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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 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 eightieth meeting.

Background: At its last meeting, the Board agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda for its eightieth meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the Board on 23 June 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 consider the status of implementation of the 2014 management plan (MAP) for the period from January to May 2014.

Background: The Board at its seventy-sixth meeting adopted its “CDM two-year business plan 2014–2015 and management plan 2014” and agreed to conduct a mid-year review

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

of the MAP to assess its implementation and refine, as needed, the direction of work and budget contained in it.

Agenda item 2.3. Performance management

5. ► **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.

6. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of a report on the performance of the members of panels and working groups.

Background: The Board at its seventy-fourth meeting requested the secretariat to regularly report to the Board on the performance of experts and members.

7. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the report on the status of the CDM Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) initiative, as contained in annex 2 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. The Board at its seventy-ninth meeting took note of first update in 2014 on the status of the RCCs initiative.

8. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to hold an initial discussion on its 2014 annual report to the CMP.

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 the next meeting of the Board.

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

9. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the draft procedure for selection and performance evaluation of experts included on the CDM rosters, as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

Background: The Board at its seventy-ninth meeting requested the secretariat to further work on the procedure for selection and performance evaluation of experts on the CDM Registration and Issuance Team (RIT) and Meth rosters of experts, taking into account the inputs given by Board.

10. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on a concept note on the alignment of oath of service of the Board and the code of conduct, as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

Background: At its seventy-seventh meeting, the Board requested the secretariat to propose means to align the language of the oath of service of the Board, as included in its Rules of procedure, with its code of conduct, for consideration by the Board at a

future meeting with a view to the Board making a recommendation to the next session of the CMP.

11. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of issues considered at the fortieth session of the subsidiary bodies (SBSTA 40 and SBI 40) related to the CDM.

Background: The SBSTA 40 and SBI 40 took place in June 2014 in Bonn, Germany and considered items directly or indirectly related to the CDM.

12. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of an oral update on the informal interaction with Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC).

Background: The Board and the JISC have started the practice of requesting their chairs and vice-chairs to informally interact in order to exchanging views and experiences of the two bodies. At its seventy-ninth meeting, the Board took note that the next interaction was planned to take place during the June 2014 sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

13. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to hold an informal interaction with the Chair of the JISC on accreditation matters.

Background: The Board at its seventy-ninth meeting took note of the decision of the thirty-fourth meeting of the JISC to initiate a dialogue with the Board with a view to reaching a common decision on accreditation, and in the short term to partially use the CDM accreditation system. In its recent interaction, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board invited the JISC Chair to interact with the Board at its eightieth meeting.

14. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that, due to the unavailability of the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) at the June 2014 sessions of the subsidiary bodies, the interaction with the Chair of the Board was postponed.

Background: The Board at its seventy-ninth meeting requested the Chair to report back on the outcomes of an interaction with the Executive Director of the GCF during the June 2014 sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

15. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider an assessment related to the feasibility of holding the eighty-first meeting of the Board at the United Nations Headquarters and the related proposed programme to interact with policy-makers and stakeholders during this period and to agree on the matter accordingly.

Background: The Board at its seventy-ninth meeting requested the secretariat to provide an assessment of the logistical and budgetary implications, as well as possibilities of events for the Board to interact with policy-makers and stakeholders during the period of the meeting.

16. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to hold an initial discussion on the focus of the Board's strategy planning session, planned to be held in conjunction with its eighty-first meeting.

Background: The Board agreed to hold its usual annual strategic planning session back-to-back with one of its meetings with a view to considering strategic issues.

17. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider approaches for the development of an online certified emission reduction (CER) purchasing tool.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-ninth meeting, considered options for increasing demand for CERs and agreed on activities related to facilitating voluntary cancellation, communication and promoting the use of the CDM and CERs including the “Review the options and implications of developing a means for simple online voluntary cancellation of CERs”.

Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific)

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation

18. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of notifications from designated operational entities (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>.

20. ► **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 for a programme of activity listed in table 1 below. The subsequent assessments of the secretariat and the RIT (Registration and Issuance 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 the case listed in table 1 below, the Board shall decide whether to register the programme of 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
PoA9593	Demand side energy efficiency measures in building lighting systems	?	?

21. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for one post registration change as listed in table 2 below.

Background: A DOE submitted a request for post-registration change for approval by the Board prior to the submission of the request for issuance programme of activity. In accordance with the CDM project cycle procedure, for the case listed in table 2 below, the Board shall decide whether to approve the post-registration change.

Table 2. Request for post-registration change

Ref no.	Title	Approve
PRC-5336-001	Efficient Cook Stove Programme: Kenya	?

Agenda item 3.3. Registration

22. ► **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.

Agenda item 3.4. Issuance

23. ► **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.

24. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take stock of the number of voluntarily cancelled CERs.

Background: The status of CERs voluntarily cancelled can be viewed on the UNFCCC CDM website at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Registry/vc_attest/index.html>.

Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools

25. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the revised “Transitional provisions for implementation of the revised CDM accreditation standard”, as contained in annex 5 to these annotations.

Background: The Board at its seventy-ninth meeting agreed to postpone the mandatory deadline for all DOEs to comply with the accreditation standard to 1 January 2015, based on the recommendation from the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP), taking into account an input from the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum.

26. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the amendments to the “Clean development mechanism project standard” (PS), “Clean development mechanism validation and verification standard” (VVS) and “Clean development mechanism project cycle

procedure” (PCP), as well as the amendments to the standard for “Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities” and the amendments to the standard for “Demonstration of additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for programmes of activities”, on revisions related to PoA, as contained in annex 6 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its MAP 2014, agreed to develop simplified and user-friendly standards and procedures that increase efficiency and ensure environmental integrity.

Agenda item 4.2. Procedures

27. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to continue to consider the revisions of the PS, VVS and PCP, as contained in annex 7 to these annotations.

Background: The Board at its seventy-ninth meeting agreed to continue considering the draft revised PS, VVS and PCP at the next meeting, and requested the secretariat to prepare a new version of the draft revised documents based on the feedback received at the meeting.

Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues

28. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to agree on the recommendation by the Board to the CMP, as contained in the “Concept note: Flexibility in the timing of the verification of afforestation and reforestation project activities”, annex 17 to the annotated agenda of the seventy-ninth meeting of the Board.

Background: The Board at its seventy-ninth meeting considered a concept note on the flexibility in timing of verification of afforestation and reforestation project activities and requested the secretariat to revise the draft recommendation taking into account the comments of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG). The A/R WG has endorsed the recommendation as contained in the concept note presented to the Board at its last meeting.

29. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the number of projects that are not active.

Background: During the consideration of a letter from a stakeholder at its seventy-seventh meeting, the Board clarified that the requirement in paragraph 182 of the PCP is applicable to all registered project activities and PoAs irrespective of their implementation status and requested the secretariat to provide statistics on the number of projects that are not active.

30. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide direction on a concept note for the review of the application of the accreditation fee, as contained in annex 8 to these annotations.

Background: The Board at its seventy-sixth meeting considered a recommendation from the CDM-AP to revise the CDM accreditation procedure to remove the requirement for another payment of the non-reimbursable application fee. The Board requested the secretariat to assess the issue and, where appropriate, propose options for revision.

31. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide direction on a concept note for the development of guiding tools to assist designated national authorities (DNAs) in monitoring sustainable development benefits, as contained in annex 9 to these annotations.

Background: The CMP at its ninth session requested the Board to develop guiding tools to assist DNAs, upon the request of the host Party and on a voluntary basis, in monitoring the sustainable development benefits. The Board agreed to consider a concept note on this matter, once the first request of a DNA for this assistance is received.

32. ► **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.

Agenda item 5. Relations with forums and other stakeholders

33. ► **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.

34. ► **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.

35. ► **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.

36. ► **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

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

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

38. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the report of the eightieth 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 - Status of CDM regional collaboration centres initiative
- Annex 3 - Draft Procedure: Selection and performance evaluation of experts on the CDM Registration and Issuance Team and Methodologies rosters of experts
- Annex 4 - Concept note: Issues related to the oath of service of the CDM Executive Board
- Annex 5 - Transitional provisions for implementation of the revised CDM accreditation standard
- Annex 6 - Revision of PoA-related regulatory documents
- Annex 7 - Revision of CDM project standard, validation and verification standard, and project cycle procedure
- Annex 8 - Concept note: Review of the application of accreditation fee
- Annex 9 - Concept note: Assistance to DNAs for development of guiding tools for monitoring sustainable development benefits of CDM project activities and PoAs

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