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Agenda item 4.1.
Paragraph 21 of the annotated agenda, Annex 5

Progress report on digitalization of methodologies

CDM EB 110
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17–19 May and 25–27 May 2021

UNFCCC Secretariat
Mitigation Division

Procedural background

Mandate

- Decision 3/CMP.12, para. 9
- EB 102 report para. 34
- EB 106: CDM EB workplan 2020: Info note to be presented at EB 107
- EB 107-109: Due to lack of time the item could not be considered and was deferred for consideration at EB 110.

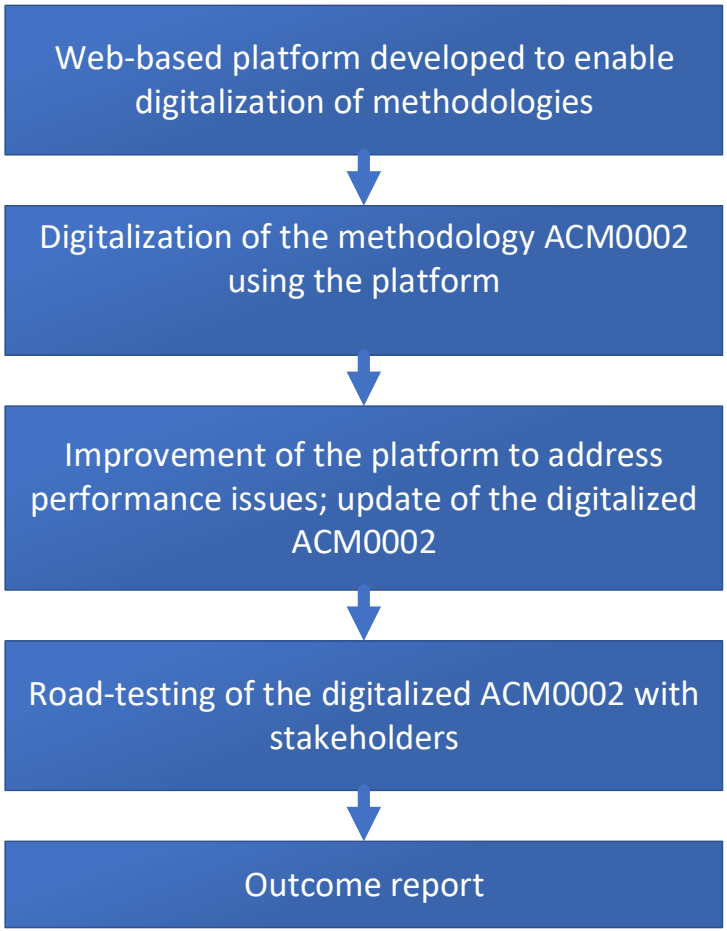
Last considered:

- EB 102: Took note of a demonstration on the use of the digitalized version of the methodology ACM0002; requested the secretariat to undertake the road-testing of the digitalized.

Purpose

- To present to the Board the outcome of the digitalized methodology ACM0002 road-testing.

Key steps in progress of digitalization work



Outcome of road-testing with stakeholders

Participating stakeholders

How contacted	Testing URLs sent	Evaluation reports received
Direct contact (e.g. from registered CDM projects)	9	6
Through the PDF	13	5
Through the RCCs	12	7
Total	34	18

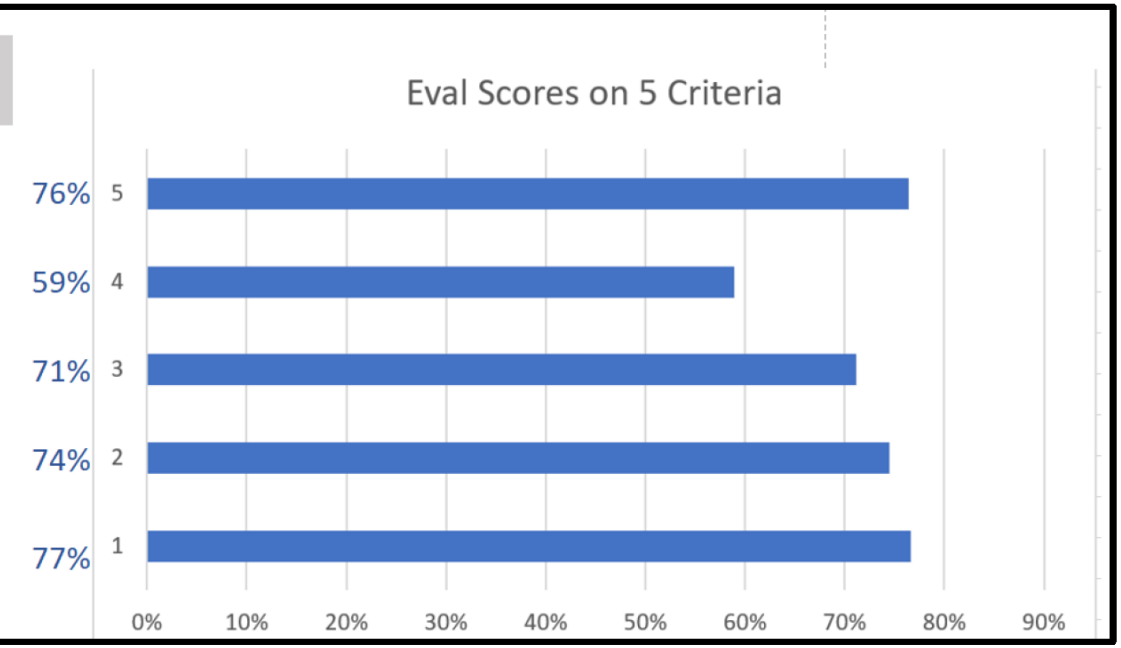
Region	Testing URLs sent	Evaluation reports received
Africa	11	8
Asia	10	5
LAC	13	5
Total	34	18

Criteria of assessment

To what extent are the following stated goals met by the tool?	strongly agree	agree	somewhat agree	not sure	disagree
1. Facilitate PDD preparation by allowing the user to focus on the technical design of the project without having to go through a large number of regulatory documents of the CDM (methodologies/ tools/ guidelines)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Task efficiency: Data is asked only once, although may be presented in different places in the document/ process / calculation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. Task efficiency: Data is validated at input time: reduces chances of erroneous data entering the process	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. Task efficiency: Complex calculations are performed automatically, including use of applicable default values	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. Enhanced quality of PDD: Ensures consistent and coherent scope, structure, and content in the PDD generated	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Assessment scores

Eval received: 18
Eval not received: 16



Outcome of road-testing with stakeholders

General feedback from stakeholders

- **Stakeholders appreciated the tool: e.g.** “A very useful and well overdue idea ”, “would make PDD writing a 100% more efficient and more consistent ”, “is user-friendly, especially for new PPD writers ”, “could really save a lot of time in writing PDDs ”
- **Stakeholders reported limitations of the tool: e.g.** “Only works for grid based electricity power production ”, “is very basic and needs substantial improvements”
- **Stakeholders reported issues and suggestions for further improvement of the tool:** e.g. related to page navigation, auto-save of data, data validation routines.

Recommendations to the Board

- The secretariat recommends that the Board take note of the information contained in the report.