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Annotated agenda

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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 and 8 March 2021. 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 Secretary 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.

Background: Rule 12 of the “Rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism” stipulates that the Secretary of the Board shall preside over the opening of the first Board meeting of a calendar year. In addition, the “Rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism” stipulate that 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.¹

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

2. ► **Action:** Members may wish to adopt the proposed agenda for the 109th meeting.

Background: At its previous meeting, the Board agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda for its 109th meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the Board on 8 February 2021, and thereafter posted on the UNFCCC CDM website in accordance with rule 21 of the “Rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism”.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

3. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to elect its Chair from among the members nominated by Parties included in Annex I, and its Vice-Chair from among the members nominated by Parties not included in Annex I, for the year 2021.

Background: At the first Board meeting of each calendar year, i.e. at this 109th meeting, the Board shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its members. Rule 12 of the “Rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism” stipulates that the Secretary of the Board shall conduct the election of the new Chair and Vice-Chair. The positions of Chair and Vice-Chair shall alternate annually between a member nominated by a Party included in Annex I and a member nominated by a Party not included in Annex I.

¹ “Rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism”, decision 4/CMP.1 (FCCC/KP/CMP/2005/8/Add.1).

4. ► **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

5. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt a clarification on the application of the temporary measures of the operations of the CDM after the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, pending CMP guidance at CMP 16 based on the draft clarification “Regulatory requirements under temporary measures for post-2020 cases”, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations and any outstanding issues for implementation of temporary measures for CDM operations due to postponement of CMP 16.

Background: The Board, at its 108th meeting, agreed on temporary measures pending CMP guidance at CMP 16 and requested the secretariat to prepare a document to clarify the application of the temporary measures for consideration by the Board at this meeting.

6. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider technical options for the CDM registry to enable the issuance of certified emission reductions (CERs) for emission reductions occurring after the end of the second commitment period for voluntary cancellation purposes.

Background: The Board, at its 108th meeting, considered the implications of the postponement of CMP 16 on the operations of the CDM after the second commitment period and decided to make a recommendation to the CMP. The Board noted that the CMP would need to provide technical options with regard to the CDM registry in order to enable issuance of CERs with respect to emission reductions occurring after the end of the second commitment period for voluntary cancellation purposes and requested the secretariat to prepare an assessment of options for this for consideration by the Board at its 109th meeting.

7. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the options for proceeding with the biennial survey to be conducted among project participants on the status of CDM project activities.

Background: The Board, at its 105th meeting, provided guidance to the secretariat on the biennial survey to be conducted among project participants and the stakeholders on the status of CDM project activities.

8. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on proposed promotional activities for the United Nations online platform for voluntary cancellation of 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.

Due to time constraints, the Board could not consider the proposed promotional activities at its 108th meeting and agreed to consider them in 2021.

9. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to provide guidance on the concept note “Overview of CDM regulatory development: how CDM regulations have evolved over the years and lessons learned”, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its business and management plan for 2020–2021 (hereinafter referred to as CDM MAP 2020–2021), decided to document the evolution of CDM regulations to provide reference of the evolution of CDM regulations for stakeholders. Due to time constraints, the Board could not consider this concept note at its 107th and 108th meetings and agreed to consider it at this meeting.

10. ► **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 MAP 2020–2021, agreed to receive regular updates from the secretariat on developments and prospects in the carbon market and related governmental policies.

11. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to continue considering a request for information from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) related to the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA).

Background: The Board, at its 108th meeting, considered a request for information received from the ICAO related to CORSA and agreed to consider it at its next meeting and to respond accordingly.

12. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the report “Financing and use of the CDM by international finance institutions”, as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, through its CDM MAP 2020–2021, agreed to receive regular updates on the support provided to international climate finance institutions.

Agenda item 2.3. Performance management

13. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to continue considering 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 108th meeting, the Board considered its annual report to the CMP at its sixteenth session and agreed to continue its consideration at its next meeting.

14. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the draft CDM Executive Board workplan 2021, as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

Background: Based on the approved CDM MAP 2020–2021, a draft workplan of the Board has been prepared, which includes the products that the Board would like to consider during 2021.

15. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the draft workplan of the CDM Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP) for 2021, as contained in annex 5 to these annotations.

Background: Based on the approved CDM MAP 2020–2021, the draft workplan of the CDM-AP has been prepared, including products and routine activities that are requested to be considered during 2021.

16. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt the draft workplan of the Methodologies Panel (MP) for 2021, as contained in annex 6 to these annotations.

Background: Based on the approved CDM MAP 2020–2021, the draft workplan of the MP has been prepared, including products and routine activities that are requested to be considered during 2021.

17. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the “Status of CDM MAP 2020–2021 implementation (1 January–31 December 2020)”, as contained in annex 7 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its 104th meeting, adopted the CDM MAP 2020–2021 and, in accordance with the procedure “CDM business and management plan preparation, approval and monitoring”, agreed to conduct an end-year review of the first year of MAP implementation to assess its progress and refine, if necessary, the future direction of work.

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

18. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to appoint members or alternate members to serve as chairs and vice-chairs of panels and working groups in 2021.

Background: In accordance with the “Terms of reference of the support structure of the Board”, the Board shall elect the chairs and vice-chairs of panels and working groups, and any additional members or alternate members to support them, at the first meeting of each calendar year.

19. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to designate members or alternate members to serve as evaluators for the CDM registration and issuance team (RIT).

Background: In accordance with the “Procedure: Selection and performance evaluation of experts on the CDM registration and issuance team and methodologies rosters of experts”, the Board shall designate four members or alternate members of the Board as evaluators for a period of one year.

Agenda item 2.5. Operations of panels and working groups

(a). CDM Accreditation Panel

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

(b). Methodologies Panel

21. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of the electronic consultation report MP84-EC01 of the MP.²

Background: The MP held the electronic consultation from 19 to 24 November 2020. The MP provided input to a draft standardized baseline.

Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific)

Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation

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

Agenda item 3.2. Registration

23. ► **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.

24. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for one request for registration, as listed in table 1 below, for which a review was commenced.

Background: Three or more members of the Board or a Party involved requested a review of the request for registration listed in table 1 below. The subsequent assessments by the secretariat and the RIT contained different proposed decisions (i.e. one to register and the other to reject), or the same proposed decisions (both to register 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” (PCP-PA), the Board shall decide whether to register the project activity or to reject the request 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>.

Table 1. Request for registration review case 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
Project 10574	Reduction of N2O emissions from the new NA plant 6 of Hu-Chems Fine Chemical Corp.

Agenda item 3.3. Issuance

25. ► **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

26. ► **Action:** The Board shall consider the documentation for one request for renewal of crediting period for a project activity 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. The subsequent assessments by the secretariat and the 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 PCP-PA, the Board shall decide whether to approve or to reject the request for renewal of a crediting period.

Table 2. Request for renewal of a crediting period case 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
Project 9957	Inner Mongolia Zhuozhi Bayin Solar Power Plant Project

Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 4.1. Standards/tools

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

27. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to adopt amendments to the “CDM project standard for project activities” and “CDM project standard for programmes of activities” to clarify the

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

requirements on the change and/or addition of technologies/measures to a registered project activity or PoA, as contained in annex 8 to these annotations.

Background: The Board, at its 106th meeting, requested the secretariat, in consultation with the MP, to propose improvements to the provisions on the change and/or addition of technologies/measures including any illustrative examples in the related regulatory documents and present them to the Board for its consideration at a future meeting.

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

28. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that no methodological standards for large-scale CDM project activities are to be considered at this meeting.

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

29. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note that no methodological standards for small-scale CDM project activities are to be considered at this meeting.

Agenda item 4.2. Procedures

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

Agenda item 4.3. Policy issues

31. ► **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 assessment of cases.

Agenda item 5. Relations with forums and other stakeholders

32. ► **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.

33. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to interact with the designated operational entity (DOE)/accredited independent entity (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.

34. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to take note of activities undertaken with regard to stakeholders, designated national authorities (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.

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

- (a) INQ-10480;
- (b) INQ-10535;
- (c) INQ-10538.

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.

36. ► **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

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

Background: The Board, at its 108th meeting, agreed to its tentative calendar of meetings for 2021.

38. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to consider the themes for its side event to be held during the fifty-second session of the subsidiary bodies (SBs).

Background: The Board annually hosts a side event at the sessions of the SBs to interact with a wide range of stakeholders.

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

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

40. ► **Action:** The Board may wish to approve the report of the 109th meeting.

Background: The Chair will summarize the meeting and adopt the report, including references to any decisions taken.

Annexes to the annotations

- Annex 1 - Draft clarification: Regulatory requirements under temporary measures for post-2020 cases
- Annex 2 - Concept note: PROJ2019-01 -Overview of CDM regulatory development: how CDM regulations have evolved over the years and lessons learned
- Annex 3 - Information note: Financing and use of the CDM by international finance institutions
- Annex 4 - Draft CDM Executive Board workplan 2021
- Annex 5 - Draft CDM Accreditation Panel workplan 2021
- Annex 6 - Draft Methodologies Panel workplan 2021
- Annex 7 - Information note: Status of CDM MAP 2020-2021 implementation (1 January–31 December 2020)
- Annex 8 - Draft standard: Amendments to version 02.0 of the CDM project standards for project activities and programmes of activities on addition/change of technologies

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