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Draft CDM Executive Board workplan 2021

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COVER NOTE

1. Procedural background

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) requested the CDM Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) to further improve the consistency, efficiency and transparency of its decision-making.
2. The practice of the Board has been to adopt a workplan at the first meeting of the year and thereafter, at each meeting, consider any updates to the workplan. The regular review of the workplan provides the Board with the opportunity to plan, note the status of, and increase the transparency of its work.

2. Purpose

3. The draft workplan of the Board for 2021 provides an overview of the issues to be considered by the Board at each meeting during the year. This allows the Board to plan its workload throughout the year, ensuring a balanced workload and an efficient use of meeting time.

3. Key issues

4. The products in the draft workplan are based on the agreed “CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021” (EB104 report, annex 1). Information is provided on the type of products the Board will consider at each meeting, indicating those products that will undergo panel or working group consultation and/or calls for public input. Regular updates on certain areas of work are proposed in between meetings, to alleviate the agenda of the meetings of the Board.
5. Concept notes are envisaged in the workplan where direction from the Board is needed on the way forward to implement mandates and, based on that, further products will be added to the workplan.

4. Impacts

6. The regular review and updating of the workplan will ensure efficiency and transparency of the decision-making process and facilitate the management of the Board’s workload.

5. Proposed work and timelines

7. It is proposed that an updated version of the workplan is considered by the Board at each meeting.

6. Recommendations to the Board

8. The secretariat recommends that the Board approve the draft workplan for 2021 and provide guidance as needed.

1. CDM Executive Board workplan 2021

1. The table below provides an overview of the workplan of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism for 2021.

Table 1. CDM Executive Board workplan 2021

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Governance and management matters						
Servicing of regulatory body						
Support to the Executive Board	Selection of Chair/Vice Chair for EB	Final	DRAFT			
	Selection of Chairs/Vice Chairs for panels and working groups (WGs)	Final				
	Selection of panel/WG members for 2022			Info (to launch call)	Final	
	Selection of members for RIT roster of experts' performance evaluation group	Final				Procedure: Selection and performance evaluation of experts on the CDM Registration and Issuance Team and Methodologies rosters of experts

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Support to the Executive Board (<i>cont.</i>)	Appointment of experts for RIT for 2022		Info (to launch call)		Final	Procedure: Terms of reference of the CDM rosters of experts
	Calendar of meetings	Final			Draft	
	Clarification on the regulatory requirements under temporary measures for post-2020 cases	Final				EB108 report para. 9
	Technical options for the CDM registry to enable the issuance of CERs for emission reductions occurring after the end of the second commitment period for voluntary cancellation purposes	Concept				EB 108, annex 1, para 4

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Support to the Executive Board (<i>cont.</i>)	Outstanding issues for implementation of temporary measures for CDM operations due to postponement of CMP 16	Info				
	EB workplan 2021	Final	Info	Info	Info	
	EB report to CMP 2020	Final				EB108 report para. 13
	EB report to CMP 2021		Concept	Final		
	CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021	Info				Procedure: CDM business and management plan preparation, approval and monitoring
	CDM two-year business and management plan 2022–2023			Draft	Final	Procedure: CDM business and management plan preparation, approval and monitoring

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Servicing of panels/working groups						
Panels and working groups	Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP) workplan 2021	Final				
	Methodologies Panel (MP) workplan 2021	Final				
	Panel meeting reports		Final	Final	Final	
Interactions with stakeholders						
Global DNA Forum	Interaction with Co-Chairs		Info		Info	
DOE/AIE Coordination Forum	Interaction with the Chair	Info	Info	Info	Info	
Accreditation system						
Accreditation system	DOEs performance monitoring - Report to the CDM Executive Board on the fourteenth monitoring period		Info (CDM-AP input)			EB106 report para. 46

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Accreditation system (<i>cont.</i>)	Synthesis report of the annual activity reports by DOEs			Info		
Market and policy analysis						
Policy analysis and reports	Carbon market and policy update	Info		Info		
Partnerships						
Planning, monitoring and reporting	Communications portal for project participants and focal points		Concept			
	Biennial survey on CDM project status	Info				EB105 report para. 47
Regulatory policy improvement						
Regulatory framework management	Revision of the regulatory framework (VVS, PS, PCP) to allow for the road testing of the digitized methodology (ACM0002)		Concept			EB108 report para. 31 EB107 report para. 33 CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Regulatory framework management (cont.)	Amendments to CDM project standard for project activities and programmes of activities to clarify the definition of a technology	Final (MP input)				EB106 report para. 34
	Amendments to CDM project cycle procedures and CDM project standards			Final (MP input)		EB108 report para. 30
	Revised Glossary: CDM terms		Final (MP input)			EB108 report para. 30 EB107 report para. 33 EB106 report para. 33
	Revised CDM project standards, CDM validation and verification standards and CDM project cycle procedures			Draft	Final	

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260 Overview of the CDM regulatory development	How the CDM regulations have evolved over the years and lessons learned	Concept				EB107 report para. 10 CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021
CDM as a tool for other uses						
Nurturing demand for CDM and voluntary cancellation of CERs	Proposed promotional activities for the United Nations Online Platform for Voluntary Cancellation of CERs	Concept				EB108 report para. 12 EB107 report para. 10 EB105 report para. 9
Use of CDM in climate finance	Financing and use of the CDM by international finance institutions	Info		Info		Decision 3/CMP.13, para. 2

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Rulings						
Project assessments						
Assessment of compliance with CDM requirements relating to project and PoA sub-missions	Consideration of cases for registration, issuance and other project and PoA related submissions	Final	Final	Final	Final	
Regulatory matters						
Methodologies						
Response to methodological requests from the Board	Various top-down revised/new methodologies and tools and best-practice examples mandated by the Board		Final (through MP report, prec. by call)	Final (through MP report, prec. by call)	Final (through MP report, prec. by call)	EB108 report paras. 30, 38 EB107 report paras. 36, 37 EB106 report para. 40 EB102 report para. 40 EB85 report para. 50
	Analysis and options regarding caps used in AMS-I.E, AMS-II.G and TOOL30			Concept (through MP report)		EB108 report para. 37

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256 Digitization of methodologies for web-based generation of project design documents and monitoring templates	Road testing		Info			Decision 3/CMP.12, para. 9 EB108 report para. 31 EB107 report para. 33 EB106 report para. 31 EB102 report para. 34
	Revision of project 256		Concept			Decision 3/CMP.12, para. 9 EB108 report para. 31 CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021

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Table 2. CDM EB workplan 2021 number of items^(a)

Numbers of items	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112
Concept	3	4	1	0
Draft	0	0	2	1
Final	11	4	5	7
Info	6	7	5	3
Total	20	15	13	11

(a) Total of items 2021: 59

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
Financial resources	Twice a year
Regional collaboration centres (RCCs)	Twice a year
UN platform for voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions	Twice a year
Key performance indicators	Once a year
Nairobi framework partnership	Once a year
Stakeholder communications	Once a year
Synthesis report of the annual activity reports submitted by the DOEs	Once a year

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