

**Annex 4****WORKPLAN OF THE METHODOLOGIES PANEL  
(2012)****(Version 01.0)****I. Background**

1. The Methodologies Panel (hereinafter referred to as the panel) is established under the clean development mechanism (CDM) Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) to assist in the performance of its functions related to methodological issues. The mandate of the panel is determined by its terms of reference, the rules of procedure of the Board, and additional guidance provided by the Board.
2. This workplan of the panel for 2012 outlines the expected tasks of the panel to support the Board and has been developed within the context of the draft CDM Business Plan 2012-2013.<sup>1</sup> It provides details of the activities, expected outputs and timelines associated with each related CDM Business Plan 2012-2013 objective.

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<sup>1</sup> EB 66, annex 1 “Clean development mechanism two-year business plan 2012-2013”



## II. Workplan

### A. Core support activities

CDM Business Plan objective <sup>1</sup>	Specific issue	Activities	Expected deliverables
<p>Appendix 1/Core support to CDM:</p> <p>Effective implementation of procedures on consideration of proposed new methodologies (PNM), including request for revision and clarification</p> <p>and</p> <p>Supporting the efficient operations of panels and working groups</p>	New methodology submissions	Consideration of (PNM) as per procedures <sup>2</sup>	<p>(a) Recommendations to the Board on draft PNMs for consideration by the Board</p> <p>(b) Draft reformatted methodologies for cases recommended for approval</p>
	Requests for clarification and requests for revision submitted by project participants	Consideration of requests for clarification and requests for revision submitted by project participants as per procedures <sup>3</sup>	<p>(a) Draft responses to requests for revision and clarification for consideration by the Board</p> <p>(b) Draft revised methodologies for cases recommended to be revised for consideration by the Board</p>
	Requests for deviation from an approved methodology	Consideration of requests for deviation from an approved methodology in accordance with relevant procedures <sup>4</sup>	Recommendations on requests for deviation from an approved methodology for consideration by the Board
	Direct communication with stakeholders	Consideration of stakeholder communications directly referred to the panel by the secretariat <sup>5</sup>	Recommendation on responses to stakeholders' communications

<sup>2</sup> EB 52, annex 9 “Procedure for the submission and consideration of a proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology for large scale CDM project activities” (version. 01.0) and amended or new procedures for carbon capture and storage project activities to be adopted by the Board in 2012.

<sup>3</sup> EB 42, annex 9 “Submission and consideration of queries regarding the application of approved methodologies and methodological tools by Designated Operational Entities to the Meth Panel” (applies mutatis mutandis to A/R and SSC A/R) (version. 06.0) and EB 54, annex 2 “Procedure for the submission and consideration of requests for revision of AMs and tools for large scale CDM project activities” (version. 01.0) and amended or new procedures for carbon capture and storage project activities to be adopted by the Board in 2012.

<sup>4</sup> EB 49, annex 4 “Procedures for requests to the Executive Board for deviation from an approved methodology” (version. 01.0)

<sup>5</sup> EB 62, annex 15 “Modalities and procedures for direct communication with stakeholders”



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<p>Appendix 1/Core support to CDM:</p> <p>Effective implementation of procedures on consideration of PNM, including request for revision and clarification</p> <p>and</p> <p>Supporting the efficient operations of panels and working groups</p>	Request for approval of changes to project design document (PDD)	Provide input to requests for approval of changes to PDDs upon request by the secretariat <sup>6</sup>	Recommendation on request for approval of changes to PDDs
	New standardized baselines submissions from designated national authorities (DNAs) as referred to in paragraph 23 of the procedures <sup>7</sup>	Consideration of proposed new standardized baselines submitted by DNAs as per procedures	Recommendations to the Board on draft proposed new standardized baselines
	Top-down revisions to improve and simplify methodologies and tools	Consideration of draft top-down revisions of methodologies and tools to improve the usability, the accuracy of emission reduction estimation methods or modular application of the methodologies as referred to in paragraph 11 of the methodologies revision procedures <sup>3</sup>	<p>Recommendations to the Board on draft top-down revisions of methodologies</p> <p>Work initiated in 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AM0025</li> <li>• AM0030</li> <li>• ACM0013</li> <li>• ACM0014</li> <li>• “Tool to determine project emissions from flaring gases containing methane”</li> <li>• Revision of methodologies to refer to approved tools, as requested by the Board</li> <li>• Inclusion of provisions consistently across methodologies for leakage emissions from biomass use</li> <li>• Editorial amendments, as needed, to correct errors</li> <li>• Revisions triggered by the commenting system after approval by the Board</li> </ul>

<sup>6</sup> EB 65, annex 32 “Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure”

<sup>7</sup> EB 63, annex 28 “Procedure for submission and consideration of standardized baselines” (version. 01.0)

**B. Deliverables CDM Business Plan 2012 -2013**

CDM Business Plan objective <sup>1</sup>	Specific issue	Activities	Expected deliverables	Status	Planned finish (Board meeting to consider the output)
A.(i) - Ensure operational capacity and improve efficiency in the operation of the CDM	Improvement to the guidelines on suppressed demand	(a) Consultation on a concept note on the treatment of suppressed demand in approved methodologies  (b) Consultation on draft revised suppressed demand guidelines  (c) Consideration of draft revised methodologies to address suppressed demand	(a) Feedback to the secretariat on the concept note  (b) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft revised guidelines  (c) Recommendation to the Board on draft revised methodologies to address suppressed demand		(a) EB 67 (MP 55)  (b) EB 68 (MP 56)  (c) EB 68–EB 70 (MP 56-MP 58)



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A.(i) - Ensure operational capacity and improve efficiency in the operation of the CDM	Implementation of the Programme of Activity (PoA) standards and procedures	(a) Consultation on a draft assessment report on cross effects when applying multiple methodologies to PoA and possible development of guidance  (b) Consideration of a draft revised large scale methodologies to include PoA provisions, prioritising those frequently used	(a) Feedback to the secretariat on draft report  (b) Recommendation to the Board on draft revised large-scale methodologies		(a) EB 67–EB 69 (MP 55-MP 57)  (b) EB 67–EB 69 (MP 55-MP 57)
A.(ii) - Improved objectivity, clarity and integrity in the CDM	Guidelines on standardized approaches for baseline determination	Consultation on the draft guidelines for determining baselines	Feedback to the secretariat on the draft guidelines		EB 68-EB 69 (MP 56 - MP 57)



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A.(ii) - Improved objectivity, clarity and integrity in the CDM	Top-down large-scale methodologies using standardized approaches	<p>Consideration of two top-down draft new or revised methodologies or tools using standardized approaches:</p> <p>(a) Consideration of draft (revised) methodology or tool for off-grid regions</p> <p>(b) Consideration of draft (revised) methodology or tool for energy efficiency in buildings</p>	<p>Recommendation to the Board on two draft (revised) methodologies or tools</p> <p>(a) Recommendation to the Board on draft (revised) methodology or tool for off-grid regions</p> <p>(b) Recommendation to the Board on draft (revised) methodology or tool for energy efficiency in buildings</p> <p>Other work initiated in 2011: Draft recommendations to the Board on the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New draft methodology “Renewable energy power generation in isolated grids”</li> <li>• Methodological tool “Project and leakage emissions from anaerobic digesters”</li> <li>• Methodological tool “Upstream leakage emissions associated with fossil fuel use”</li> </ul>		<p>(a) EB 68 (MP 56)</p> <p>(b) EB 69 (MP 57)</p> <p>• EB 66 (MP54)</p> <p>• EB 66 (MP54)</p> <p>• EB 68 (MP 55-MP 56)</p>



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A.(ii) - Improved objectivity, clarity and integrity in the CDM	Improvements in the demonstration of additionality	(a) Consultation on draft concept note on improvements in the demonstration of additionality  (b) Consultation on new or revised standards and/or guidelines for additionality	(a) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft concept note  (b) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft new or revised standards and/or guidelines		(a) EB 68 (MP 56)  (b) EB 69 (MP 57)
	Improve guidelines on first-of-its-kind and the assessment of common practice	Consultation on draft revised “Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality” and “Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality”	Feedback to the secretariat on the draft revised tools		EB 70 MP 58)
	Accounting for uncertainties in measurement in methodologies	(a) Consultation on a concept note on the development of guidance  (b) Consultation on a draft revised PS and VVS on uncertainties of measurements	(a) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft concept note  (b) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft revised PS and VVS		(a) EB 68 (MP 56)  (b) EB 70 (MP 58)



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B.(ii) - Enhanced promotion and further development of the mechanism	Standardized baselines	<p>(a) Consultation on a draft annex to the guidelines on establishment of sector-specific standardized baselines defining options for the setting and approval of values of the relevant thresholds</p> <p>(b) Consultation on proposal on managing data on cost of technologies for selected sectors</p> <p>(c) Consultation on draft revised guidelines with expanded applicability to transport sector projects</p>	<p>(a) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft annex on thresholds</p> <p>(b) Feedback to the secretariat on the proposal on the data of cost of technologies</p> <p>(c) Feedback to the secretariat on the draft revised guidelines to transport sector projects</p>		<p>(a) EB 68 (MP 56)</p> <p>(b) EB 68 (MP 56)</p> <p>(c) EB 69 (MP 57)</p>

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## History of the document

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