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1. Procedural background

1. The mandates of the panels and working groups are determined by their terms of reference, the rules of procedure of the CDM Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) of the clean development mechanism (CDM), and additional guidance provided by the Board in the course of the year, including in the approved workplans developed within the context of the CDM management plan 2017.
2. The practice of the Board is to adopt the draft workplans of the panel and working groups at the first meeting of the year, in order that the mandated work for these bodies in 2017 is clear and transparent.

2. Purpose

3. The draft workplans of the panels and working groups for 2017 provide an overview of the expected activities of the panels and working groups. This ensures a balanced workload throughout the year and efficient use of meeting time.

3. Key issues and proposed solutions

4. The draft workplans of the panels and working groups provide details of the activities, expected outputs and timelines for finalizing the recommendations and deliverables for the Board's consideration. The workplans are in accordance with the draft workplan of the Board for 2017.
5. The draft workplans of the following panels and working groups are included:
 - (a) Methodologies Panel;
 - (b) Small-Scale Working Group;
 - (c) Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group;
 - (d) Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Working Group;
 - (e) CDM Accreditation Panel.

4. Impacts

6. The draft workplans will serve as meeting management tools and the basis for monitoring progress of the work undertaken by panels and working groups in 2017.

5. Subsequent work and timelines

7. Once approved, the workplans of the panels and working groups for 2017 will be updated continuously and the status on implementation of the workplans will be reported to the panels and working groups and their respective chairs and vice-chairs.

6. Recommendations to the Board

8. The secretariat recommends that the Board approve the draft workplans of its panels and working groups.

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1. Introduction

1. The support structure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) (hereinafter referred to as the Board) consisting of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP), the Methodologies Panel (MP), the Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG), the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG) and the Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Working Group (CCS WG) is established under the Board to assist in the performance of its functions related to the accreditation system (CDM-AP) and methodological issues concerning CDM project activities (MP, SSC WG, A/R WG and CCS WG).
2. The mandates of the panels and working groups are determined by their terms of reference, the rules of procedure of the Board, and additional guidance provided by the Board.
3. The workplans of the panels and working groups for 2017 outline the expected tasks to support the Board and have been developed within the context of the CDM management plan 2017. The workplans include the routine operation activities to be performed by the panels and working groups as well as mandates provided by the Board.

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2. Methodologies Panel workplan for 2017

Activity	Product	MP 72	MP 73	MP 74	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
Requests for project and programme of activities (PoA) post registration changes (PRC)	Input to the changes to registered CDM projects and PoAs	Input	Input	Input	N/A	Input as applicable upon request by the secretariat. Procedure: CDM project cycle procedure
Processing of requests for clarification, revision, new submissions and micro-scale additionality	Proposed new methodologies (PNMs) submitted by proponents	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	Recommendation based on submissions received. Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools
	Requests for revision of approved methodologies or methodological tools submitted by proponents	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	
	Requests for clarification of approved methodologies or methodological tools submitted by proponents (bottom-up process) (including fast track clarification by the panels/WGs)	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	

Activity	Product	MP 72	MP 73	MP 74	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
Evaluation of standardized baselines	Top-down standardized baselines (TSB) and proposed standardized baseline (PSB) submissions from designated national authorities (DNAs)	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	Recommendation based on submissions received Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines
	Proposed revised standardized baselines submissions from DNAs	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	
	Requests for clarification of standardized baselines submitted by enquirer	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	
	Proposed updated standardized baselines submissions from DNAs (bottom-up process)	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	
Stakeholder communications	Input to the letters to the Board	Input	Input	Input	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	Input as applicable upon request by the secretariat/Board. Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders
110: Further development of standardized baselines framework	Revision of Guidelines for establishment of sector specific standardized baseline	Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call		EB 96	To incorporate clarifying elements EB 89 report para. 37

Activity	Product	MP 72	MP 73	MP 74	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
110: Further development of standardized baselines framework (<i>cont.</i>)	Development of standards with a methodological framework for specific project types (energy-efficient appliances for residential application)	Recommendation preceded by call			EB 94	EB 85 report, para. 39
	Development of standards with a methodological framework for specific project types (energy efficiency in buildings)		Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call	EB 97	
223: Simplification of methodologies	Further work on additionality, including probabilistic approaches for additionality	Concept note	Recommendation		EB 96	Joint recommendations EB 90 report para. 50
	Methodology specific simplified additionality (positive list)	Concept note			EB 94	Joint recommendation EB 92 report para. 42
	Revised Tool 02: "Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality"	Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call		EB 96	EB 92 report para. 35
	Revised methodological Tool 27: "Investment analysis"		Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call	EB 97	Annual update EB 85 report para. 50

Activity	Product	MP 72	MP 73	MP 74	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
223: Simplification of methodologies (<i>cont.</i>)	Consolidated small-scale and microscale additionality tools with updated positive lists	Discussion	Recommendation		EB 96	EB 85 report para. 42 b)
	Cost-effective approaches for monitoring a) CN on simplified monitoring, reducing transaction costs of monitoring b) Revision to methodologies, tools and regulations	Concept note			EB 94	Joint concept note 6/CMP.11, para. 15 3/CMP.12, para. 8 EB 87 report para. 45 EB 90 report para. 53 EB 92 report para. 34
	Non-binding best practice examples in methodologies	Discussion	Discussion Recommendation preceded by call	Discussion Recommendation preceded by call	EB 96 EB 97	Including Tool 06: "Project emissions from flaring" EB 83 report para. 32 EB 85 report para. 51
223: Simplification of methodologies - Various top-down revised/new methodologies and tools mandated by the Board	Revision of Methodological Tool 07: "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system"	Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call		EB 96	EB 89 report para. 42
	Identification of other renewable energy technologies that can be included in the positive list (revision of ACM103 based on ACM002 (isolated grid))		Discussion	Recommendation	EB 97	EB 89 report para. 41 EB 87 report para. 46 EB 83 report para. 43

Activity	Product	MP 72	MP 73	MP 74	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
223: Simplification of methodologies - Various top-down revised/new methodologies and tools mandated by the Board (<i>cont.</i>)	Revision of methodologies' baseline and/or project emissions from refrigerants used in refrigeration and air conditioning equipment	Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call		EB 96	Methodologies: AM0060, AM0071, AM0084, AM0091 EB 85 report para. 39
	Review methodologies for references to Tool 16: "Project and leakage emissions for biomass"		Discussion	Recommendation	EB 97	Methodologies: AM0082, ACM0017, ACM0018 EB 83 report para. 44
244: Development of new methodologies to broaden the applicability of the CDM	Use of the CDM in urban sectors	Discussion	Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call	EB 97	Joint recommendation 4/CMP.10, para. 6 EB 90 report para. 52
	Methodology for lightweight, two-or three-wheeled personal transportation infrastructure	Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call		EB 96	Joint recommendation 4/CMP.10, para. 6 EB 89 report para. 33 a)
	Improved operation of public transportation	Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call		EB 96	Joint recommendation 4/CMP.10, para. 6 EB 89 report para. 33 b)
	Methodological options for developing 'agriculture CDM'		Input to Recommendation preceded by call		EB 96	Joint recommendation Revision of AMS-III.BK, AMS-III.F and AMS-III.Y 4/CMP.10, para. 6 EB 92 report para. 46 EB 89 report para. 34, part 1
	Methodologies for biofuel activities	Recommendation preceded by call			EB 94	Methodology: ACM0017 4/CMP.10, para. 6 EB 85 report para. 44

Activity	Product	MP 72	MP 73	MP 74	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
Other methodology related issues	Assessment of whether the existing approved methodologies have used the principle of discounting emission reductions	Input to Information note			EB 94	EB 90 report para. 54 b)
	Requirements in methodology "AM0118: Introduction of low resistivity power transmission line"		Information note		EB 96	To consider thresholds: at least 10% less electrical resistance and max +/- 20% variation baseline load curve EB 92 report para. 40
	Revised methodological Tool 04: "Emissions from solid waste disposal sites"	Recommendation			EB 94	EB 92 report para. 43
Project assessments	Post-registration changes in CDM project activities and PoAs	Concept note			EB 94	Joint concept note EB 90 report, para. 61

Table 1. MP Workplan 2017 ^(a)

Numbers of items	MP 72	MP 73	MP 74
Concept / Information note / Input	5	2	0
Recommendation	3	9	6
Discussion	9	6	1
Total	17	17	7

^(a) Total of items 2017: 41

3. Small-Scale Working Group workplan for 2017

Activity	Product	SSC WG 53	SSC WG 54	SSC WG 55	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
Requests for project and PoA post registration changes (PRC)	Input to the changes to registered CDM projects and PoAs	Input	Input	Input	N/A	Input as applicable upon request by the secretariat. Procedure: CDM project cycle procedure
Processing of requests for clarification, revision, new submissions and micro-scale additionality	Proposed new methodologies (PNMs) submitted by proponents	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	Recommendation based on submissions received. Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools
	Requests for revision of approved methodologies or methodological tools submitted by proponents	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	
	Requests for clarification of approved methodologies or methodological tools submitted by proponents (bottom-up process) (including fast track clarification by the panels/WGs)	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	
	Proposed specific renewable energy technologies/measures for automatic additionality on micro-scale CDM project activities submitted by DNAs	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	Recommendation based on submissions received Procedure: Submission and consideration of microscale renewable energy technologies for automatic additionality

Activity	Product	SSC WG 53	SSC WG 54	SSC WG 55	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
Processing of requests for clarification, revision, new submissions and micro-scale additionality (<i>cont.</i>)	Determination of fraction of non-renewable biomass (fNRB) factors for Parties with 10 or fewer registered CDM project activities as of 31 December 2010	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	Recommendations to the Board of default values for application in specific countries. EB 67 report, para. 93
Evaluation of standardized baselines	Top-down standardized baselines (TSB) and proposed standardized baseline (PSB) submissions from designated national authorities (DNAs)	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	Recommendation based on submissions received Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines
	Proposed revised standardized baselines submissions from DNAs	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	
	Requests for clarification of standardized baselines submitted by enquirer	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	
	Proposed updated standardized baselines submissions from DNAs (bottom-up process)	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	

Activity	Product	SSC WG 53	SSC WG 54	SSC WG 55	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
Stakeholder communications	Input to the letters to the Board	Input	Input	Input	EB 94 EB 96 EB 97	Input as applicable upon request by the secretariat/Board. Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders
110: Further development of standardized baselines framework	Development of standards with a methodological framework for specific project types (energy-efficient appliances for residential application)	Recommendation preceded by call			EB 94	EB 85 report, para. 39
	Development of standards with a methodological framework for specific project types (energy efficiency in buildings)		Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call	EB 97	EB 85 report, para. 39
223: Simplification of methodologies	Further work on additionality, including probabilistic approaches for additionality		Recommendation		EB 96	Joint recommendation EB 90 report para. 50
	Methodology specific simplified additionality (positive list)	Concept note			EB 94	Joint recommendation EB 92 report para. 42

Activity	Product	SSC WG 53	SSC WG 54	SSC WG 55	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
223: Simplification of methodologies (cont.)	Consolidated small-scale and microscale additionality tools with updated positive lists	Discussion	Recommendation		EB 96	EB 85 report para. 42 EB 87 report para. 49
	Cost-effective approaches for monitoring a)CN on simplified monitoring, reducing transaction costs of monitoring b)Revision to methodologies, tools and regulations	Concept note			EB 94	Joint concept note 6/CMP.11, para. 15 3/CMP.12, para. 8 EB 87 report para. 45 EB 90 report para. 53 EB 92 report para. 34
	Non-binding best practice examples in methodologies	Discussion	Discussion Recommendation preceded by call	Discussion Recommendation preceded by call	EB 96 EB 97	Including Tool 06: "Project emissions from flaring" EB 83 report para. 32 EB 85 report para. 51
	Method to develop fNRB values	Recommendation			EB 94	EB 90 report para. 58 c)
223: Simplification of methodologies - Various top-down revised/new methodologies and tools mandated by the Board	Analysis of "AMS-I.E: Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user" and "AMS-II.G: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass" followed by revision of the methodologies	Discussion	Information note	Recommendation preceded by call	EB 96 EB 97	Recommendation: Revision of methodologies based on issues that have been already clarified. EB 90 report para. 59

Activity	Product	SSC WG 53	SSC WG 54	SSC WG 55	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
223: Simplification of methodologies - Various top-down revised/new methodologies and tools mandated by the Board (<i>cont.</i>)	Revision of methodologies' baseline and/or project emissions from refrigerants used in refrigeration and air conditioning equipment	Discussion	Input to recommendation preceded by call		EB 96	Methodologies: AM0060, AM0071, AM0084, AM0091 EB 85 report para. 39
244: Development of new methodologies to broaden the applicability of the CDM	Use of the CDM in urban sectors	Discussion	Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call	EB 97	Joint recommendation 4/CMP.10, para. 6 EB 90 report para. 52
	Methodology for lightweight, two-or three-wheeled personal transportation infrastructure	Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call		EB 96	Joint recommendation 4/CMP.10, para. 6 EB 89 report para. 33 a)
	Improved operation of public transportation	Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call		EB 96	Joint recommendation 4/CMP.10, para. 6 EB 89 report para. 33 b)
	Methodological options for developing 'agriculture CDM'		Recommendation preceded by call		EB 96	Joint recommendation Revision of AMS-III.BK, AMS-III.F and AMS-III. 4/CMP.10, para. 6 EB 92 report para 46 EB 89 report para. 34, part 1
	Methodologies for biofuel activities		Discussion	Recommendation preceded by call	EB 97	4/CMP.10, para. 6 EB 85 report para. 44
Other methodology related issues	Revised methodological Tool 04 "Emissions from solid waste disposal sites"	Input to recommendation			EB 94	EB 92 report para. 43

Table 2. SSC WG Workplan 2017 ^(a)

Numbers of items	SSC WG 53	SSC WG 54	SSC WG 55
Concept / Information note / Input	3	2	0
Recommendation	2	6	5
Discussion	7	4	1
Total	12	12	6

^(a) Total of items 2017: 30

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4. Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group workplan for 2017

Activity	Product	A/R WG	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
Requests for project and PoA post registration changes (PRC)	Input to the changes to registered CDM projects and PoAs	Input	N/A	Input as applicable upon request by the secretariat. Procedure: CDM project cycle procedure
Processing of requests for clarification, revision, new submissions and micro-scale additionality	Proposed new methodologies (PNMs) submitted by proponents	Recommendation	TBD	Recommendation based on submissions received. Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools
	Requests for revision of approved methodologies or methodological tools submitted by proponents	Recommendation	TBD	
	Requests for clarification of approved methodologies or methodological tools submitted by proponents (bottom-up process) (including fast track clarification by the panels/WGs)	Recommendation	TBD	
Evaluation of standardized baselines	Top-down standardized baselines (TSB) and proposed standardized baseline (PSB) submissions from designated national authorities (DNAs)	Recommendation	TBD	Recommendation based on submissions received. Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines
Stakeholder communications	Input to the letters to the Board	Input	TBD	Input as applicable upon request by the secretariat/Board. Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders

5. Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Working Group workplan for 2017

Activity	Product	CCS WG	EB consideration	Comments and mandates
Processing of requests for clarification, revision, new submissions and micro-scale additionality	Proposed new methodologies (PNMs) submitted by proponents	Recommendation	TBD	Recommendation based on submissions received. Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools

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6. CDM Accreditation Panel workplan for 2017

Activity	Product	AP 77	AP 78	AP 79	EB consideration	Mandates and comments
Assessment of applications for accreditation	Accreditation of new operational entities	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 93 EB 95 EB 97	Procedure: Terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM EB
Continuous monitoring of compliance of the designated operational entities (DOEs) with the CDM accreditation standard	Re-accreditation of DOEs	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 93 EB 95 EB 97	
	Recommendations for suspension, placement under observation and withdrawal of accreditation of DOEs	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 93 EB 95 EB 97	
	Recommendations for additional assessment of DOEs	Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation	EB 93 EB 95 EB 97	
Accreditation system	Assessment planning	Concept note			EB 93	EB 92 report para. 49 CDM AP / secretariat joint recommendation
Direct interaction with stakeholders	Interaction with the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum	Info	Info	Info	N/A	Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders
	Interaction with the CDM Assessment Team (CDM-AT)			Info	N/A	

Table 3. AP Workplan 2017 ^(a)

Numbers of items	AP 77	AP 78	AP 79
Concept / Information note	1	0	0
Interaction (Info)	1	1	2
Recommendation	4	4	4
Total	6	5	6

^(a) Total of items 2017: 17

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