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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

- 1. The Chair of the Clean Development Mechanism Accreditation Panel (hereinafter referred to as the CDM-AP), Mr. Kamal Djemouai, opened the meeting.
- 2. The table below represents the attendance of members at the meeting, which was held on 21 and 22 September 2022.

Table. Attendance

| Chair and Vice-Chair | Members |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mr. Kamal Djemouai (Chair) | Mr. Martin Enderlin |
| Ms. Diana Harutyunyan (Vice-Chair) | Mr. Ricardo Esparta |
| | Ms. Verónica García de Solórzano |
| | Mr. Anil Jauhri |
| | Ms. Anastasia Northland |

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

- 3. The CDM-AP adopted the agenda of the meeting.
- 4. The CDM-AP considered information provided by members, the Chair and the Vice-Chair, with respect to any potential conflict of interest.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Performance management

- 5. The CDM-AP took note of a report on the achievements made against the assessment plan for 2022.
- 6. The CDM-AP took note of a report on delays of more than seven days in ongoing assessments.
- 7. The CDM-AP considered the outcome of the performance monitoring of experts on the CDM accreditation roster of experts and agreed on appropriate actions.
- 8. The CDM-AP took note of the designated operational entity (DOE) performance monitoring reports to the Board and to the CDM-AP on the nineteenth monitoring period (first iteration) and eighteenth monitoring period (second iteration), in accordance with the "Procedure: Performance monitoring of designated operational entities" (version 04.0).

Agenda item 2.2. Matters related to the panel

9. The CDM-AP took note of the outcome of the 115th meeting of the Executive Board of the CDM (hereinafter referred to as the Board).

Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific matters)

- 10. The CDM-AP considered one initial accreditation case. The CDM-AP's recommendation on this case will be submitted to the Board in confidence.
- 11. The CDM-AP considered one re-accreditation case. The CDM-AP's recommendation on the case will be submitted to the Board in confidence.
- 12. The CDM-AP considered five regular surveillance cases. The CDM-AP's notifications on these cases will be submitted to the Board in confidence.
- 13. The CDM-AP considered two performance assessments. The CDM-AP's notifications on these cases will be submitted to the Board in confidence.
- 14. The CDM-AP considered three notifications of changes.
- 15. The CDM-AP considered one other case. The CDM-AP's recommendation on this case will be submitted to the Board in confidence.

Agenda item 4. Relations with forums and other stakeholders

- 16. The CDM-AP interacted with the DOE/Accredited Independent Entity Coordination Forum, represented by its Chair, Mr. Werner Betzenbichler, in accordance with the "Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders" (version 02.0). Mr. Betzenbichler raised concerns about the lack of clarity on the transition of the CDM accreditation system, which is affecting DOEs involved in CDM operations, in particular those DOEs whose five-year accreditation term is ending prior to operationalization of the accreditation system under the Article 6.4 Mechanism. The CDM-AP took note of the Forum's input and thanked Mr. Betzenbichler for the interaction.
- 17. The CDM-AP interacted with a group of 10 lead assessors from the CDM accreditation roster of experts. The purpose of the interaction was to facilitate an exchange of views and share experiences on the implementation of the CDM accreditation requirements and, specifically for this session, to consult on requests for clarifications on the "CDM accreditation standard" (version 07.0) and the "CDM accreditation procedure" (version 16.0). The CDM-AP considered the queries presented by the lead assessors and provided input for the further elaboration of responses. The CDM-AP expressed its gratitude for the hard work undertaken by the lead assessors and stated that it looked forward to such productive interactions in the future.
- 18. In considering the queries presented by the CDM lead assessors, the CDM-AP discussed the reoccurring theme that there are many DOEs who maintain accreditation for other purposes. In this context, the CDM-AP recommends to the Board that if the DOE does not conduct any CDM validation or verification functions during the first three years of its five-year accreditation term, the DOE will be placed under observation. Subsequently, if the DOE does not conduct any CDM validation or verification or verification functions during the fourth year, the accreditation of the DOE will be suspended, and its accreditation withdrawn if no validation/verification functions were carried out in its five- year accreditation term. In case the DOE applies for re-accreditation, the application shall be rejected outright. The CDM-AP recommends that the Board revise the CDM accreditation procedure to reflect this approach.

Agenda item 5. Other matters

19. In considering the interaction with the DOE/Accredited Independent Entity Coordination Forum, the CDM-AP agreed to express to the Board its readiness to interact with the Supervisory Body of the A6.4 Mechanism and its potential support structure on issues related to the CDM accreditation system and the various lessons learned.

Agenda item 6. Conclusion of the meeting

- 20. The CDM-AP approved the report of its ninety-third meeting.
- 21. The CDM-AP Chair closed the meeting.

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