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CDM Executive Board workplan 2021

Version 03.0



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COVER NOTE

1. Procedural background

1. The CDM Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) at its 109th meeting approved the workplan of the Board for 2021 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.
2. This work is in line with the requests of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) to the Board to continue its work to further improve the consistency, efficiency and transparency of its decision-making.

2. Purpose

3. The workplan of the Board for 2021 provides an overview of the issues to be considered by the Board at each meeting during the year. This allows the Board to plan its work throughout the year, ensuring a balanced workload and an efficient use of meeting time.

3. Key issues and proposed solutions

4. Changes to the previous version of the workplan are highlighted and the rationale for changes is also provided in the document.
5. Information is provided on the type of products the Board will consider at each meeting, indicating those products that will undergo panel consultation and/or calls for public input. Regular updates on certain areas of work are proposed in between meetings, in order to alleviate the agenda of the meetings of the Board.

4. Impacts

6. The regular review and updating of the workplan will ensure efficiency and transparency of the decision-making process and facilitate the management of the Board's workload.

5. Proposed work and timelines

7. The secretariat includes any new mandates arising from the meetings and provides an update on the status of work at each meeting of the Board.

6. Recommendations to the Board

8. The secretariat recommends that the Board take note of the updated workplan and provide comments, as appropriate.

1. CDM Executive Board workplan 2021

1. The table below provides an overview of the workplan of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism for 2021.

Table 1. CDM Executive Board workplan 2021

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Governance and management matters						
Servicing of regulatory body						
Support to the Executive Board	Selection of Chair/Vice Chair for EB	Final				
	Selection of Chairs/Vice Chairs for panels and working groups (WGs)	Final				
	Selection of panel/WG members for 2022		Info (to launch call)		Final	EB110 report para. 12
	Selection of members for RIT roster of experts' performance evaluation group	Final				Procedure: Selection and performance evaluation of experts on the CDM Registration and Issuance Team and Methodologies rosters of experts

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Support to the Executive Board (<i>cont.</i>)	Appointment of experts for RIT for 2022		Info (to launch call)		Final	EB110 report para. 13 Procedure: Terms of reference of the CDM rosters of experts
	Calendar of meetings	Final	Final		Draft	
	Clarification on the regulatory requirements under temporary measures for post-2020 cases	Final				EB108 report para. 9
	Technical options for the CDM registry to enable the issuance of CERs for emission reductions occurring after the end of the second commitment period for voluntary cancellation purposes	Concept	Concept			EB109 report para. 12 EB108, annex 1, para 4

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Support to the Executive Board (<i>cont.</i>)	Outstanding issues for implementation of temporary measures for CDM operations due to postponement of CMP 16	Info				
	EB workplan 2021	Final	Info	Info	Info	
	EB report to CMP 2020	Final				EB108 report para. 13
	EB report to CMP 2021		Concept	Final		
	CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021	Info				Procedure: CDM business and management plan preparation, approval and monitoring
	CDM two-year business and management plan 2022–2023			Draft	Final	

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Servicing of panels/working groups						
Panels and working groups	Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP) workplan 2021	Final				
	Methodologies Panel (MP) workplan 2021	Final				
	Panel meeting reports		Final	Final	Final	
Interactions with stakeholders						
Global DNA Forum	Interaction with Co-Chairs		Info		Info	
DOE/AIE Coordination Forum	Interaction with the Chair	Info	Info	Info	Info	
Accreditation system						
Accreditation system	DOEs performance monitoring - Report to the CDM Executive Board on the fourteenth monitoring period		Info (CDM-AP input)			EB106 report para. 46

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Accreditation system (<i>cont.</i>)	Synthesis report of the annual activity reports by DOEs			Info	Info	Submission of DOE reports due in September 2021
Market and policy analysis						
Policy analysis and reports	Carbon market and policy update	Info		Info		
Partnerships						
Planning, monitoring and reporting	Communications portal for project participants and focal points			Concept	Concept	Work in progress
	Biennial survey on CDM project status	Info	Concept			EB109 report para. 13 EB105 report para. 47
Regulatory policy improvement						
Regulatory framework management	Revision of the regulatory framework (VVS, PS, PCP) to allow for the road testing of the digitized methodology (ACM0002)		Concept			EB108 report para. 31 EB107 report para. 33 CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Regulatory framework management (cont.)	Amendments to CDM project standard for project activities and programmes of activities to clarify the definition of a technology	Final (MP input)				EB106 report para. 34
	Amendments to CDM project cycle procedures and CDM project standards			Final (MP input)		EB108 report para. 30
	Revised Glossary: CDM terms		Final (MP input)		Final	EB110 report para. 30 EB108 report para. 30 EB107 report para. 33 EB106 report para. 33
	Revised CDM project standards, CDM validation and verification standards and CDM project cycle procedures			Draft	Final	EB110 report para. 29

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Regulatory framework management (cont.)	Editorial quality, clarity and consistency of draft methodologies, methodological tools and other methodological standards			Concept		EB110 report para. 34
	Review of alternative measures of validation / verification to mandatory on-site inspections				Final	
260 Overview of the CDM regulatory development	How the CDM regulations have evolved over the years and lessons learned	Concept			Info	EB109 report para. 15 EB107 report para. 10 CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021

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CDM as a tool for other uses						
Nurturing demand for CDM and voluntary cancellation of CERs	Proposed promotional activities for the United Nations Online Platform for Voluntary Cancellation of CERs	Concept		Concept	Concept	Work in progress EB109 report para. 14 EB108 report para. 12 EB107 report para. 10 EB105 report para. 9
Use of CDM in climate finance	Financing and use of the CDM by international finance institutions	Info		Info		Decision 3/CMP.13, para. 2
Rulings						
Project assessments						
Assessment of compliance with CDM requirements relating to project and PoA submissions	Consideration of cases for registration, issuance and other project and PoA related submissions	Final	Final	Final	Final	

Project / Operational activity	Product	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112	Mandates and comments
Regulatory matters						
Methodologies						
Response to methodological requests from the Board	Various top-down revised/new methodologies and tools and best-practice examples mandated by the Board		Final (through MP report, prec. by call)	Final (through MP report, prec. by call)	Final (through MP report, prec. by call)	EB108 report paras. 30, 38 EB107 report paras. 36, 37 EB106 report para. 40 EB102 report para. 40 EB85 report para. 50
	Analysis and options regarding caps used in AMS-I.E, AMS-II.G and TOOL30			Concept (through MP report)		EB108 report para. 37
256 Digitization of methodologies for web-based generation of project design documents and monitoring templates	Road testing		Info			Decision 3/CMP.12, para. 9 EB108 report para. 31 EB107 report para. 33 EB106 report para. 31 EB102 report para. 34
	Revision of project 256		Concept			Decision 3/CMP.12, para. 9 EB108 report para. 31 CDM two-year business and management plan 2020–2021

Table 2. CDM EB workplan 2021 number of items^(a)

Numbers of items	EB109	EB110	EB111	EB112
Concept	3	5	3 2	0 2
Draft	0	0	2	1
Final	11	5	5	7
Info	6	7	5 4	4 5
Total	20	17	15 13	12 15

^(a) Total of items 2021: 64 **65**

2. Regular reports to the CDM Executive Board

2. Reports on activities and performance are prepared by the secretariat on a regular basis for consideration of the Board and the general public and are published on the UNFCCC CDM website¹. Confidential information pertaining to these reports will be provided to the Board via other means, as required.
3. Any member of the Board may request to consider a specific report at the coming meeting after publication, taking into account the deadlines stipulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Board.

Table 3. Regular reports to the CDM Executive Board

	Frequency
Financial resources	Twice a year
Regional collaboration centres (RCCs)	Twice a year
UN platform for voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions	Twice a year
Key performance indicators	Once a year
Nairobi framework partnership	Once a year
Stakeholder communications	Once a year
Synthesis report of the annual activity reports submitted by the DOEs	Once a year

¹ <https://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/report/>.

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