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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 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 eighty-sixth meeting.

Background: At its previous meeting, the Board agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda for its eighty-sixth meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the Board on 21 September 2015 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 take note of and provide guidance, as appropriate, on a report on opportunities for promoting the platform for voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions (CERs) at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the eleventh session of the CMP.

¹ 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).

Background: The Board, at its eighty-third meeting, requested the secretariat to explore opportunities for inviting senior participants attending the COP 21/CMP 11 to use the voluntary cancellation platform to offset their climate footprints. The launch of the platform for voluntary cancellation of CERs was approved by the Board at its eighth-fifth meeting.

5. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the project proponent survey results.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-fourth meeting, requested the secretariat to launch a survey for project participants after its revision taking into account the inputs provided by the Board. The Board further requested the secretariat to limit the invitation to the survey to project participants only and use cost-effective means to that end. The results of this survey are to be made available to the Board for its consideration before sharing with any third party. The Board, at its eighty-fifth meeting, considered a concept note on the proposed database containing information needs for project evaluation by climate financing institutions and decided to consider whether the data provided by project participants through the survey is to be included in the database once the survey results are available.

6. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance and take action, as appropriate, on the concept note on proposals for simplification and streamlining of the CDM, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-fourth meeting, considered a concept note on the direction for the simplification and streamlining of the CDM and agreed on the areas for the secretariat to develop concrete proposals without compromising environmental integrity, for consideration by the Board at its eighty-sixth meeting.

7. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of an oral report on the latest carbon market and policy developments.

Background: The Board, through its management plan (MAP) 2015, requested to receive from the secretariat regular updates on developments and prospects in the carbon market and related governmental policies, so as to ensure that the Board is well informed about the context within which the CDM is operating. The Board also requested the secretariat to ensure that future reports and presentations on this matter, during this year, include analysis focused on specific topics of particular relevance to the CDM as well as giving an overview of most recent developments. This update will also report on the implementation of the procedure for voluntary deregistration following the CMP request to the Board (decision 4/CMP.10).

Agenda item 2.3. Performance management

8. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the updated workplan of the Board for 2015, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-second meeting, approved the workplan of the Board for 2015 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.

9. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to agree to the draft annual report of the Board to the CMP, as contained in annex 3 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 last meeting, the Board agreed on the messages to be conveyed to the CMP through its annual report and requested the secretariat to prepare the draft annual report to CMP 11 for the consideration of the Board.

10. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance to the business plan 2016–2017.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-third meeting, agreed on the timeline for the preparation of the business plan and MAP for 2016 and associated products, namely: consideration of a midyear review report and collection of project ideas; and consideration for approval of the draft business and the draft MAP at the eighty-seventh meeting of the Board, with an opportunity to revisit the matter at the eighty-eighth meeting to consider any outcomes from CMP 11 that may require additional work and/or budget.

11. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider of the independent third-party evaluation of the CDM regional collaboration centres (RCCs) initiative.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-second meeting, agreed to the terms of reference (ToR) for a consultant to undertake a third-party evaluation of the RCCs. The Board agreed, via electronic decision-making, on the project plan for this evaluation, with a view to considering the final report at its eighty-sixth meeting.

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

12. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the annual implementation report of the CDM loan scheme for the period June 2014–June 2015, as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

Background: At its sixth session, the CMP agreed to establish a scheme to provide loans to cover the costs of preparation of the project design, validation and first verification for proposed and registered CDM project activities located in host Parties with fewer than 10 registered CDM project activities.

Agenda item 2.5. Operations of panels and working groups

(a). Methodologies Panel

13. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report on the electronic consultation of the Methodologies Panel (MP).

Background: The MP held an electronic consultation from 26 August to 21 September 2015. According to the “Terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM Executive Board”, paragraph 11, meetings of a panel or working group may be held either with their members being physically present or by electronic means. The dates and mode of the electronic consultation were determined by the secretariat in

consultation with the Chair of the MP, bearing in mind needs arising from the mandates and available resources.

(b). Small-Scale Working Group

14. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report on the electronic consultation of the Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG).

Background: The SSC WG held an electronic consultation from 26 August to 18 September 2015. According to the “Terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM Executive Board”, meetings of a panel or working group may be held either with their members being physically present or by electronic means. The dates and mode of the electronic consultation were determined by the secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the SSC WG, bearing in mind needs arising from the mandates and available resources.

(c). Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group

15. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 41st meeting of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG).

Background: The A/R WG held its 41st meeting on 7 and 8 September 2015 in Bonn.

Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific)

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation

16. ► **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. Registration

17. ► **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 (<<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/projsearch.html>>) indicates the status of project activities submitted for registration. 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.

Agenda item 3.3. Issuance

18. ► **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 on “Issuance of CERs” on the UNFCCC CDM website (<<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance>>) indicates the status of requests for issuance. Information on the status of CERs issued for PoAs is available at <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers_iss.html>.

Agenda item 3.4. Other rulings

19. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for two requests for authorization for the DOE to perform a verification activity for the same project activity, as listed in table 1 below.

Background: In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure”, the secretariat prepared and sent to the Board the documentation received from the DOE on the requests for authorization to perform verification activities for the same project activities for which it has performed validations. A notification that these cases will be placed on the agenda of this meeting was sent to the Board.

Table 1. Requests for authorization for the DOE to perform a verification activity for the same project activity

Ref no.	Title	Accept	Not accept
1824	Wind power project by HZL in Karnataka	?	?
1856	Wind power project by HZL in Gujarat	?	?

20. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for one request for post-registration changes for which an objection by a member of the Board was received, as listed in table 2 below.

Background: A member of the Board objected to the secretariat’s recommendation on the course of action more than 14 days prior to the next Board meeting. Therefore, the case has been placed on the agenda of this meeting of the Board. In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure”, the Board shall decide whether to approve the changes and allow subsequent requests for issuance for the PoA or approve the changes and allow subsequent requests for issuance for the PoA, but limit the CERs up to the level estimated in the originally registered project designed document (PDD) or reject the proposed changes, but allow subsequent requests for issuance for the PoA only if it is implemented as described in the registered PoA-DD.

Table 2. Request for post-registration changes for which an objection by a member of the Board was received

Ref no.	Title	Approve	Approve with a CER limit	Reject
9672	Paradigm Sub Saharan Africa Cook Stove Programme	?	?	?

21. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for one request for post-registration changes, as listed in table 3 below.

Background: The secretariat prepared and sent to the Board a summary note on the

request for approval of changes including a notification that the case will be placed on the agenda of this meeting of the Board. In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure”, the Board shall decide whether to approve or reject the changes.

Table 3. Request for post-registration changes

Ref no.	Title	Approve	Reject
5927	Promotion of Energy-Efficient lighting using Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs in rural areas in Senegal	?	?

Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools

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

22. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on the reclassification of methodologies in accordance with version 6 of the CDM accreditation standard, as contained in annex 5 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-fifth meeting, requested the secretariat to reclassify all methodologies in accordance with version 6 of the CDM accreditation standard to be considered by the Board at its next meeting.

23. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the information note on specific simplified project-cycle forms, as contained in annex 6 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its MAP 2015, agreed to streamline CDM project cycle forms in order to reduce transaction costs related to developing/assessing CDM projects/PoAs and increase transparency and consistency.

24. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on the establishment of a new project activity in a physical or geographical location of an existing CDM project, as contained in annex 7 to these annotations.

Background: Based on the request by the CMP contained in decision 3/CMP.9, the Board, at its eighty-third meeting, considered a concept note on a new activity in the same physical or geographical location at which a CDM project activity or a component project activity (CPA) under a CDM PoA, whose crediting period has expired existed, and requested the secretariat to analyse the extension of the applicability of the agreed criteria or identification of additional criteria applicable to project activities and CPAs of PoAs whose crediting period has not yet expired.

25. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the draft “Standard for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities” and the draft “Guidelines for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities”, as contained in annex 8 and annex 9 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-second meeting, considered the project concept note on “Simplification of methodologies including digitization to reduce transaction

costs” and adopted the workplan for this project (CDM-EB82-A08). “Revision of sampling standard/guideline to include survey guidelines” was included as a product for delivery under this project.

26. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the revision of regulatory documents to enable implementation of microscale thresholds at unit level, as contained in annex 10 to these annotations.

Background: In the context of paragraph 18 of decision 4/CMP.10 and paragraph 12 of decision 3/CMP.9, the Board, at its eighty-fifth meeting, considered a concept note on thresholds for microscale activities under PoAs and requested the secretariat to start implementing options 1 and 3 recommended in the concept note.

27. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept notes on the use of the CDM in the urban sectors and on broadly applicable methodology for transport applications, as contained in annex 11 and annex 12 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-second meeting, considered the project concept note on the development of new methodologies to broaden the applicability of the CDM and adopted the workplan for this project (CDM-EB82-A07-INFO). With regard to methodologies for cities, transport, biofuels and agriculture, the Board requested the secretariat to elaborate concept notes on each specific area for its consideration before the development of the methodologies. This concept note was considered by the MP and SSC WG.

28. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the draft clarifications on the CDM accreditation standard, as contained in annex 13 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-fifth meeting, considered a concept note on the review of the flexibility in the CDM accreditation standard and procedure and requested the secretariat to prepare a draft clarification on the CDM accreditation standard.

29. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the draft proposed standardized baseline “Institutional Cook stoves in Uganda” (PSB0028), as contained in annex 14 to these annotations.

Background: In accordance with the “Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines”, if a member of the Board objects to the recommendation, the case shall be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting.

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

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

30. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to approve the revision of the approved methodology: “ACM0001: Flaring or use of landfill gas”, as contained in annex 01 to the MP electronic consultation (MP68-EC01) report, as a major revision. The revision contains non-binding best practice.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the MP is contained in paragraph 5 of the report of its electronic consultation (MP68-EC01), which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>. The revision contains non-binding best practice examples. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate received from the Board at EB 83 (CDM-EB83, para 32).

(c). Methodological standards for small-scale CDM projects

31. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the SSC WG to approve the draft revisions to the guidelines “General guidelines for SSC CDM methodologies” and to the tool “Demonstrating additionality of microscale project activities”, as contained in annex 3 and annex 4 to the report of the SSC WG electronic consultation (SSC WG 49-EC01).

Background: In the context of paragraph 18 of decision 4/CMP.10 and paragraph 12 of decision 3/CMP.9, the Board, at its eighty-fifth meeting (CDM-EB85, para 42), considered a concept note on thresholds for microscale activities under PoAs and requested the secretariat to start implementing options 1 and 3 recommended in the concept note. The Board requested the secretariat, to enable applying microscale thresholds at the unit level.

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

32. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the SSC WG to approve the revisions to the following approved methodologies as major revisions:

- (a) “AMS-III.D: Methane recovery in animal manure management systems”, as contained in annex 1 to the report of the SSC WG electronic consultation (SSC WG 49-EC01). The revision was carried out in response to the mandate received from the Board at its eighty-third meeting (CDM-EB83, para. 32) to include non-binding best-practice examples in methodologies;
- (b) “AMS-III.H: Methane recovery in wastewater treatment”, as contained in annex 2 to the report of the SSC WG electronic consultation (SSC WG 49-EC01). The revision was carried out in response to the mandate received from the Board at its eighty-third meeting (CDM-EB83, para. 32) to include non-binding best-practice examples in methodologies.

Background: Based on the procedure on “Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools”, the SSC WG may propose that the Board revise an approved methodology. The recommendations agreed by the SSC WG are contained in paragraph 6 of the report of the SSC WG electronic consultation (SSC WG 49-EC01) available on the UNFCCC CDM website at: http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html.

(d). Methodological standards for afforestation and reforestation CDM projects

33. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the A/R WG on the applicability of the afforestation and reforestation (A/R) modalities and procedures to project activities involving revegetation, as contained in annex 1 to the report of the 41st meeting of the A/R WG.

Background: In relation to decision 7/CMP.10, the Board, at its eighty-fifth meeting, considered a recommendation from the A/R WG on the assessment of applicability of afforestation and reforestation modalities and procedures to project activities involving revegetation and requested the A/R WG to consider this matter further and analyse in detail the implications of allowing revegetation project activities under the CDM.

34. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the A/R WG on the additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land for A/R CDM project activities, as contained in annex 2 to the report of the 41st meeting of the A/R WG.

Background: In relation to decision 4/CMP.10, the Board, at its eighty-fifth meeting, considered a recommendation from the A/R WG on additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land to qualify as a CDM A/R project activity and requested the A/R WG to consider this matter further and analyse in detail the implications of allowing the use of sampling methods as an additional cost-effective approach for demonstrating the eligibility of land.

35. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of a legal analysis on the applicability of sampling methods under the CDM A/R modalities and procedures.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-fifth meeting, requested the secretariat to provide a legal view on the applicability of sampling methods under the CDM A/R modalities and procedures.

Agenda item 4.2. Procedures

36. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on a concept note on improving stakeholder consultation processes, as contained in annex 15 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-fourth meeting, considered a concept note on improving the stakeholder consultation process and requested the secretariat to revise the concept note for its consideration at its eighty-sixth meeting, taking into account the inputs provided by the Board.

37. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the draft revised CDM accreditation procedure, as contained in annex 16 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-fifth meeting, considered a concept note on the review of the flexibility in the CDM accreditation standard and procedure and requested the secretariat to prepare a draft revised CDM accreditation procedure for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues

38. ► **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

39. ► **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.

40. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the following submission received from a stakeholder and agree on any actions, as appropriate: INQ-03675.

Background: Following the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, shall bring to the attention of the Board non-process-related communications that require the attention of or further guidance from the Board.

41. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of activities undertaken with regard to stakeholders, designated national authorities (DNAs), accredited 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, DNAs, AEs and DOEs, provision of information and capacity-building.

42. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to interact with the CDM DOE/AIE Coordination Forum Chair.

Background: In accordance with the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the Board shall allocate time for interaction with the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum through its Chair on issues of interest to AEs/DOEs at each Board meeting.

43. ► **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, but not on case-specific matters, relating to the agenda items of that meeting.

Agenda item 6. Other matters

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

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

45. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the report of the eighty-sixth 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: Proposals for simplification and streamlining of the CDM
- Annex 2 - CDM Executive Board workplan 2015
- Annex 3 - Draft annual report of the CDM Executive Board to the CMP
- Annex 4 - CDM loan scheme 2014–2015 annual implementation and performance assessment report
- Annex 5 - Concept note: Reclassification of methodologies
- Annex 6 - Information note: Development of simplified project-cycle forms
- Annex 7 - Concept note: Establishment of new CDM project activity in a physical or geographical location of an existing CDM project
- Annex 8 - Draft Standard: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities
- Annex 9 - Draft Guideline: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities
- Annex 10 - Revision of regulatory documents to enable implementation of microscale thresholds at unit level
- Annex 11 - Concept note: Use of the CDM in the urban sectors
- Annex 12 - Concept note: Broadly applicable methodology for transport applications
- Annex 13 - Draft clarifications on the CDM accreditation standard
- Annex 14 - Draft Standardized Baseline: Institutional Cook stoves in Uganda
- Annex 15 - Concept note: Improving stakeholder consultation processes
- Annex 16 - Draft Procedure: CDM accreditation procedure

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