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*As per the practice of the CDM Executive Board, it is possible that some small groups of members/alternates will be formed to go into depth on certain issues. The meetings of the small groups shall be held virtually or through email exchange in the period between 4 to 8 December 2020. The small groups shall report back to the Board at the second phase of the meeting for decision making.



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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.¹

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 108th meeting.

Background: At its previous meeting, the Board agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda for its 108th meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the Board on 10 November 2020, 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 consider the implications of the postponement of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to

¹ 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).

the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 16) on the operations of the CDM after the second commitment period.

Background: The Board, at its 107th meeting, considered the implications of the postponement of CMP 16 and agreed to further consider the issues at this meeting.

5. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on proposed promotional activities for the United Nations Online Platform for Voluntary Cancellation of certified emission reductions (CERs).

Background: The Board, at its 105th meeting, took note of an update on the status of the social media campaign for the voluntary cancellation of CERs and requested the secretariat to present a concept note about potential further social media engagement to promote the voluntary cancellation of CERs, including creation of a mobile application.

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

Background: The Board, through its CDM two-year business and management plan 2020-2021 (CDM MAP 2020–2021), agreed to receive regular updates from the secretariat on developments and prospects in the carbon market and related governmental policies.

Agenda item 2.3. Performance management

7. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the draft annual report of the CDM Executive Board to the CMP.

Background: In accordance with decisions 3/CMP.1 and 2/CMP.3, the Board reports annually on its activities to the CMP. At its 107th meeting, the Board agreed on the overall messages to be conveyed to the CMP and requested the secretariat to prepare the draft annual report to the CMP at its sixteenth session, for consideration by the Board.

8. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the updated “CDM Executive Board workplan 2020”, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its 106th meeting, approved the workplan of the Board for 2020 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 take note of the “Synthesis report of the annual activity reports submitted by the DOEs for the reporting period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020”, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its 101st meeting, decided to include the synthesis report of annual activity reports by designated operational entities (DOEs) as part of its regular workplan.

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

10. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the resignation of Mr. Gilberto Caldeira Bandeira de Melo from the Methodologies Panel (MP).

Background: The Board, at its 103rd meeting, appointed experts as members of the MP, until December 2021. The resignation of the MP member was received on 13 October 2020 and made effective immediately.

Agenda item 2.5. Operations of panels and working groups

(a). CDM Accreditation Panel

11. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that no report of the CDM Accreditation Panel is to be considered at this meeting.

(b). Methodologies Panel

12. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the report of the 83rd meeting and electronic consultation reports CDM-MP83-EC01 and CDM-MP83-EC02 of the MP.²

Background: The MP held its 83rd meeting virtually from 2 to 9 November and two electronic consultations from 26 August to 10 September and 14 September to 9 October 2020. The MP addressed case-specific issues, methodological clarifications, guidance and other issues.

Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific)

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation

13. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that no accreditation case-specific issues are to be considered at this meeting.

Agenda item 3.2. Registration

14. ► **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 website³ indicates the status of project activities submitted for registration. The information available in the section on “CDM Programmes of Activities” on the UNFCCC CDM website⁴ indicates the status of PoAs submitted for registration.

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

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

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

Agenda item 3.3. Issuance

15. ► **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.⁵

Agenda item 3.4. Other rulings

16. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for inclusion of two component project activities (CPAs), 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 CPAs listed in table 1 below. In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities”, 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; or (b) exclude the CPA from the registered CDM PoA with immediate effect if it determines that the CPA was erroneously included in the PoA. The Board considered these requests for review at its 107th meeting and decided to continue its deliberations at this meeting.

Table 1. Inclusion of a CPA in registered PoA cases for which a review by a member of the Board was received

Ref. no.	Title
CPA 9863-P1-0004-CP1	CPA004: Chennai Metro Rail Limited Corridor 1 Extension, Corridor 3, Corridor 4 and Corridor 5 under MRTS PoA under PoA 9863: The MRTS PoA
CPA 10494-P1-0001-CP1	SSC CPA 1 under PoA 10494: PROGRAM OF PHOTOVOLTAIC INCENTIVES OF COLOMBIA

17. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for four requests for renewal of crediting period for project activities and for one request for renewal of PoA period, as listed in table 2 below, for which a review has commenced.

Background: Three or more members of the Board or a Party involved requested a review of a request for renewal of the crediting period for a project activity or requested a review for renewal of PoA period. The subsequent assessments by the secretariat and the registration and issuance team (RIT) contained different proposed decisions (i.e. one to approve and the other to reject), or the same proposed decisions (either to approve or to reject), but an objection was received from a member of the Board. In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” and the “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities”, the Board shall decide whether to renew or to reject the request for renewal.

⁵ http://cdm.unfccc.int/Issuance/cers_iss.html.

Table 2. Request for renewal of crediting period or PoA period review cases for which assessments by the secretariat and the RIT contain different proposed decisions or an objection by a member of the Board was received

Ref. no.	Title
PA 8656	Xinjiang Hami Southeast Wind Zone 2000MW Wind Farm Kushui First Wind Power Project
PA 9864	Jiangxi Datang International Songmen Mountain Wind Power Project
PA 9877	Jiangxi Datang International Anyuan Jiulongshan Wind Power Project
PA 9897	Chongli Xiqiaoliang Phase II 48MW Wind Power Project
PoA 6283	Distribution of fuel-efficient improved cooking stoves in Nigeria

18. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for seven requests for renewal of crediting period for project activities, as listed in table 3 below, for which a review has commenced.

Background: The Board considered these requests for renewal of crediting period for project activities at its 107th meeting and decided to continue its deliberations at this meeting. In accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities”, the Board shall decide whether to renew or to reject the request for renewal.

Table 3. Request for renewal of crediting period review cases for which assessments by the secretariat and the RIT contain different proposed decisions or an objection by a member of the Board was received

Ref. no.	Title
PA 0765	Catalytic N ₂ O destruction project in the tail gas of three Nitric Acid Plants at Hu-Chems Fine Chemical Corp.
PA 7427	Xundian Gaobenshan Wind Farm Project
PA 8610	Guyuan Shandianhe Wind Farm Phase I Project
PA 9590	Datang International Faku Shuangtaizi Wind Power Project
PA 9736	Datang International Faku Wulongshan 48MW New Wind Power Project
PA 9828	Henan Mianchi Shangqu Wind Power Project
PA 9857	Jiangxi Datang International Jishan Wind Farm Project

Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools

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

19. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the “Progress report on digitalization of methodologies for web-based generation of project design documents and monitoring templates”, as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its 102nd meeting, requested the secretariat to undertake the road-testing of the tool for web-based generation of project design documents.

20. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note “Revision of project 256: Digitalization of CDM methodologies”, as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its CDM MAP 2020–2021, requested the secretariat to present a concept note.

21. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note “Impacts of the use of the digitized methodology ACM0002 on the regulatory framework”, as contained in annex 5 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its CDM MAP 2020–2021, requested the secretariat to present a concept note in the MAP mid-year context.

22. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note “Revision of the regulatory provisions on standardized baselines”, as contained in annex 6 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its 106th meeting, considered the concept note “Revision of the regulatory provisions on standardized baselines” and requested the secretariat to present a revised concept note at the next meeting, adding new options, including measures to facilitate submissions from the designated national authorities (DNAs) of proposed updated standardized baselines in time and attaching draft revised regulatory documents that reflect the proposed changes to the regulations.

23. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note “Consistent use of market penetration metrics for additionality, common practice and FOIK”, as contained in annex 9 to the 83rd MP meeting report.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 42 of the 83rd MP meeting report. The Board, at its 105th meeting, considered the draft concept note and provided guidance to the MP for further work.

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

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

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

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

25. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendations of the MP to approve, as major revisions, the following draft revised methodologies:

- (a) “AM0036: Use of biomass in heat generation equipment”, as contained in annex 1 to the 83rd MP meeting report;
- (b) “ACM0006: Electricity and heat generation from biomass”, as contained in annex 2 to the 83rd MP meeting report;
- (c) “ACM0018: Electricity generation from biomass in power-only plants”, as contained in annex 3 to the 83rd MP meeting report;

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 19 of the 83rd MP report. The Board, at its 102nd meeting, requested the MP to revise the methodology ACM0006 to address inconsistencies and ambiguities in the language used therein, and to revise the methodologies AM0036 and ACM0018 to ensure consistency across biomass methodologies.

- (d) “ACM0003: Partial substitution of fossil fuels in cement or quicklime manufacture”, as contained in annex 4 to the 83rd MP meeting report.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 20 of the 83rd MP report. The Board, at its 101st meeting, requested the MP to revise ACM0003 to introduce reference to “TOOL16: Project and leakage emissions from biomass”. Further, the Board, at its 102nd meeting, requested the MP to address issues related to the fuel penalty.

(iii). Clarifications (large-scale)

26. ► **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_0286: Applying delayed passengers surveys for previous years” (regarding AM0101 ver. 02.0 and ACM0016 ver. 4.0);
- (b) “AM_CLA_0287: Clarification request on the use of RDF in waste to energy project applying ACM0022” (regarding ACM0022 ver. 02.0).

Background: The recommendations of the MP are contained in paragraphs 26–27 of the 83rd MP meeting report. Information on requests for clarification on approved small-scale methodologies is available on the UNFCCC CDM website.⁶

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

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

27. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to approve the draft new methodology “SSC-III.XX: Switch from non-renewable biomass to electricity for cooking applications by the user”, as contained in annex 5 to the 83rd MP meeting report.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 29 of the 83rd MP meeting report. This proposed new methodology covers project activities that disseminate electric cooking appliances powered from the national/regional grid or mini-grid.

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

28. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the recommendations of the MP to approve, as major revisions, the following draft revised methodologies and tool:

- (a) “AMS-I.E: Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal application by the user”, as contained in annex 6 to the 83rd MP meeting report;
- (b) “AMS-II.G: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass”, as contained in annex 7 to the 83rd MP meeting report;

⁶ <https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/clarifications/pending>.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 32 of the 83rd MP meeting report. The Board, at its 105th meeting, requested the MP to continue working on the issue of stove-stacking to develop best-practice examples for inclusion in the methodologies and recommend revisions to these methodologies, taking into account input from experts and stakeholders.

- (c) “TOOL30: Calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass”, as contained in annex 8 to the 83rd MP meeting report.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 33 of the 83rd MP meeting report. The revision was carried out in response to the mandate from the Board at its 106th meeting, in which it considered the concept note “Methodological approaches for calculating emission reductions from project activities, resulting in the reduced use of non-renewable biomass in households” in response to decision 2/CMP.15, paragraph 8, and requested the MP and the secretariat to facilitate and streamline the application of TOOL30.

29. ► Action: The Board may wish to consider the recommendation of the MP to provide a mandate to revise the methodology “AMS-III.AJ.: Recovery and recycling of materials from solid wastes”.

Background: The recommendation of the MP is contained in paragraph 39 of the 83rd MP meeting report. While considering the request for clarification “SSC_798: Clarification about which electric grid shall be selected to determine the grid emission factor (EF_{el,y}) for baseline calculation in AMS-III.AJ”, the MP agreed to seek a mandate to revise the methodology to have consistent methods to determine the emission factors associated with the consumption of fossil fuel and with the consumption of electricity in the production of virgin plastics.

(iii). Clarifications (small-scale)

30. ► **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) “SSC_790: Clarification on applicability conditions of AMS-III.AU. and AMS-III.BF. for rice cultivation projects” (regarding AMS-III.AU. ver. 04.0 and AMS-III.BF. ver. 02.0);
 - (b) “SSC_791: Clarification on NUE Seeds under AMS-III.BF” (regarding AMS-III.BF. ver. 02.0);
 - (c) “SSC_796: Clarification regarding AMS-II.G. para. 38 on the life span of stoves and the default replacement of devices after the end of their life span” (regarding AMS-II.G. ver. 11.0);
 - (d) “SSC_798: Clarification about which electric grid shall be selected to determine the grid emission factor (EF_{el,y}) for baseline calculation in AMS-III.AJ” (regarding AMS-III.AJ. ver. 07.0).

Background: The recommendations of the MP are contained in paragraphs 35–38 of the 83rd MP meeting report. Information on requests for clarification on approved small-scale methodologies is available on the UNFCCC CDM website.⁷

Agenda item 4.2. Procedures

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

Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues

32. ► **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

33. ► **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.

34. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the following withdrawal letters from DNAs in Annex I Parties:

- (a) A letter from the DNA of the Netherlands to withdraw a letter of approval (LoA) issued to two project participants (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Netherland's Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment) for PoA “Yemen Electricity Distribution Loss Reduction Programme” (9557);
- (b) Two letters from the DNA of Sweden to withdraw two LoAs issued to two project participants (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Swedish Energy Agency) for PoA “Thailand energy efficiency improvement for street lightings” (8055).

Background: In accordance with the “Procedure: Process for dealing with letters from DNAs that withdraw approval/authorization”, the Board shall consider the withdrawal letters and provide guidance to the secretariat in relation to the implications of the withdrawal letters.

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

35. ► **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 its co-chairs.

36. ► **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.

37. ► **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.

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

- (a) INQ-10177;
- (b) INQ-10189;
- (c) INQ-10208;
- (d) INQ-10215;
- (e) INQ-10277;
- (f) INQ-10284;
- (g) INQ-10339;
- (h) INQ-10342;
- (i) INQ-10364;
- (j) INQ-10368.

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.

39. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to interact with 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

40. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to agree on its calendar of meetings for 2021.

Background: In the context of its workplan, the Board is to consider a tentative calendar of meetings for 2021.

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

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

42. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the report of the 108th 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 2020
- Annex 2 - Synthesis report of the annual activity reports submitted by the DOEs for the reporting period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020
- Annex 3 - Information note: Progress report on digitalization of methodologies for web-based generation of project design documents and monitoring templates
- Annex 4 - Concept note: Revision of project 256: Digitization of methodologies
- Annex 5 - Concept note: Impacts of the use of digitized methodology ACM0002 on the regulatory framework
- Annex 6 - Concept note: Revision of the regulatory provisions on standardized baselines

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