-eighth meeting, held an initial discussion on increasing the demand for CERs and the use of the CDM by facilitating the acceptance

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

of CERs for compliance and voluntary purposes and requested the secretariat to present an elaborated proposal with concrete initiatives for the Board to consider at its next meeting, taking into account the inputs provided.

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

Background: The Board, through its management plan (MAP) 2014, agreed to receive regular updates on developments and prospects in the carbon market and related governmental policies from the secretariat.

Agenda item 2.3. Performance management

6. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the updated workplan of the Board for 2014, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

Background: 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.

7. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the workplan of panels and working groups for 2014 (mid-year review), as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-seventh meeting, adopted the workplan of its panels and working groups for 2014, which is based on the activities included in the MAP 2014.

8. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the sixth analysis report to the Board on the results of the designated operational entity (DOE) performance monitoring, as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its fifty-eighth meeting, adopted the “Procedure on performance monitoring of designated operational entities”, which states that the Board as the final decision-making body shall be provided with all relevant data on DOE performance for its decision-making on system-wide improvement via identification of issues where guidance or requirements lack clarity or are non-existent.

9. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the status of the CDM Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) initiative, as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-first meeting, requested the secretariat to keep the Board up-to-date on issues related to the progress and effectiveness of the RCCs.

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

10. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on the role and structure of the panels and working groups under the Board, as contained in annex 5 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, in its MAP for 2014, decided to review the roles of panels and working groups.

11. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the procedures for selection and performance evaluation of members of panels and working groups and experts included on the CDM rosters, as contained in annex 6, annex 7 and annex 8, 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 CDM rosters of experts, and for evaluating applicant members and experts, and prepare a proposal for the consideration of the Board prior to implementation of a revised system in 2014. The review should include the criteria to be applied and consider options for ensuring the independence and integrity of the system.

12. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on a communication workplan.

Background: The Board, through its MAP 2014, agreed on a communication workplan for the Board, as a continuation of the work presented in 2013 and the communication and outreach strategy adopted at the sixty-eighth meeting of the Board.

13. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide input to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board on matters to be raised in the informal interaction between the chairs and vice-chairs of the Board and the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC), which is planned to take place during the subsidiary bodies' session in June 2014.

Background: In 2013, the Board and the JISC requested their chairs and vice-chairs to hold informal interactions with the view to exchanging information and experiences. At its seventy-seventh meeting, the Board took note of the first informal interaction, which took place during the UNFCCC sessions in Warsaw, Poland. The Board requested the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Board to continue this informal interaction with the JISC to discuss synergies and ways to cooperate across the two regulatory bodies.

14. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the JISC decision on accreditation matters.

Background: The JISC at its thirty-fourth meeting agreed to use the CDM accreditation system partially and agreed to initiate a dialogue with the Board, with a view to reaching a common decision on accreditation. The JISC requested the secretariat to inform it of the progress of such dialogue at its next meeting.

Agenda item 2.5. Operation of panels and working groups

(a). CDM Accreditation Panel

15. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 68th meeting of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP).

Background: The CDM-AP held its 68th meeting on 5–7 May 2014 in Bonn, Germany.

(b). Methodologies Panel

16. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 63rd meeting of the Methodologies Panel (Meth Panel).

Background: The Meth Panel held its 63rd meeting from 28 April to 2 May 2014 in Bonn. The Meth Panel dealt with case-specific issues, methodological clarifications, guidance and other issues, as specified below.

(c). Small-Scale Working Group

17. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 44th meeting of the Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG).

Background: The SSC WG held its 44th meeting on 5–8 May 2014 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

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

Background: In accordance with the 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

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

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

Agenda item 3.3. Registration

20. ► **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.

21. ► **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 of the secretariat and the RIT (Registration and Issuance Team) Team contained different proposed decisions (i.e. one to register and the other to reject), or the same proposed decisions (both to register or to reject) but received an objection from a member of the Board. In accordance with the CDM project cycle procedure, for each case listed in table 1 below, the Board shall decide whether to register the project activity or to reject the request for registration.

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

Ref no.	Title	Register	Reject
9713	Santa Rita Hydroelectric Plant	?	?

Agenda item 3.4. Issuance

22. ► **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.

23. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the two requests for permission to resubmit a previously rejected request for issuance listed in table 2 below.

Background: In accordance with the CDM project cycle procedure, if a request for issuance has previously been rejected by the Board, the DOE may resubmit the request for issuance with revised documentation if the reasons for the rejection can be addressed by means of a revised verification report, based on a revised monitoring report as appropriate. In this case, the DOE shall submit a request for resubmission of the request for issuance, justifying that the resubmission falls under such case. The Board shall decide whether to allow the resubmission on a case-by-case basis. The Board may provide further guidance, as appropriate.

Table 2: Request for resubmission of previously rejected request for issuance

Ref. no.	Title	Monitoring period
1406	Tianjin Shuangkou Landfill Gas Recovery and Electricity Generation	1 Jan 2012 to 31 Dec 2012
0171	Caieiras landfill gas emission reduction	1 Sep 2011 to 31 Mar 2012

Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools

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

24. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the revisions of regulatory documents due to the introduction of standardized baselines, as contained in annex 9 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-eighth meeting, requested the secretariat to revise the documents with the inputs provided by the Board and to incorporate the agreement on the selection of standardized baselines vis-à-vis approved methodologies, for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

25. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to comment on the road-testing and the revised “Guidelines for quality assurance and quality control of data used in the establishment of standardized baselines”, as contained in annex 10 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-fifth meeting, considered the revision to the draft “Guidelines for quality assurance and quality control of data used in the establishment of standardized baselines” and requested the secretariat to revise the draft, for consideration by the Board at a future meeting, taking into account the inputs provided by the Board.

26. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on a concept note on “Further work on standardized baselines regulatory framework, including development of top-down thresholds on baseline and additionality for underrepresented countries”, as contained in annex 11 to these annotations.

Background: The CMP at its ninth session requested the Board to expedite its work on the development of country-specific baseline and additionality thresholds for sectors in countries underrepresented in the CDM, in coordination with those countries.

27. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on “Consideration of facilities with registered CDM project activities for the development of standardized baselines”, as contained in annex 12 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-eighth meeting, requested that a concept note on the consideration of facilities with registered CDM project activities for the development of a sector-specific standardized baseline be forwarded to the Meth Panel, with a view the Board receiving, at a future meeting, a recommendation from the Meth Panel and the secretariat on the issue, while considering the revised “Guidelines for the establishment of sector specific standardized baselines”.

28. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the draft package of documents on the application of E- policy in investment analysis for additionality demonstration and selection of baseline scenario, as contained in annex 13 to these annotations.

Background: At its seventy-eighth meeting, the Board considered the guideline on “Application of E- policy in investment analysis for additionality demonstration and selection of baseline scenario” and amendments to the “Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality” and “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality”, and agreed to narrow down the proposed options to determine the E- policy benefit period and requested the secretariat to revise the draft

guideline and the tools taking into account the issues raised by the Board, for consideration by the Board at its seventy-ninth meeting.

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

29. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the information note on “Negative emission reductions in large-scale methodologies”, as contained in annex 10 to the report of the 63rd meeting of the Meth Panel.

Background: This information note was prepared in response to the mandate received by the Board at its seventy-eighth meeting (EB 78 report, paragraph 31) with regard to modifications to the regulatory documents and/or related methodologies to address the issue of negative emission reductions. The information note contains a list of methodologies to be indicated in the CDM project standard and/or CDM project cycle procedure for which the current restrictions requiring sequencing of issuance requests of monitoring periods for the component project activities (CPAs) of the PoA will continue to apply. The Meth Panel noted that, as per the guidance from the Board at its seventy-seventh meeting, for the rest of the methodologies not included in the list, simplified provisions will apply for requesting issuance in batches once the relevant provisions in the regulatory documents are revised by the Board.

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

30. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to approve the new methodology “AM00XX: Shift from electrolytic to catalytic process for recycling of chlorine from hydrogen chloride gas in isocyanate plants”, as contained in annex 1 to the report of the 63rd meeting of the Meth Panel. The draft methodology is based on the proposed new methodology “NM0366: Cl₂ recycling by catalytic oxidation of HCl instead of electrolysis of HCl aqueous solution” and is applicable to project activities that replace the electrolytic process of recycling chlorine (Cl₂) from hydrogen chloride gas (HCl) in existing isocyanate plants with a new catalytic process.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 19 of the report of its 63rd 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 approve the following new methodological tools:
- (a) “Baseline emissions for modal shift measures in inter-urban cargo transport”, as contained in annex 2 to the report of the 63rd meeting of the Meth Panel. The draft tool includes provisions to estimate baseline emissions for project activities that implement modal shift measures in inter-urban cargo transport and can be used for estimating baseline emissions of individual project activities and establishing standardized baselines;
 - (b) “Baseline emissions for modal shift measures in urban passenger transport”, as contained in annex 3 to the report of the 63rd meeting of the Meth Panel. The draft tool includes provisions to estimate baseline emissions for project activities that implement modal shift measures in urban passenger transport and can be used for estimating baseline emissions of individual project activities and establishing standardized baselines.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 21 of the report of the 63rd meeting of the Meth Panel, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

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

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

- (a) “ACM0002: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources”, as contained in annex 4 to the report of the 63rd meeting of the Meth Panel. This revision was carried out in response to the mandate received at the seventy-fifth meeting of the Board (EB 75 report, paragraph 56) to clarify the definition of rehabilitation and the procedure to calculate baseline emissions for rehabilitated plants. The draft revision:
 - (i) Expands the applicability of the methodology to cover projects involving construction of a new reservoir together with new power plant(s)/unit(s) for increased power generation in integrated hydro power projects;
 - (ii) Includes the definition of “rehabilitation” and the procedure to calculate baseline emissions for rehabilitated plants;
 - (iii) Clarifies how to account for project emissions due to the operation of a fossil-fuel-based backup generator;
 - (iv) Clarifies monitoring requirements for reservoir area and installed capacity in case of hydro power plants and mass fraction of CO₂ and CH₄ in steam in geothermal plants;
- (b) “ACM0015: Consolidated baseline and monitoring methodology for project activities using alternative raw materials that do not contain carbonates for clinker production in cement kilns”, as contained in annex 5 to the report of the 63rd meeting of the Meth Panel. This revision was carried out in response to the mandate received at the fifty-third meeting of the Board (EB 53 report, paragraph 28) to consider methodological approaches applicable to the estimation of baseline emissions for possible CDM project activities using less greenhouse-gas-intensive raw materials in greenfield cement plants. The draft revision expands the applicability of the methodology to greenfield cement plants and changes the title from “Consolidated baseline and monitoring methodology for project activities using alternative raw materials that do not contain carbonates for clinker production in cement kilns” to “Emission reductions from raw material switch in clinker production”.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the Meth Panel is contained in paragraph 25 of the report of the 63rd meeting of the Meth Panel, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

33. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on “Negative leakage due to upstream emissions”, as contained in annex 9 to the report of the 63rd meeting of the Meth Panel and agree to the further work on the revision of methodologies involving fuel switch as well as the methodological tool “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use”.

Background: This concept note was prepared in response to the mandate received by the Board at its seventy-seventh meeting (EB 77 report, paragraph 53).

(iii) Clarifications (large-scale)

34. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to approve the response to request for clarification AM_CLA_0258 as prepared by the Meth Panel and referred to in the Meth Panel report.

Background: The recommendations agreed by the Meth Panel are contained in table 6 in paragraph 34 of the report of the 63rd meeting of the Meth Panel, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>. Information on requests for clarification to approved methodologies and tools finalized by the Meth Panel for consideration by the Board is available on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/clarifications/pending>>.

(c). Methodological standards for small-scale CDM projects**(i). New methodologies and tools (small-scale)**

35. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the SSC WG to approve the proposed new methodologies:

- (a) “SSC-III.XX: Strategic supplementation of a small holder dairy sector to increase productivity”. The draft of the methodology is contained in annex 1 to the report of the 44th meeting of the SSC WG. The proposed new methodology is based on the submission SSC-NM094 and is applicable to the strategic feed supplementation to large ruminants (i.e. dairy cows and/or buffalos) in the small holder dairy sector, for the purpose of increasing milk productivity and thus reducing methane emissions per unit of milk produced;
- (b) “SSC-NM092: Electrification and energization of off-grid areas using renewable energy”. This methodology is consolidated with the revised methodology “AMS-I.L: Electrification of rural communities using renewable energy” to cover rehabilitation of renewable energy systems and to include simplified options for monitoring of renewable energy generated.

Background: The recommendations are contained in paragraphs 16 and 17 of the report of the 44th meeting of the SSC WG available on the UNFCCC CDM website at: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html>.

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

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

- (a) “AMS-I.C: Thermal energy production with or without electricity”. The methodology was last revised at the sixty-first meeting of the Board. In response to the request by the Board, the draft revision as contained in annex 2 to the report of the 44th meeting of the SSC WG:
 - (i) Expands the applicability of AMS-I.C to biomass-based trigeneration systems;
 - (ii) Further clarifies baseline and monitoring procedures;
 - (iii) Replaces the applicability conditions and emission calculations related to the cultivation of biomass, by including reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”;

- (b) “AMS-I.L Electrification of rural communities using renewable energy”. The methodology was last revised at the seventieth meeting of the Board. The draft consolidated revision as contained in annex 3 to the report of the 44th meeting of the SSC WG:
 - (i) Further clarifies the baseline procedure and monitoring requirements for renewable-based mini-grid system;
 - (ii) Removes the requirement related to high-efficiency lighting considering that the equipment specifications are addressed through reference to standards and further clarifies the monitoring requirement;
 - (iii) Consolidates elements from “SSC-NM092: Electrification and energization of off-grid areas using renewable energy” to broaden the applicability of AMS-I.L covering rehabilitation of renewable energy systems and simplify monitoring requirements related to renewable energy installations;
- (c) “AMS-III.BG Emission reduction through sustainable charcoal production and consumption for the production of charcoal in micro gasifier stoves at the household level”. The methodology was last revised at the seventieth meeting of the Board. The draft revision as contained in annex 4 to the report of the 44th meeting of the SSC WG:
 - (i) Includes charcoal produced as a by-product in microgasifier wood stoves used in household applications applying AMS-II.G;
 - (ii) Removes the PoA specific provision to scrap the baseline equipment;
 - (iii) Replaces the applicability conditions and emission calculations related to the cultivation of biomass by including reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”;
- (d) “AMS-III.AQ: Introduction of Bio-CNG in transportation applications to cover the use of the Bio-CNG in modified diesel vehicles and the supply of Bio-CNG to natural gas network and end-users”. The methodology was approved at the fifty-eighth meeting of the Board and the draft revision as contained in annex 5 to the report of the 44th meeting of the SSC WG expands its applicability to project activities that:
 - (i) Inject the biogenic natural gas into a natural gas distribution grid by applying the provisions in the latest version of annex 1 in “AMS-III.H: Methane recovery in waste water treatment”;
 - (ii) Use Bio-CNG in the modified diesel engines by applying only Approach 1 of baseline emission estimation, i.e. the Bio-CNG used in the modified diesel engine will only displace CNG from fossil origin in baseline and not diesel;
- (e) “AMS-III.Z: Fuel Switch, process improvement and energy efficiency in brick manufacture”. The methodology was last revised at the sixty-seventh meeting of the Board and the draft revision as contained in annex 6 to the report of the 44th meeting of the SSC WG:
 - (i) Includes the following cases involving brick production for exemption from debundling check:

- a. Project activities that aggregate brick production units with holistic production cycles, i.e. from raw material procurement to finished product not larger than 5 per cent of the type III small-scale CDM project activity thresholds (i.e. 3,000 tCO₂e);
 - b. Project activities that aggregate brick production units, where each unit qualifies as a Type III microscale CDM project activity and the geographic location of the project activity is a least developed country/small island developing State or special underdeveloped zone (SUZ) of the host country as identified by the government in accordance with the “Guideline on demonstrating additionality of microscale project activities”;
- (ii) Removes the applicability conditions and emission calculations related to the cultivation of biomass and includes emission calculations related to the cultivation of biomass and includes a reference to the methodological tool “Project emissions from cultivation of biomass”.

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 20 of the report of the 44th meeting of the SSC WG available on the UNFCCC CDM website at:

<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html>.

(iii). Guidelines (small-scale)

37. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the information note on “Methane emissions from biomass storage” as contained in annex 13 to the report of the 44th meeting of the SSC WG. The SSC WG analysed issue including whether or not project participants faced any obstacles in complying with the requirement stating “demonstrate during validation the biomass is not stored for more than one year and concluded that no projects have so far faced difficulties in demonstrating this. The SSC WG is therefore recommending that the Board:

- (a) Allow retaining the current requirement of a maximum one year storage period for agricultural residues as indicated in some methodologies; and
- (b) Mandate the SSC WG to propose revisions to the “General guidelines for SSC CDM methodologies” to include the above requirement;

Background: This work is based on the Board's request (EB76 report, paragraph 40) on developing objective criteria, which are different to those that exist in approved biomass based methodologies such as AMS-I.B, to demonstrate that no significant methane emissions occur from the storage of biomass within the project boundary.

(iii). Clarifications (small-scale)

38. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the recommended clarifications SSC_701, SSC_703, SSC_705, SSC_707, SSC_708 as provided in paragraphs 28 to 31 of the report of the 44th 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

39. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to comment on the revision of the CDM project standard, validation and verification standard and project cycle procedure, as contained in annex 14 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its MAP 2014, agreed to revise these regulatory documents with a view to improving their provisions. The Board also requested the secretariat at its seventy-eighth meeting to propose revisions to regulatory documents related to PoAs if possible in conjunction with other revisions to regulatory documents planned to be presented for the consideration of the Board at its seventy-ninth meeting.

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 provide guidance on operational changes that could be considered permanent and within the control of project participants.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-second meeting, considered operational changes that could be considered permanent and within the control of project participants and requested the secretariat to provide further analysis, taking into account the comments made by Board during that meeting, for the consideration of the Board at a future meeting.

42. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept notes related to the simplification of the validation process, as contained in annex 15 and annex 16 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its MAP 2014, agreed to simplify the validation process in accordance with the request from the CMP at its ninth session.

43. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on a concept note on “Flexibility in the timing of the verification of afforestation and reforestation project activities”, as contained in annex 17 to these annotations.

Background: The Board at its seventy-fifth meeting considered a draft recommendation² to the CMP in this regard and agreed to work further on this issue. The Board requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note on this issue exploring, inter alia, the possibility of applying the provisions contained in paragraph 71 of the report of the sixty-second meeting of the Board, to the issuance of temporary CERs (tCERs) and long-term CERs (ICERs) under afforestation/reforestation (A/R) CDM project activities and the implications of the work being undertaken on related issues by the Subsidiary Body for

² The draft recommendation by the Board contained draft amendments to the “Modalities and procedures for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism” (annex to decision 5/CMP.1) allowing flexibility in the timing of the verification of A/R CDM project activities.

Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA).

Agenda item 5. Relations with forums and other stakeholders

44. ► **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.

45. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to interact with the Co-Chairs of the global Designated National Authorities Forum (DNA Forum).

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

46. ► **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.

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

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

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

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

Agenda item 6. Other matters

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

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

50. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the report of the seventy-ninth 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 2014
- Annex 2 - Workplan of panels and working groups for 2014 (Mid-year review)
- Annex 3 - Sixth analysis report to the CDM Executive Board on the results of DOE performance monitoring
- Annex 4 - Status of the CDM regional collaboration centres initiative
- Annex 5 - Concept note: Role and structure of the panels and working groups under the CDM Executive Board
- Annex 6 - Draft procedure: Selection and performance evaluation of members of panels and working groups under the CDM Executive Board
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- Annex 9 - Revisions of regulatory documents due to introduction of standardized baselines
- Annex 10 - Road-testing and revised guidelines for quality assurance and quality control of data used in the establishment of standardized baselines
- Annex 11 - Concept note: Further work on standardized baseline regulatory framework, including development of top-down thresholds on baseline and additionality for underrepresented countries
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- Annex 14 - Revision of CDM project standard, validation and verification standard, and project cycle procedure
- Annex 15 - Concept note: General simplification in the validation process - Delay in validation of monitoring plan (3/CMP.9 – Paragraph 10)
- Annex 16 - Concept note: General simplification in the validation process (3/CMP.9 – Paragraph 18)
- Annex 17 - Concept note: Flexibility in the timing of the verification of afforestation and reforestation project activities

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