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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) “proper justification” has been provided for the absence of any member or alternate member.<sup>1</sup>

*Background:* In accordance with the “Rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism”, 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 112<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Background:* At its previous meeting, the Board agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda for its 112<sup>th</sup> meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the Board on 5 October 2021, 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 take note that no strategic items are to be considered at this meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

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

5. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the updated “CDM Executive Board workplan 2021”, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Board, at its 109<sup>th</sup> meeting, approved the workplan of the Board for 2021 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 the “Synthesis report of the annual activity reports submitted by the designated operational entities for the reporting period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021”, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Board, at its 101<sup>st</sup> meeting, decided to exclude the synthesis report of annual activity reports by designated operational entities (DOEs) from the regular reports and instead include it as part of its regular workplan.

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

7. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt its CDM two-year business plan and management plan (MAP) 2022–2023, as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Board, at its 111<sup>th</sup> meeting, considered a draft MAP 2022–2023 and requested the secretariat to publish it as an annex to the annotations for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

8. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP) to provide guidance to DOEs regarding the risk associated with remote on-site inspection.

*Background:* In accordance with the CDM-AP workplan 2021, the CDM-AP interacted with the CDM assessment team lead assessors and considered the queries presented by the lead assessors. Based on the interaction, the CDM-AP requested the Board to provide guidance to DOEs on how to conduct remote on-site inspection.

### **Agenda item 2.5. Operations of panels and working groups**

#### **(a). CDM Accreditation Panel**

9. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the report of the 90<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CDM-AP.

*Background:* The CDM-AP held its 90<sup>th</sup> meeting virtually from 28 to 30 September 2021.

**(b). Methodologies Panel**

10. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the report of the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Methodologies Panel (MP).<sup>2</sup>

*Background:* The MP held its 86<sup>th</sup> meeting virtually from 20 to 24 September 2021 and addressed case-specific issues, methodological clarifications, guidance and other issues.

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

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

11. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to:

- (a) Take note of notifications from the CDM-AP on the completion of regular surveillance assessments;
- (b) Take note of notifications from the CDM-AP on the completion of performance assessments;
- (c) Consider recommendations from the CDM-AP on other accreditation-related matters.

*Background:* In accordance with the “CDM accreditation procedure”, the accreditation-related recommendations and the supporting documentation will be sent to the Board.

### **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>3</sup> indicates the status of project activities submitted for registration. The information available in the section on “CDM Programmes of Activities” on the UNFCCC CDM website<sup>4</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.

*Background:* The information available in the section “Issuance Certified Emission Reduction” on the UNFCCC CDM website indicates the status of requests for issuance of project activities and PoAs.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>.

<sup>3</sup> <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/projsearch.html>.

<sup>4</sup> <http://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/index.html>.

<sup>5</sup> [http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers\\_iss.html](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers_iss.html).

#### Agenda item 3.4. Other rulings

14. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for inclusion of one component project activity (CPA), as listed in table 1 below, for which a review was requested.

*Background:* One member of the Board or a Party involved requested a review of the inclusion of the CPA listed in table 1 below. In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities”, the decision of the Board at EB 108 (EB 108 meeting report, paras. 7–8) and the “Clarification: Regulatory requirements under temporary measures for post-2020 cases”<sup>6</sup>, the Board, taking into account any comments received from the coordinating/managing entity and the validating DOE, shall either: (a) confirm the inclusion of the CPA in the registered CDM PoA; (b) record as provisional; or (c) exclude the CPA from the registered CDM PoA with immediate effect if it determines that the CPA was erroneously included in the PoA.

**Table 1. Inclusion of a CPA in registered PoA case for which a review was received**

Ref. no.	Title
CPA 10004-P1-0003-CP1	CPA003: Landfill Gas Extraction and Utilisation at Vissershok under PoA 10004: City of Cape Town Landfill Gas Extraction and Utilisation Programme

15. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider one request for prior approval by a DOE to proceed with a request for renewal of crediting period for a project activity that has not been implemented in the first crediting period, as listed in table 2 below.

*Background:* In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities”, the Board, taking into account the documentation received from a DOE on the request for prior approval to proceed with a request for renewal of crediting period for a project activity that has not been implemented in the first crediting period, shall either: (a) Approve that the project participants may proceed with a request for renewal of crediting period without requiring re-demonstration of additionality; (b) approve that the project participants may proceed with a request for renewal of crediting period, requiring re-demonstration of additionality; or (c) reject the request for the prior approval.

**Table 2. Request for approval for a DOE to proceed with a request for renewal of crediting period for a project activity that has not been implemented in the first crediting period**

Ref no.	Title
Project activity 9224	Solar Thermal Power project at Kutch District in Gujarat

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<sup>6</sup> CDM-EB109-A01-CLAR.

## 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 review the alternative measures of validation/verification to mandatory on-site inspections by DOEs because of travel restrictions caused by COVID-19.

*Background:* The Board, at its 106<sup>th</sup> meeting, agreed to the temporary deviation from the requirements regarding on-site inspections by DOEs because of travel restrictions caused by COVID-19 for three months from 23 March to 23 June 2020 (EB 106 meeting report, para. 26). The Board had further extended the period in which DOEs may apply alternative means of validation until 31 December 2021.

17. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the revision of the process for updating standardized baselines.

*Background:* The “Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines” includes the process to update an approved standardized baseline. In accordance with the procedure, an assessment report is required for proposing new standardized baselines, and for the revision or update of approved standardized baselines. Due to time constraints, the Board, at its 111<sup>th</sup> meeting, could not consider this agenda item.

#### (b). Methodological standards for large-scale CDM project activities

##### (i). New methodologies and tools (large-scale)

18. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to provide guidance regarding further consideration of “NM0377: Energy-saving through the use of the reverse osmosis technology in the water desalination process” in information note “Technical note on desalination technologies”, as contained in annex 1 to the MP 86 meeting report.

*Background:* The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 16 of the MP 86 meeting report. The Board, at its 110<sup>th</sup> meeting, considered the recommendation of the MP to approve the proposed new methodology “NM0377: Energy-saving through the use of the reverse osmosis technology in the water desalination process” and requested the MP to further work on the methodology to clarify the conditions under which the methodology is applicable, taking into account the feedback provided by the Board.

##### (ii). Revisions to approved methodologies and tools (large-scale)

19. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to approve, as major revision, the draft revised tool “TOOL06: Project emissions from flaring”, as contained in annex 2 to the MP 86 meeting report.

*Background:* The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 19 of the MP 86 meeting report. The Board, at its 110<sup>th</sup> meeting, requested the MP to revise the methodological tool to expand the scope of the tool to cover project emissions from

hydrocarbons (non-renewable sources of methane). Further, the Board, at its 111<sup>th</sup> meeting, requested the MP to further improve the clarity and internal consistency of the tool.

20. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to approve, as major revision, the draft revised tool “TOOL27: Investment analysis”, as contained in annex 4 to the MP 86 meeting report, and any input received from a call for public input on the draft revised tool.

*Background:* The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 23 of the MP 86 meeting report. The Board, at its 85<sup>th</sup> meeting, requested the MP to update the default values for the cost of equity in the appendix to the tool annually.

### (iii). Clarifications (large-scale)

21. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendations of the MP to approve the clarifications prepared in response to the following requests for clarification:

- (a) “AM\_CLA\_0290: Clarification on how to calculate the EGPJ as the quantity of electricity generated by the project activity and supplied to the grid and to the electricity consuming facility, under ACM0002” regarding ACM0002 (version 12.3.0);
- (b) “AM\_CLA\_0292: Clarification on the transportation of multiple cargo under AM0090” regarding AM0090 (version 1.1.0);
- (c) “AM\_CLA\_0293: Applicability of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) use domestically as alternative to utilization of otherwise gas flared under the AM0009 version 7.0” regarding AM0009 (version 07.0);
- (d) “AM\_CLA\_0294: The application of the Approved Methodology AM0009 for the Project implemented at the Gas Condensate Field” regarding AM0009 (version 07.0).

*Background:* The recommendations of the MP are contained in paragraphs 26 to 29 of the MP 86 meeting report. Information on requests for clarification on approved large-scale methodologies is available on the UNFCCC CDM website.<sup>7</sup>

### (c). Methodological standards for small-scale CDM project activities

#### (i). New methodologies and tools (small-scale)

22. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that no new small-scale methodologies or tools are to be considered at this meeting.

#### (ii). Revisions to approved methodologies and tools (small-scale)

23. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to approve, as major revision, the draft revised methodology “AMS-III.BK.: Strategic feed supplementation in smallholder dairy sector to increase productivity”, as contained in

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<sup>7</sup> <https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/clarifications/pending>.



annex 5 to the MP 86 meeting report, and any input received from a call for public input on the draft revised methodology.

*Background:* The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 32 of the MP 86 meeting report. The MP identified an error in the calculation of project emissions related to the amount of supplement consumed by the project animals in the methodology AMS-III.BK. In accordance with the “Procedure: Development, revision and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools”, if a member of a methodological panel or the secretariat finds that it is necessary to revise an approved methodology or methodological tool to correct an obvious error, the chair and the vice-chair of the relevant methodological panel or working group may decide to directly initiate the revision.

**(iii). Clarifications (small-scale)**

24. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to approve the clarification prepared in response to the request for clarification “SSC\_816: Clarification on how to determine the population who consumes the purified water serviced by the project activity under AMS-III.AV” regarding AMS-III.AV. (version 06.0).

*Background:* The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 34 of the MP 86 meeting report. Information on requests for clarification on approved small-scale methodologies is available on the UNFCCC CDM website.<sup>8</sup>

**Agenda item 4.2. Procedures**

25. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that no procedures are to be considered at this meeting.

**Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues**

26. ► **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 arise from the discussions during this meeting may be included for consideration, including policy issues encountered through the assessment of cases.

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

27. ► **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 can provide comments on the annotated agenda. Comments received will be posted on the UNFCCC CDM website.

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<sup>8</sup> <https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/SSCmethodologies/clarifications/pending>.

28. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to interact with the co-chairs of the Global Designated National Authorities Forum (DNA Forum).

*Background:* In accordance with the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board allocates time twice a year during Board meetings for interaction with the DNA Forum through the Forum’s co-chairs.

29. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to interact with the DOE/Accredited Independent Entity Coordination Forum (DOE/AIE Coordination Forum).

*Background:* In accordance with the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board allocates time for interaction with the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair at each Board meeting.

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

*Background:* In accordance with the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board and its support structure provide opportunities for interaction with stakeholders, such as DNAs, AEs and DOEs, as well as engagement in information-sharing and capacity-building activities.

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

- (a) INQ-10995;
- (b) INQ-11007.

*Background:* In accordance with 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 the stakeholders. The secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, shall bring to the attention of the Board any communications on policy, methodological issues or administrative issues when they require the attention or further guidance of the Board.

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

*Background:* In accordance with the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board allocates time for interaction with registered observers to the meeting. Such interactions should be limited to discussions on policy and general issues, and not on case-specific matters related to the agenda of the meeting.

## Agenda item 6. Other matters

33. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to agree on its calendar of meetings for 2022.

*Background:* In the context of its workplan, the Board is to consider a tentative calendar of meetings for 2022.

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

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

35. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the report of the 112<sup>th</sup> 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 2021
- Annex 2 - Synthesis report of the annual activity reports submitted by the designated operational entities for the reporting period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021
- Annex 3 - Draft CDM two-year business and management plan 2022–2023

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