

Break-out session

Session: Project cycle and methodologies (2)

Workshop on the review of CDM modalities and procedures

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➤ Programme of activities (PoA)

- Current M&P
 - No reference to the concept of PoA
- Inputs
 - Set out general and specific principles, but not detailed rules, of PoAs in M&P
 - Develop a separate section for PoAs in M&P, and separate methodologies for PoAs
 - Simplify rules for PoAs comprising microscale CPAs
 - Clarify rules on erroneous inclusions of CPAs into a PoA, be part of the same process as for standard CDM project activities, and with acceptable liability risks for DOEs
 - Move PoAs into a NAMA framework



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➤ **Standardized baselines**

- Current M&P
 - No reference to the concept of standardized baselines
- Inputs
 - Incorporate section on standardized baselines in decision 3/CMP.6 in M&P
 - Update regularly the standardized baselines (e.g. every 3 years) according to transparent/objective criteria
 - Make the use of a sector-specific standardized baseline mandatory for new projects



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➤ **Additionality**

- Current M&P
 - Additionality is defined but means to demonstrate additionality are not provided
- Inputs
 - Include in M&P the current practice of the Board to establish a “positive list” of project types/scale deemed automatically additional with simplified validation requirement on additionality
 - Improve, streamline and encourage additionality assessment by relying on standardized approaches (e.g. performance benchmarks, positive lists, market penetration rates)
 - Reform or abandon E+/E- rule, first-of-its-kind step
 - Exclude certain project types (e.g. HFC-23, N₂O, coal-fired power plants without CCS)



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➤ Other

- Inputs
 - Simplify project cycle for small-scale projects using standardized baselines (e.g. ex-post assessment after registration)
 - Review the thresholds on project scale (small-scale and microscale)
 - Abandon the concept of small-scale project activities as they are no easier than large-scale project activities
 - Simplify methodologies in general, using conservative approaches
 - Develop principles for the management of conservativeness in CDM methodologies to be applied consistently across methodologies
 - Introduce pre-established automatic baseline adjustments



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➤ Other (cont.)

- Inputs (cont.)
 - Reflect the project cycle timeline recently adopted by the Board
 - Remove the condition requiring a description of project activity when submitting a new methodology
 - Include the concept of clarifications of methodologies
 - Reflect the current practice of the Board to develop, revise and clarify methodologies on its own initiative (top-down), and to allow any stakeholder to submit a new or revised methodology and clarification requests
 - Streamline Appendix C (ToR for establishing guidelines on methodologies) by leaving key principle and move to the main body of M&P
 - Revise the list of approaches baseline methodologies to a non-exhaustive list

