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CDM Executive Board workplan 2016

Version 05.0



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COVER NOTE

1. Procedural background

1. The CDM Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) at its eighty-eighth meeting approved the workplan of the Board for 2016 and requested the secretariat to include in future versions of the workplan any new mandates arising from meetings and to provide an update on the status of work at each meeting.
2. This work is in line with the requests of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) to the Board to continue its work to further improve the consistency, efficiency and transparency of its decision-making.

2. Purpose

3. The purpose of this document is to provide a report to the Board on the achievements to date against its work planned for the year, based on the 2016 workplan of the Board agreed at the first meeting of the year. The workplan of the Board for 2016 provides an overview of the issues to be considered by the Board at each meeting.

3. Key issues and proposed solutions

4. Changes to the previous version of the workplan are highlighted and the rationale for changes is also provided in the document.
5. This version of the workplan also includes a new column for items originally planned for EB92, which have been deferred to 2017, due to the prioritization of other workstreams (e.g registration and issuance assessments (EB88 report para. 33), simplification and streamlining of CDM regulations (EB89 report, para 31)).

4. Impacts

6. This end-year progress report on the workplan helps to ensure the efficiency and transparency of the decision-making process and will facilitate the Board's management of its workload when planning work for 2017.

5. Proposed work and timelines

7. The secretariat will prepare the workplan for the year 2017 for adoption by the Board at its first meeting in 2017, based on the approved MAP 2017. As done in 2016, the secretariat will include in the workplan any new mandates arising from each meeting in 2017 and provide an update on the status of work at the following meeting.

6. Recommendations to the Board

8. The secretariat recommends that the Board take note of the final updated workplan for 2016 and provide comments, as appropriate.

1. CDM Executive Board workplan 2016

1. The table below provides an overview of the workplan of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism for 2016.

Table 1. CDM Executive Board workplan 2016

Project/ routine	Product	EB 88	EB 89	EB 90	EB 91	EB 92	2017	Related mandates and comments
Governance and management matters								
Servicing of regulatory body								
Support to the Executive Board (EB)	Selection of Chair/Vice Chair for EB	Final						
	Selection of Chairs/Vice Chairs for panels and working groups (WGs)	Final						
	Selection of CDM EB Finance Committee (EBFC) members	Final						
	Calendar of meetings	Final				Final		
	EB workplan	Final	Info	Info	Info	Info		

Project/ routine	Product	EB 88	EB 89	EB 90	EB 91	EB 92	2017	Related mandates and comments
Support to the EB (<i>cont.</i>)	EB report to CMP			Concept	Final			
	CDM MAP 2016 mid-year review			Info				Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 28.
	CDM MAP 2017					Final		
242 Identification of key performance indicators (KPIs)	Amended list of CDM KPIs			Final				
Operations of the CDM	Technical and legal analysis		Info					
Servicing of panels/working groups								
Panels and working groups (WGs)	2016 workplans of panels and WGs	Final						
	Panel and WG meeting reports	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final		
Secretariat-organized interactions								
Global DNA Forum	Interaction with Co-Chairs		Info			Info		
DOE/AIE Coordination Forum	Interaction with the Chair	Info	Info	Info	Info	Info		

Project/ routine	Product	EB 88	EB 89	EB 90	EB 91	EB 92	2017	Related mandates and comments
DOE/AIE Coordination Forum (<i>cont.</i>)	Analysis of the secretariat and DOE/AIE conference calls		Concept					
Accreditation system								
Accreditation system	Analysis of the need for measures to ensure the continued participation of designated operational entities in the CDM			Concept (panel/WG input, preceded by call)				Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 11.
	DOE performance monitoring					Info (through panel/WG report)		
	Simplified DOE performance monitoring system					Draft (panel/ WG input)		
Market and policy analysis								
Policy analysis and reports	Carbon market and policy update	Info		Info		Info		

Project/ routine	Product	EB 88	EB 89	EB 90	EB 91	EB 92	2017	Related mandates and comments
Partnerships								
Nairobi Framework	Nairobi Framework Partnership update				Info			
CDM loan scheme	Independent evaluation of CDM loan scheme		Info	Info	Concept			
	Implementation report of CDM loan scheme							
Regional collaboration centres operations (RCCs)	Expansion of scope and scale of RCCs			Concept	Concept			Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 26.
Regulatory policy improvement								
222 Enhance the clarity, consistency and user-friendliness of regulations	Report on processes			Info				Covered under the MAP mid-year review at EB90.
	Report on stakeholder communications and impacts					Info		Procedure for direct communication para. 61.

Project/ routine	Product	EB 88	EB 89	EB 90	EB 91	EB 92	2017	Related mandates and comments
Sustainable development co-benefits	Increased communication on sustainable development co-benefits			Info				Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 21.
	Improved user-friendliness of the existing sustainable development co-benefits tool			Concept				Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 22.
CDM registry	Information on 3/CMP.1, appendix D, para. 12		Concept	Concept	Final			Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 24.
Regulatory management								
Regulatory framework management	Revised PS, VVS			Concept	Draft	Final		Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 23.
	Revised methodology procedure		Draft					Decision 6/CMP.11, paras. 12 and 13.

Project/ routine	Product	EB 88	EB 89	EB 90	EB 91	EB 92	2017	Related mandates and comments
Regulatory framework management (cont.)	CDM registry procedure						Draft	Postponed to 2017 in order to prioritize the work on the revised regulatory documents and for voluntary cancellation of CERs.
	Recommendations on initial accreditation fee payment			Concept (secr./ panel/WG joint rec.)				
	Revised accreditation procedure					Draft (panel/WG input)		
246 Simplification and streamlining of the CDM	Proposals for simplification and streamlining of the CDM	Concept (panel/WG input)	Concept (panel/WG input)					Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 6.
	Revised regulatory documents (e.g. PS, VVS, PCP, accreditation standard)			Concept	Draft	Final (preceded by call)		
					Info			

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246 (cont.)	PoA standard, PoA VVS and PoA cycle procedure	Concept	Concept	Concept	Draft	Final (preceded by call)		Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 18.
	Revised materiality guidelines						Concept	Postponed to 2017 in order to prioritize the work on the revised regulatory documents and registration and issuance submissions.
249 Systematic learning system/enhancing quality by institutionalizing regular accountability				Info				
Rulings								
Project assessments								
Assessment of compliance with CDM requirements relating to project and PoA submissions	Consideration of cases for registration, issuance and other project and PoA related submissions	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final		
	Process status			Info		Info		

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Regulatory matters								
Project assessments								
Standardized registration template			Concept	Draft				Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 20.
Post-registration changes in CDM project activities and PoAs						Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)	Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)	EB91 report, para. 9
Methodologies								
110 Further development of stand. baselines framework	Revision of Guidelines for establishment of sector specific standardized baseline	Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)				Final (through panel/ WG report)	Final (through panel/ WG report)	EB91 report, para. 9
	Development of standards with a methodological framework for specific project types			Concept (through panel/ WG report)		Final (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.) Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)	Final (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec., prec. by call) Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)	EB91 report, para. 9

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110 (cont.)	Revision of regulatory documents due to the revision of the procedure for development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines					Concept	Concept	EB91 report, para. 9
	Further work to define rules for determination of country-specific thresholds for specific project types/sectors of under-represented countries	Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)						Decision 3/CMP.9, para. 13.
	Options to develop sector-wide emission factor	Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)						

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110 (cont.)	Database on cost and efficiency of technologies						Info	Moved to 2017 in relation to digitized project and programme design document forms for CDM project activities and PoAs below.
223 Simplification of methodologies including digitization to reduce transaction costs	Digitized project and programme design document forms for CDM project activities and PoAs						Concept	Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 14. Postponed to 2017 in order to prioritize assessment of registration and issuance submissions.
	Simplified inclusion process for activities that satisfy microscale thresholds and are considered automatically additional		Concept (panel/WG input, preceded by call)		Draft	Final		Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 19.

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223 (cont.)	Further work on additionality, including probabilistic approaches for additionality and criteria for negative lists			Concept (panel/WG input)		Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)	Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)	EB91 report, para. 9
	Gap analysis and revision of the combined tool			Concept (through panel/WG report)		Concept (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec.)		
	Revised methodological tool: Investment analysis					Final (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)		
	Non-binding best practice examples in methodologies					Final (through panel/ WG report)	Final (through panel/ WG report)	EB91 report, para. 9

Project/ routine	Product	EB 88	EB 89	EB 90	EB 91	EB 92	2017	Related mandates and comments
223 (cont.)	Consolidated small-scale and microscale additionality tools with updated positive lists					Draft (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec., preceded by call)	Draft (secr./ panel/ WG joint rec., preceded by call)	EB91 report, para. 9
	Cost-effective approaches for monitoring – Revision to methodologies, tools and regulations			Final (through panel/WG report)		Final (through panel/WG report, preceded by call)		Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 15.
						Concept (through panel/WG report)		EB90 report, para. 53
	Method to develop fraction of non-renewable biomass (fNRB) values					Draft (through panel/WG report)	Draft (through panel/WG report)	EB91 report, para. 9

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223 (cont.)	Various top-down revised/new methodologies and tools mandated by the Board		Final (through panel/WG report, preceded by call)	Final (through panel/WG report, preceded by call)		Final (through panel/WG report, preceded by call)		
244 Development of new methodologies to broaden the applicability of the CDM	Use of the CDM in urban sectors			Concept (secl./ panel/ WG joint rec., preceded by call)				Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 6. EB90 report para. 52.
	Broadly applicable methodology for transport applications		Concept (secl./ panel/ WG joint rec., preceded by call)			Info (through panel/WG report)		Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 6. EB91 report, para. 9
	Methodological options for developing 'agriculture CDM'		Concept (secl./ panel/ WG joint rec., preceded by call)			Final (through panel/WG report) Concept (secl./ panel/ WG joint rec.)		Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 6.

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244 (cont.)	Methodologies for biofuel activities					Final (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)	Final (through panel/ WG report, preceded by call)	Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 6. EB91 report, para. 9
	Indirect leakage emissions		Concept					
	Methodologies for the aviation sector – solar at gate	Final	Final (through panel/WG report)					Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 6.
	Methodologies for the aviation sector – e-taxiing		Final (through panel/WG report, preceded by call)					Decision 4/CMP.10, para. 6.
	Consolidated methodology for supply of domestic thermal energy and safe drinking water					Final (through panel/WG report, preceded by call)		SSC WG 51 report, para. 33
Other methodology related issues	Standard on applicability of sectoral scopes	Final (preceded by call)						

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Other methodology related issues (cont.)	New project activity in a physical or geographical location of an existing CDM project		Concept (secr./ panel/WG joint rec.)			Concept (secr./ panel/WG joint rec.)		
	Analysis of the demand and usage of methodologies developed top-down				Info			
Regulatory policy improvement								
216 Application of the E- policy for additionality demonstration	Analysis	Concept			Info			Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 16.
	Consolidated document covering explanations of the E- issues				Info			
Support to DNAs								
Technical assistance to DNAs on guidelines for local stakeholder consultation (if triggered by a DNA request)				Concept				Decision 3/CMP.9, para. 20.

Project/ routine	Product	EB 88	EB 89	EB 90	EB 91	EB 92	2017	Related mandates and comments
Technical assistance to DNAs on guiding tools for monitoring sustainable development benefits (if triggered by a DNA request)								Decision 3/CMP.9, para. 8.
Partnerships								
Options for using the CDM as a tool for other uses		Concept	Concept (preceded by call)		Concept			Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 7.
Further development and promotion of the online platform for voluntary cancellation of CERs	Facilitate access to the section of sustainable development in the design documents of the project activities and PoAs on the online platform	Info	Concept					Decision 6/CMP.11, para. 5.
	Further development of the platform so as to make it more user-friendly	Info	Concept		Info	Info		Work ongoing. Update to be presented in 2017.
Financing CDM through international climate financing institutions		Concept		Concept	Concept			Decision 6/CMP.11, paras. 8 and 9.
Stakeholder capacity-building	Annual survey on status of CDM project activities and PoAs					Info		

Table 2. EB Workplan 2016^(a)

Numbers of items	EB88	EB89	EB90	EB91	EB92
Concept	8	13	15	4	7 4
Draft	0	1	1	4	4 2
Final	10	5	5	4	17 12
Info	4	5	9	8	9 8
Total	22	24	30	20	37 26

(a) Total of items 2016: 133 **122**

2. Regular reports to the CDM Executive Board

2. Reports on activities and performance are prepared by the secretariat on a regular basis for consideration of the Board and the general public and are published on the UNFCCC CDM website¹. Confidential information pertaining to these reports will be provided to the Board via other means, as required.
3. Any member of the Board may request to consider a specific report at the coming meeting after publication, taking into account the deadlines stipulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Board.

Table 3. Regular reports to the CDM Executive Board

	Frequency
Regional collaboration centres (RCCs)	Twice a year
Synthesis report of the annual activity reports by DOEs	Once a year
Financial resources	Four times a year
Key performance indicators	Once a year

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

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