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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-fifth meeting.

Background: At its previous meeting, the Board agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda for its eighty-fifth meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the Board on 29 June 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 (a) consider the concept note related to the online platform for voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions (CERs), as contained in annex 1 to these annotations, (b) take note of the developments made on the platform and (c) approve the launch of the online platform.

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-first meeting, agreed on the development of an online platform for voluntary cancellation of CERs and requested the secretariat to proceed with the procurement and the process of developing this platform. The Board also requested that the developed platform be presented to the Board before it is made publicly available.

5. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on the proposed database containing information needs for project evaluation by climate financing institutions, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-fourth meeting, considered a concept note on information needs for project evaluation by climate financing institutions including a proposed survey and requested the secretariat to come back to the Board with a revised proposal, including the type of information to be included in the database, any resource implications, and options to make the information publicly available, also taking into account possibilities to use and adapt databases already managed by the secretariat.

Agenda item 2.3. Performance management

6. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the updated workplan of the Board for 2015, as contained in annex 3 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.

7. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the status of implementation of the management plan (MAP) 2015, as contained in annex 4 of these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-first meeting, adopted its “Management plan 2015” and agreed to conduct a mid-year review of the MAP to assess its implementation and refine, as necessary, the future direction of work and associated budget.

8. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to agree on the messages to be conveyed to the CMP through the annual report of the Board to the CMP.

Background: In accordance with decisions 1/CMP.2 and 2/CMP.3, the Board’s annual report to the CMP is to be finalized at the next (i.e. eighty-sixth) meeting of the Board. At this present meeting the Board is to agree on the messages to be conveyed to the CMP, before considering the final draft of the report at the next meeting.

9. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to discuss how to further cooperate/collaborate together with the secretariat in the dissemination of CDM related issues to stakeholders and public.

Background: A member of the Board has requested to include this item on the agenda for this meeting for consideration by the Board.

10. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on approach on performance monitoring of DOEs, as contained in annex 5 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its seventy-ninth meeting, requested the secretariat to review the approach on performance monitoring of DOEs, particularly in the context of the current market situation. At its 72nd meeting, the CDM-AP considered the issue and agreed to the recommendation covered in the concept note.

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

11. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of an update on the negotiations and events related to the CDM that took place during the last UNFCCC sessions held in June in Bonn.

Background: During the last UNFCCC sessions held in June in Bonn, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) took place, which considered items directly or indirectly related to the CDM. During the sessions various events also took place that involved the Board.

12. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of an oral update on the informal interaction with the Vice-Chair of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) and to provide guidance on the collaboration with the JISC on synergies relating to accreditation under the mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol.

Background: The Board and the JISC have started the practice of requesting their chairs and vice-chairs to interact informally in order to exchange views and experiences of the two bodies. The chairs and vice-chairs of the Board and the JISC met during the June 2015 session of the subsidiary bodies and discussed the current situation of the market, the accreditation system and the role of the CDM and joint implementation beyond 2020. At its eighty-second meeting, the Board took note of decision 6/CMP.10 on synergy relating to accreditation under the mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol and, in response to the CMP and to the JISC requests, the Board further invited the JISC for a possible collaboration to consider this mandate from CMP 10.

13. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to select experts as members of panels and working groups.

Background: The Board launched a call for experts to act as members of all of the panels and working groups, which was open from 2 March to 15 April 2015 in accordance with the “Terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM Executive Board”. The call was open to both existing members and external applicants. The respective shortlists will be provided to the Board including, among other things, the selection criteria used.

14. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to select experts for the CDM Registration and Issuance Team (RIT).

Background: The Board launched a call for experts for the CDM RIT, which was open from 2 March to 15 April 2015 in accordance with the “Terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM rosters of experts”. The call was open to both existing members and external applicants. The respective shortlists will be provided to the Board including, among other things, the selection criteria used.

Agenda item 2.5. Operations of panels and working groups

(a). CDM Accreditation Panel

15. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 72nd meeting of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP).

Background: The CDM-AP held its 72nd meeting on 2–4 June 2015 in Bonn.

(b). Methodologies Panel

16. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 67th meeting of the Methodologies Panel (MP).

Background: The MP held its 67th meeting on 15–19 June 2015 in Bonn. The MP dealt with case-specific issues, methodological clarifications, guidance and other issues, as specified below.

(c). Small-Scale Working Group

17. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 48th meeting of the Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG).

Background: The SSC WG held its 48th meeting on 22–25 June 2015 in Bonn. The SSC WG dealt with case-specific issues, methodological clarifications, guidance and other issues, as specified below.

(d). Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group

18. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the report of the 40th meeting of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG).

Background: The A/R WG held its 40th meeting on 23–25 June 2015 in Bonn. The A/R WG dealt with case-specific issues, methodological clarifications, guidance and other issues, as specified below.

Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific)

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation

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

- (a) Take note of a notification from the CDM-AP on the completion of regular surveillance assessment;
- (b) Take note of a notification from the CDM-AP on the completion of performance assessment.

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

Agenda item 3.2. Programmes of activities

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

Background: 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. Information on the status of CERs issued for PoAs is available at <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers_iss.html>.

Agenda item 3.3. Registration

21. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take stock of the progress of registration of project activities.

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.

22. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for one request for post-registration changes as listed in table 1 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 the next Board meeting. 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 project activity or approve the changes and allow subsequent requests for issuance for the project activity, 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 project activity only if it is implemented as described in the registered PDD.

Table 1. Request for post-registration changes for which the secretariat sent to the Board a summary note including a notification that the case will be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting

Ref no.	Title	Approve	Reject
9376	Wind Power Project at Tadas, Karnataka	?	?

Agenda item 3.4. Issuance

23. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take stock of the progress of issuance for project activities 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.

24. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for one request for issuance as listed in table 2 below, for which a review has been commenced.

Background: Three or more members of the Board or a Party involved requested a review of the request for issuance listed in table 2 below. The subsequent assessments by the secretariat and the Registration and Issuance Team (RIT) Team contained different proposed decisions (i.e. one to approve and the other to reject), or the same proposed decisions (both to approve or to reject) but an objection was received from a member of the Board. In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure”, the Board shall decide whether to approve or to reject the request for issuance.

Table 2. Request for issuance review case for which assessments by the secretariat and the RIT Team contain different proposed decisions or an objection by a member of the Board was received

Ref. no.	Title	Monitoring period	No. of CERs	Approve	Reject
0079	Kuyasa low-cost urban housing energy upgrade project, Khayelitsha (Cape Town; South Africa)	01 Sep 05 - 15 Nov 10	10,527	?	?

25. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for one request for authorization for the DOE to perform a verification activity for the same project activity as listed in table 3 below.

Background: The secretariat prepared and sent to the Board the documentation received from the DOE on the request for authorization for the DOE to perform a verification activity for the same project activity including a notification that the case will be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting. In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure”, for the case listed in table 3 below, the Board shall record the decision in the meeting report.

Table 3. Request for authorization for which the secretariat sent to the Board the documentation including a notification that the case will be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting

Ref no.	Title	Accept	Not accept
7379	Solar Thermal Power Plant by Godawari Green Energy Limited	?	?

Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools

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

26. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on review of additionality provisions, as contained in annex 6 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, adopted the workplan for this project and requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note to look into additionality in a more holistic way, by describing the work done in the past, approaches that have already been incorporated in methodologies, lessons learned, what could be further done, including possible alternative approaches, and, where possible, giving examples for changes in specific methodologies, taking into account inputs from stakeholders, such as designated operational entities (DOEs), project proponents and external experts.

27. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on the development of standards with a methodological framework for two specific project types for development of standardized baselines, as contained in annex 7 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-second meeting, agreed to the “further development of the standardized baselines framework” that included a concept note on development of two standards with a methodological framework for two specific project types/sectors for presentation at the eighty-fifth meeting of the Board. The Board requested the secretariat to develop the concept note jointly with the MP and the SSC WG and present it to the Board for its consideration.

28. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on demand for the development of a database on cost and efficiency of technologies, as contained in annex 8 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its MAP 2015, requested the secretariat to provide a report on database on cost and efficiency of technologies.

29. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on thresholds for microscale activities under PoAs, as contained in annex 9 to these annotations.

Background: CMP 10 requested the Board, through its decision 4/CMP.10, to apply microscale thresholds at the unit level rather than at the CPA level. The Board, through its MAP 2015, requested the secretariat to provide an analysis of CPA thresholds in consultation with the SSC WG.

30. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on methodology specific tools to generate project and project design document, as contained in annex 10 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-first meeting, considered methodology-specific

PDD forms and a possible way forward for their digitization and requested the secretariat to work further on three specific methodologies as per option 1 of the concept note (annex 7 to the annotated agenda of the eighty-first meeting of the Board) and road-test the concept in consultation with the MP, the SSC WG and practitioners/stakeholders. Once the compliance of the digitized forms with the requirements of the regulatory documents and respective methodologies is established, the secretariat shall make a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting on the approval of the forms.

31. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on broadening applicability of the CDM – development of methodologies for biofuel activities, as contained in annex 11 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 (EB 82, annex 7). 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.

32. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the draft revised “Standard for demonstration of additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for programme of activities”, as per recommendation of the MP contained in annex 1 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP.

Background: The MP recommended that the Board adopt the draft revision, which was carried out in response to the mandates received from the Board at its eighty-first meeting, in paragraph 50 of its report, and at its eighty-second meeting, annex 8 of its report to enable the combinations of methodologies that do not require prior approval for application in PoAs. The recommendation agreed by the MP is contained in paragraph 11 of the report of its 67th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

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

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

33. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendations of the MP to approve the revisions to the following approved methodologies and tools as major revisions:

(a) “AM0031: Bus rapid transit projects”, as contained in annex 2 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out to improve the current approach of demonstrating additionality and excluding the consideration of CER revenues as per the mandates received from the Board at its seventieth meeting (EB 70 report, para. 56), at its seventy-fifth meeting (EB 75 report, para. 53), at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82, annex 8), and at its eighty-third meeting (EB 83 report, para. 41). The MP further worked on the mandate provided by the Board at its eighty-third meeting (see annex 3 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP). The draft revision:

- (i) Introduces reference to the tool “Baseline emissions for modal shift measures in urban passenger transport”;

- (ii) Improves the approaches on additionality demonstration;
 - (iii) Improves the guidance on the renewal of the crediting period;
 - (iv) Improves the language, readability, clarity and consistency;
- (b) “AM0076: Methodology for implementation of fossil fuel trigeneration systems in existing industrial facilities”, as contained in annex 4 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate from the Board at its seventy-ninth meeting (EB 79 report, para. 46) to provide a consistent approach for the estimation of upstream leakage emissions and in accordance with the mandate from the Board at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8). The draft revision:
 - (i) Adds reference to the methodological tools;
 - (ii) Clarifies that net leakage should always be considered as zero when net leakage effects are negative;
 - (iii) Improves the methodology by introducing editorial changes;
- (c) “AM0084: Installation of cogeneration system supplying electricity and chilled water to new and existing consumers”, as contained in annex 5 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out to provide a consistent approach for the estimation of upstream leakage emissions and in accordance with the mandate from the Board at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8). The draft revision:
 - (i) Adds reference to the methodological tools;
 - (ii) Clarifies that net leakage should always be considered as zero when net leakage effects are negative;
- (d) “AM0089: Production of diesel using a mixed feedstock of gasoil and vegetable oil”, as contained in annex 6 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate from the Board at its seventy-ninth meeting (EB 79 report, para. 46) to provide a consistent approach for the estimation of upstream leakage emissions and in accordance with the mandate from the Board at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8). The draft revision:
 - (i) Adds reference to the methodological tools;
 - (ii) Clarifies that net leakage should always be considered as zero when net leakage effects are negative;
 - (iii) Improves the methodology by introducing editorial changes;
- (e) “AM0091: Energy efficiency technologies and fuel switching in new and existing buildings”, as contained in annex 7 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate from the Board at its seventy-ninth meeting (EB 79 report, para. 46) to provide a consistent approach for the estimation of upstream leakage emissions and in accordance with the

mandate from the Board at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8). The draft revision:

- (i) Adds reference to the methodological tools;
 - (ii) Clarifies that net leakage should always be considered as zero when net leakage effects are negative;
- (f) “AM0101: High speed passenger rail system”, as contained in annex 8 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out as per the mandate received from the Board at its sixty-seventh meeting regarding the renewal of the crediting period (EB 67 report, para. 107) and at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82, annex 8). The revision also improves the current approach for demonstrating additionality without consideration of the CER revenues as per the mandate received from the Board at its seventieth meeting (EB 70 report, para. 56) and at its eighty-third meeting (EB 83 report, para. 41). The MP further worked on the mandate provided by the Board at its eighty-third meeting (see annex 3 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP). The draft revision:
- (i) Improves the approaches on additionality demonstration;
 - (ii) Improves the guidance on the renewal of the crediting period;
 - (iii) Improves the language, readability, clarity and consistency;
- (g) “ACM0016: Mass Rapid Transit Projects”, as contained in annex 9 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out as per the mandate received from the Board at its sixty-seventh meeting regarding the renewal of the crediting period (EB 67 report, para. 107) and at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82, annex 8). The revision also improves the current approach for demonstrating additionality without consideration of the CER revenues as per the mandate received from the Board at its seventieth meeting (EB 70 report, para. 56) and at its eighty-third meeting (EB 83 report, para. 41). The MP further worked on the mandate provided by the Board at its eighty-third meeting (see annex 3 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP). The draft revision:
- (i) Introduces reference to the tool “Baseline emissions for modal shift measures in urban passenger transport”;
 - (ii) Improves the approaches for additionality demonstration;
 - (iii) Improves the guidance on the renewal of the crediting period;
 - (iv) Improves the language, readability, clarity and consistency;
- (h) The methodological tool “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality”, as contained in annex 10 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate from the Board at its eighty-first meeting (EB 81 report, para. 60) and at its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8). The draft revision also improves the language, readability, clarity and consistency.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the MP is contained in paragraph 18 of the report of its 67th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

34. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to request the MP to revise the methodological tool “Project emissions from flaring” with a view to include non-binding best practice examples.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the MP is contained in paragraph 20 of the report of its 67th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>. The MP, while developing the non-binding best practice examples in approved methodology ACM0001 (see paragraph 23(d) of the report of the 67th meeting of the MP), agreed to recommend to the Board to request the MP to revise the methodological tool “Project emissions from flaring” to include non-binding best practice examples. The tool is referred to in approved methodology ACM0001.

(ii). Clarifications (large-scale)

35. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to approve the response to requests for clarification AM_CLA_0267 to AM_CLA_0271 of the report of its 67th meeting.

Background: The recommendations agreed by the MP are contained in table 4 in paragraph 26 of the report of its 67th meeting, which are available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>. Information on requests for clarification to approved methodologies and tools finalized by the MP for consideration by the Board is available on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/clarifications/pending>>.

(iii). Guidelines

36. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendations of the MP to approve the revision of the “Guidelines on the assessment of investment analysis”, as contained in annex 21 to the report of the 67th meeting of the MP. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate from the Board at its seventy-fifth meeting (EB 75 report, para. 57) and its eighty-second meeting (EB 82 report, annex 8) to provide guidance on how the cost of equity should be calculated based on “best financial practices” and to update the default values in appendix 1 to the guidelines. The panel further recommended that the Board request the panel to update the default values for the cost of equity in appendix 1 annually and to identify the host countries where the cost of equity may be calculated using the CAPM, i.e. where the conditions proposed in section 6.1 of the revised guidelines can be satisfied. The MP also recommended that the Board reclassify the document as a methodological tool.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the MP is contained in paragraph 38 of the report of its 67th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>>.

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

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

37. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the SSC WG to approve the proposed new methodology “SSC-NM099: Integrated methodology for electrification of communities”, as contained in annex 1 to the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC WG. The methodology was considered by the SSC WG for the second time. The proposed methodology aims to:

- (a) Integrate approaches from approved methodologies namely: AMS-I.F: “Renewable electricity generation for captive use and mini-grid”, AMS-I.L: “Electrification of rural communities using renewable energy”, AMS-III.BB: “Electrification of communities through grid extension or construction of new mini-grids”;
- (b) Broaden the coverage of small-scale methodologies for electrification (based on a gap analysis);
- (c) Provide simplified and flexible monitoring procedures to reduce transaction costs without compromising environmental integrity;
- (d) Integrate the deliverable under project 244 (see concept note pertaining to the product “Integrated rural electrification methodology”).

Background: The recommendation is contained in paragraph 21 of the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC WG, available on the UNFCCC CDM website at: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html>.

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

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

- (a) “AMS-II.G: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass”, as contained in annex 2 to the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC WG. This work is carried out under project 223: “Simplification of methodologies including digitization to reduce transaction costs”, as included in the workplan for the SSC WG for 2015 (EB 82, annex 2). The draft revision includes:
 - (i) Issues related to scope, applicability and definition of “batch”;
 - (ii) Simplification of emission reduction calculation and inclusion of another option, Thermal Energy Output (TEO), to calculate baseline emissions;
 - (iii) Minor changes to simplify Option 2: kitchen performance test (KPT), Option 3: water boiling test (WBT) and Option 4: controlled cooking test (CCT) to calculate baseline emissions;
 - (iv) Issues related to loss of efficiency of the project devices;
 - (v) Issues related to the monitoring methodology;
- (b) “AMS-III.AV: Low greenhouse gas emitting safe drinking water production systems”, as contained in annex 3 to the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC

WG. This work is carried out under project 223: “Simplification of methodologies including digitization to reduce transaction costs”, as included in the workplan for the SSC WG for 2015 (EB 82, annex 2). The draft revision includes:

- (i) Simplified/improved calculation of baseline emissions, such as:
 - a. Improvements in the methods to determine the quantity of purified water (QPW_y);
 - b. Introduction of new parameters, in particular, to account for: (a) fraction of functional appliances that are meeting the standards for safe drinking water (SDW), (b) fraction of the population serviced by the project activity for which the common practice of water purification is or would have been water boiling; and (c) actual proportions of baseline fuel (non-renewable biomass and/or fossil fuels) used in the absence of the project activity;
- (ii) Introduction of other monitored parameters to ensure claiming of emission reductions, such as:
 - a. Lifespan of water treatment technologies;
 - b. Quality of safe drinking water;
 - c. Installation of a SDW public distribution network;
- (c) “AMS-III.AG: Switching from high carbon intensive grid electricity to low carbon intensive fossil fuel”, as contained in annex 4 to the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC WG. This work has been carried out under project 223: “Simplification of methodologies including digitization to reduce transaction costs”, as included in the workplan of the SSC WG for 2015 (EB 82, annex 2) with the aim of simplifying requirements related to emission reductions and to improve consistency across all fuel switching methodologies. The draft revision includes:
 - (i) Provisions to allow the use of multiple fossil fuels in the project given that the primary project fossil fuel is low carbon intensive fuel;
 - (ii) Streamlined procedure for greenfield project activities;
 - (iii) Elaboration of monitoring requirements;
- (d) “AMS-III.AH: Shift from high carbon intensive fuel mix ratio to low carbon intensive fuel mix ratio”, as contained in annex 5 to the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC WG. This work has been carried out under project 223: “Simplification of methodologies including digitization to reduce transaction costs”, as included in the workplan of the SSC WG for 2015 (EB 82, annex 2) with the aim of simplifying requirements related to emission reductions and to improve consistency across all fuel switching methodologies. The draft revision includes:
 - (i) A simplified monitoring procedure for project activities where the energy output cannot be directly measured;

- (ii) A simplified monitoring and baseline emissions estimation procedure for element processes with annual emission reductions of less than or equal to 600 tonnes of carbon dioxide;
- (e) “AMS-III.Z: Fuel Switch, process improvement and energy efficiency in brick manufacture”, as contained in annex 6 to the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC WG. The revision was done in conjunction with the development of the standardized baseline for the brick sector in Peru (TSB0002). The top-down development of standardized baselines is part of project 110. The work is included in the workplan for the SSC WG for 2015 (EB 82, annex 2). The draft revision includes:
 - (i) Provisions to allow non-renewable biomass as baseline and project fuel;
 - (ii) Minor change in the equation to allow the substitution of parameter on specific energy consumption by a sector-specific standard value;
- (f) “AMS-III.O: Hydrogen production using methane extracted from biogas”, as contained in annex 7 to the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC WG. The draft revision is proposed under the ongoing work by the SSC WG in addressing the Board’s guidance to make all methodologies applicable to PoAs. The SSC WG noted that AMS-III.O refers to AMS-III.G and AMS-III.H for estimation of emission reductions including leakage estimation, thus the issues related to leakage for a PoA application are already considered. The draft revision removes the restriction for the application of the methodology in PoAs;
- (g) “AMS-III.U: Cable Cars for Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS)”, as contained in annex 8 to the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC WG. The draft revision is proposed under the ongoing work by the SSC WG in addressing the Board’s guidance to make all methodologies applicable to PoAs. The SSC WG noted that the issues related to leakage estimation were already addressed under the leakage section of the methodology and thus further guidance is not required in case of application of this methodology for a PoA. The draft revision removes the restriction for the application of the methodology in PoAs.

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 24 of the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC WG available on the UNFCCC CDM website at:
<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html>.

39. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to request the SSC WG to revise the methodological tool “Project emissions from flaring” to include non-binding best practice examples.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the SSC WG is contained in paragraph 25 of the report of its 48th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html>. The SSC WG, while developing the non-binding best practice examples in approved methodology “AMS-III.H Methane recovery in wastewater treatment” (see paragraph 29(b) of the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC WG), agreed to recommend to the Board to request the SSC WG to revise

the methodological tool “Project emissions from flaring” to include non-binding best practice examples. The tool is referred to in approved methodology AMS-III.H.

40. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation to request the SSC WG to revise the methodologies “AMS-II.C: Demand-side energy efficiency activities for specific technologies” and/or “AMS-II.J: Demand-side activities for efficient lighting technologies”.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the SSC WG is contained in paragraph 26 of the report of its 48th meeting, which is available on the UNFCCC CDM website <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/index.html>. The SSC WG is receiving submissions (e.g. clarification requests, requests for input on post-registration change requests) requesting broader application of default conservative thresholds indicated in AMS II.J (i.e. 3.5 hours of utilization/day) in the context of residential and commercial efficient lighting applications. The SSC WG noted that there are constraints in both the methodologies referred to above, namely that AMS-II.J is not applicable to commercial facilities while AMS-II.C does not include default values.

(i). Clarifications (small-scale)

41. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the recommended clarification SSC_719, as provided in paragraph 32 of the report of the 48th meeting of the SSC WG.

Background: Information on the clarifications to methodologies is available on the UNFCCC CDM website at:
<<http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/SSCmethodologies/clarifications>>.

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

(iii). New methodologies and tools (A/R)

42. ► **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 of the report of the 40th meeting of the A/R WG.

Background: The CMP, through its decision 7/CMP.10, requested the Board to assess the applicability of the modalities and procedures contained in decisions 5/CMP.1 and 6/CMP.1 to project activities involving revegetation. The CMP also requested the Board to report back to CMP 11 on the outcome of the assessment, including an indication of sections of the modalities and procedures in which modifications would be needed in respect of the project activities involving revegetation. The Board, at its eighty-third meeting, considered a concept note prepared by the secretariat on the assessment of applicability of A/R modalities and procedures to project activities involving revegetation and requested the A/R WG to prepare a recommendation to be considered by the Board at its eighty-sixth meeting. The Board also indicated that the A/R WG should confine its consideration of the matter to the scope of the mandate set out in the CMP decision. The A/R WG has finalized its recommendation at this meeting in time for consideration by the Board at its eighty-fifth meeting.

43. ► **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 of the report of the 40th meeting of the A/R WG.

Background: The CMP, through its decision 4/CMP.10, requested the Board to explore additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land to qualify as a CDM A/R project activity and report back on this matter to CMP 11 for it. The Board, at its eighty-third meeting, requested the A/R WG to prepare a recommendation on additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land for A/R CDM project activities to be considered by the Board at its eighty-fifth meeting. The Board agreed to open a call for public inputs on this matter and requested the A/R WG to take the public inputs into consideration.

(iv). Revisions of approved methodologies and tools (A/R)

44. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the revisions of the below methodology and methodological tools resulting from the incorporation of the substantive content of the clarifications referred to in paragraph 44 below in these regulatory documents. The revised versions of the methodology and the tools are contained in annexes 3 to 5 of the report of the 40th meeting of the A/R WG:
- (a) AR-AMS 0007 “Afforestation and reforestation project activities implemented on lands other than wetlands” (version 3.0);
 - (b) AR-TOOL14 “Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities” (version 04.1);
 - (c) AR-TOOL12 “Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks in dead wood and litter in A/R CDM project activities”.

Background: The recommendation agreed by the A/R WG is contained in paragraph 13 of the report of the 40th meeting of the A/R WG available on the UNFCCC CDM website at: < <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ar/index.html>>.

(v). Clarifications(A/R)

45. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the recommended clarifications AR_CLA_TOOL_0001 (fast track), AR_CLA_TOOL_0002 (fast track), SSC_AR_009 and SSC_AR_010, as provided in paragraph 12 of the report of the 40th meeting of the A/R WG.

Background: Information on the clarifications to methodologies is available on the UNFCCC CDM website at:

<<http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/SSCAR/clarifications/pending>> and
<<http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/ARmethodologies/tools-clarifications/pending>>.

Agenda item 4.2. Procedures

46. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on options for accreditation assessment fees, as contained in annex 12 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-first meeting, considered a concept note on numbers, frequency and timing of assessments of DOEs and requested the secretariat

to prepare, in consultation with the CDM-AP, a concept note on the introduction of fixed fees for assessment activities, for consideration by the Board at a future meeting.

47. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on a joint concept note on review of the flexibility in the CDM accreditation standard and procedure, as contained in annex 13 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its eighty-third meeting, considered recommendations of the CDM-AP on improvements to the CDM accreditation procedure and the CDM accreditation standard. The Board requested the secretariat and the CDM-AP to prepare a joint concept note with an analysis of these recommendations and other possible improvements for consideration by the Board at its eighty-fifth meeting, with a view to considering the draft revised standard and procedure at its eighty-seventh meeting.

Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues

48. ► **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

49. ► **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.

50. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the following submissions received from stakeholders, designated national authorities (DNAs), applicant entities (AEs) and DOEs and agree on any actions, as appropriate:

- (a) INQ-03222 submitted by a DOE (ICONTEC);
- (b) INQ-03223 submitted by a DOE (ICONTEC).

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.

51. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of activities undertaken with regard to stakeholders, DNAs, 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.

52. ► **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.

53. ► **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

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

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

55. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the report of the eighty-fifth 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: Online platform for voluntary cancellation of CERs – system design and capabilities
- Annex 2 - Concept note: Database of project information
- Annex 3 - CDM Executive Board workplan 2015
- Annex 4 - Status of CDM MAP 2015 implementation
- Annex 5 - Concept note: Approach on performance monitoring of DOEs
- Annex 6 - Concept note: Review of addittonality provisions
- Annex 7 - Concept note: Development of standards with methodological framework for two specific project types for development of standardized baselines
- Annex 8 - Concept note: Demand for the development of a database on cost and efficiency of technologies
- Annex 9 - Concept note: Thresholds for microscale activities under programmes of activities
- Annex 10 - Concept note: Methodology specific tools to generate project and project design document
- Annex 11 - Concept note: Broadening applicability of the CDM – development of methodologies for biofuel activities
- Annex 12 - Concept note: Options of accreditation assessment fees
- Annex 13 - Concept note: Review of the flexibility in the accreditations standard and procedure

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