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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”.<sup>1</sup>

*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 ninety-first meeting.

*Background:* At its previous meeting, the Board agreed on items to be included in the provisional agenda for its ninety-first meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the Board on 22 August, 2016, and thereafter posted on the UNFCCC CDM website in accordance with rule 21 of the Rules of procedure of the Board.

### Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

#### Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

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

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

#### Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction

4. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the recommendations made in “Options for using the CDM as a tool for other uses”, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

*Background:* By its decision 6/CMP.11, paragraph 7, the CMP encouraged the Board to continue exploring options for using the CDM as a tool for other uses and report back to

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

the CMP at its twelfth session. The Board, at its eighty-ninth meeting, requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note based on its feedback.

5. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on “Financing and use of the CDM by international finance institutions”, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

*Background:* By its decision 6/CMP.11, paragraph 8, the CMP further encouraged the Board to explore opportunities for financing the CDM through international climate financing institutions, such as the Green Climate Fund, and report back to the CMP at its twelfth session. The Board, at its ninetieth meeting, requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note, describing in particular the role of the secretariat in the proposed activities, i.e. those activities that could be prioritized, and the associated cost implications of undertaking them, to be presented at the Board's ninety-first meeting.

6. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on the “Expansion of the scope and scale of the Regional Collaboration Centres’ (RCCs) assistance activities in developing countries”, as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

*Background:* By its decision 6/CMP.11, paragraph 26, the CMP requested the Board to expand, taking into account the transparent and prudent management of the resources of the CDM, the scope and scale of RCC’ assistance activities in developing countries by exploring the emerging technical and methodological areas in the context of the CDM, where specific assistance is identified as needed by the countries underrepresented in the mechanism. At its ninetieth meeting, the Board requested the secretariat to elaborate how the RCCs can support the mandated technical and methodological work, including the cost estimates to carry out these additional CDM-related activities, for the consideration of the Board at its ninety-first meeting.

### **Agenda item 2.3. Performance management**

7. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the updated “CDM Executive Board workplan 2016”, as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

*Background:* 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.

8. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the “Draft annual report of the CDM Executive Board to the CMP”, as contained in annex 5 to these annotations.

*Background:* In accordance with decisions 3/CMP.1 and 2/CMP.3, the Board is to report on its activities to the CMP, which is to be agreed by the Board at this meeting. At its ninetieth meeting, the Board agreed on the overall messages to be conveyed to the CMP through its annual report, and requested the secretariat to prepare the draft annual report to the CMP at its twelfth session, for consideration by the Board.

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

9. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider a concept note on the “CDM Loan Scheme: Annual report and recommendations to the CMP (including recommendations from the secretariat to the CMP)”, as contained in annex 6 to the annotations.

*Background:* The Board, at its ninetieth meeting took note of an update on the evaluation of the CDM Loan Scheme and will further discuss possible recommendations to the CMP at this meeting.

10. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider an update on the voluntary cancellation platform relating to ongoing activities regarding proposed partnerships.

*Background:* At its eighty-seventh meeting, the Board emphasized the need to further develop the online platform to make it more user-friendly, and to further strengthen the promotion and outreach of the platform towards both the supply and demand sides. In addition, at its eighty-eighth meeting, the Board requested the secretariat to explore additional opportunities for further improvement.

## **Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific)**

### **Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation**

11. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to note that no accreditation ruling is to be considered at this meeting.

*Background:* The CDM-AP has not met since the last Board meeting and therefore no rulings related to accreditation are to be considered by the Board at this meeting.

### **Agenda item 3.2. Registration**

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

*Background:* The information available on the UNFCCC CDM website<sup>2</sup> indicates the status of project activities submitted for registration. The information available in the section on “Programme of Activities” on the UNFCCC CDM website<sup>3</sup> indicates the status of PoAs submitted for registration.

### **Agenda item 3.3. Issuance**

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

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<sup>2</sup> <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/projsearch.html>>.

<sup>3</sup> <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/index.html>>.

*Background:* The information available in the section on “Issuance of Certified Emission Reduction (CERs)” on the UNFCCC CDM website indicates the status of requests for issuance of project activities and PoAs are available at the UNFCCC CDM website.<sup>4</sup>

14. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for two requests for issuance as listed in table 1 below, for which a review has commenced.

*Background:* Three or more members of the Board or a Party involved requested a review of the request for issuance listed in table 1 below. The subsequent assessments by the secretariat and the Registration and Issuance Team (RIT) contained different proposed decisions (i.e. one to approve and the other to reject), or the same proposed decisions (either to approve or to reject) but objections were received from members of the Board. In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure”, the Board shall decide whether to approve or to reject the requests for issuance.

**Table**      **Requests for issuance review cases for which assessments by the secretariat and the RIT contain different proposed decisions, or where an objection by a member of the Board was received**

Ref. no.	Title	Monitoring period	No. of CERs
3067	Tunlan Coal Mine Methane Utilization Project, Shanxi Province, People’s Republic of China	01 March 14 - 31 May 15	522,630
3180	Malan Coal Mine Methane Utilisation Project	01 March 14 - 31 May 15	254,517

#### **Agenda item 3.4.      Other rulings**

15. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to note that no other rulings are to be considered at this meeting.

*Background:* Other rulings considered by the Board, in accordance with the applicable regulation, which may include: reviews for requests for authorization for the designated operating entity (DOE) to perform a verification activity for the same project activity for which it has performed the validation; reviews for requests for post-registration changes; and reviews for requests for permission to resubmit a previously rejected or withdrawn request for issuance.

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<sup>4</sup> <[http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers\\_iss.html](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers_iss.html)>.

## Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

### Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools

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

16. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the “Revision of CDM project standard (PS), validation and verification standard (VVS), and project cycle procedure (PCP)”, as contained in annex 7 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Board has considered various proposals to simplify and streamline the CDM, and requested the secretariat to prepare revised regulatory documents reflecting the agreed directions. Based on a request from the CMP at its eleventh session,<sup>5</sup> the Board at its eighty-eighth meeting requested the secretariat to start developing two sets of regulatory documents, one applicable for PoAs and the other for CDM project activities, taking as a basis, the provisions of the existing PS, VVS, and PCP.

17. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of a report “Analysis on streamlining the registration and issuance processes by reviewing the past and current procedures”, as contained in annex 8 to these annotations.

*Background:* With regard to the analysis on streamlining the registration process, the Board, at its ninetieth meeting, requested the secretariat to prepare an information note, (i) detailing the purpose and implications of the steps in the current registration and issuance processes, the steps in past processes and the reasons for change; and (ii) identifying areas for improvement with a view to shortening the process time and increasing predictability.

18. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of a report on the “Analysis of the demand and usage of methodologies developed top-down”, as contained in annex 9 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Board, at its ninetieth meeting, requested the secretariat to provide an information note on “Analysis of the demand and usage of methodologies developed top-down specifically, including the frequency in which different top-down methodologies are utilized by project activities and programmes of activities”, for consideration at a future meeting.

### Agenda item 4.2. Procedures

19. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to note that relevant procedures will be considered at this meeting under Regulatory Matters, Standards/tools (Agenda item 4.1).

### Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues

20. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to continue its consideration of the application of E-policy in investment analysis for additionality demonstration and selection of baseline scenario.

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<sup>5</sup> Decision 6/CMP.11, paragraph 18.

*Background:* By its decision 6/CMP.11, paragraph 16, the CMP encouraged the Board to continue its work related to “Application of E-policy in investment analysis for additionality demonstration and selection of baseline scenario”, and to report back to the CMP at its twelfth session. The Board at its eighty-ninth meeting agreed to consider this matter further at its ninety-first meeting, in order to report to the CMP through its annual report.

## **Agenda item 5. Relations with forums and other stakeholders**

21. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of an update on the Nairobi Framework Partnership.

*Background:* The CMP, through its decision 2/CMP.5, requested the secretariat to facilitate the coordination among partner agencies in the implementation of the Nairobi Framework activities.

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

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

23. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to interact with the DOE/accredited independent entity (AIE) Coordination Forum Chair.

*Background:* The “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders” provides for the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair to interact with the Board at each meeting.

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

*Background:* Following the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board and its support structure are to provide avenues for interaction with stakeholders, such as designated national authorities (DNAs), AEs, and DOEs, as well as to provide them with information and capacity-building.

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

(a) INQ- 05106

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



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

*Background:* In accordance with the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board shall allocate a time slot for interaction with registered observers to the meeting. Such interactions should be limited to discussion on policy and general issues, and not on case-specific matters relating to the agenda items of that meeting.

## **Agenda item 6. Other matters**

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

## **Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting**

28. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the report of the ninety-first meeting.

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

## Annexes to the annotations

- Annex 1 - Concept note: Options for using the CDM as a tool for other uses
- Annex 2 - Concept note: Financing and use of the CDM by international climate finance institutions
- Annex 3 - Concept note: Expansion of the scope and scale of Regional Collaboration Centres' assistance activities in developing countries
- Annex 4 - CDM Executive Board workplan 2016
- Annex 5 - Draft annual report of the CDM Executive Board to the CMP
- Annex 6 - Concept note: CDM Loan Scheme: Annual report and recommendations to the CMP (including recommendations from the secretariat to the CMP)
- Annex 7 - Revision of CDM project standard, validation and verification standard, and project cycle procedure
- Annex 8 - Analysis on streamlining the registration and issuance processes by reviewing the past and current procedures
- Annex 9 - Analysis of the demand and usage of methodologies developed top-down

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