

## Agenda item 2.3.

Paragraph 7 of the annotated agenda, Annex 2

# Workplan of the Methodological Expert Panel 2026

**Article 6.4 Supervisory Body – 21<sup>st</sup> meeting**

Bonn, Germany, 18 to 21 May 2026



- The Methodological Expert Panel (MEP) is supporting the Supervisory Body **in performing its functions related to the methodological issues** concerning Article 6.4 mechanism activities.
- The current workplan:
  - a) **Includes routine operational activities** as well as mandates from the Supervisory Body.
  - b) **Outlines the expected products** for consideration at each meeting of the Supervisory Body throughout the year in support of its work.
  - c) **Developed within the context** of the Article 6.4 mechanism's **two-year business and resource allocation plan 2026–2027**.



## Purpose

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- To **present the updated workplan** which contains the information related to routine operation activities and mandates from the Supervisory Body.



### What was approved at SBM 020

- The 2026 workplan for the MEP :
  - a) **Prioritized methodological products** of the highest strategic importance and readiness; and
  - b) **Addressed the mandate received from CMA.7** to prioritize the revision of clean development mechanism (CDM) methodologies that are applicable to activities for transition to the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4;
  - c) **Took into account the interdependency** of various methodological products;
  - d) **Took into account additional guidance** of the Supervisory Body, at its twentieth meeting (SBM 020).



- Based on the analysis presented by the secretariat during the Supervisory Body's strategy session, SBM 020 **agreed to include the revision of the following CDM methodologies**, among others, in the MEP workplan:
  - AM0023:** Leak detection and repair in gas production, processing, transmission, storage and distribution systems and in refinery facilities;
  - AMS-III.AV.:** Low greenhouse gas emitting safe drinking water production systems;
  - AM0026:** Methodology for zero-emissions grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources in Chile or in countries with merit order-based dispatch grid;
  - AMS-III.AR.:** Substituting fossil fuel-based lighting with more efficient lighting systems.



### Proposed changes for consideration by SBM 021

- In consultation with MEP Co-Chairs and members **changes proposed** to workplan:
  - a) Keep focus on the methodology development on priority areas;
  - b) Take into account the assessment of available time, resources and interdependency of the methodological products;
  - c) Revision to “A6.4-AMM001: Flaring or use of landfill gas” following a mandate from SBM019 is proposed to be included in the workplan.
- On balance, the changes lower the number of expected outputs per MEP meeting to align more realistically with available resources.



- Work related to the following agenda items **be postponed to year 2027**
  - a) **Revision of the following CDM methodologies and methodological tools**
    - i. **AMS-I.C.:** Thermal energy production with or without electricity;
    - ii. **AMS-III.Z.:** Fuel Switch, process improvement and energy efficiency in brick manufacture;
    - iii. **AMS-I.L.:** Electrification of rural communities using renewable energy;
    - iv. **AMS-III.BB.:** Electrification of communities through grid extension or construction of new mini grids;
    - v. **Tool** for Project and leakage emissions from biomass;
    - vi. **Tool** to calculate project or leakage CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuel combustion;
    - vii. **Tool** for Determining the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems; and
    - viii. **Tool** on Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight.



## Key issues and proposed solutions

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- Work related to the following agenda items **be postponed to year 2027**
  - b) Revision to** the following regulatory documents of A6.4 mechanism:
    - i. Methodological tool: Investment analysis;
    - ii. Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies; and
    - iii. Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies”.
  
  - c) Development of** the following concept notes
    - i. Concept note: Large-scale crediting programmes; and
    - ii. Concept note: Transboundary activities.
  
  - d) Assessment of bottom-up submissions** related to simplified approaches for additionality.



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- Following mandates requested from SBM **will be added to the workplan subject to approval** by SBM 021.
- **Strategic work planned to be completed in 2026**
  - **Work on PoA** - Prepare a “Concept note: Revision of methodological standards and tools for application to programmes of activities” and revise relevant methodological standards and tools, following the request from MEP 013 meeting report paragraph 18.
  - **Ensuring availability of meth** for potential A6.4 activities - Revision of “A6.4-AMM-001: Flaring or use of landfill gas” following the request from MEP 013 meeting report, paragraphs 12 and 14.
- **Further work planned to be completed in 2027**
  - **Revision to “Methodological tool: Analysis of lock-in risk”**, following the request from MEP 012 meeting report; paragraph 8; and
  - **Revision to “Methodological tool: Fraction of non-renewable biomass”**, following the request from MEP 012 meeting report paragraph 18.



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- The **changes to the workplan are highlighted** in yellow as in table 1 of the document published as annex 2 to the annotations to SBM 021 meeting.
- **Proposed changes to workplan** indicates in 2026 MEP aim to finalize:
  - a) **Around 5 to 7 additional methodologies** covering priority sectors;
  - b) **Other key products** such as
    - i. Reversal risk assessment tool;
    - ii. Sampling tool;
    - iii. Information note on sampling requirements for designated operational entities in next three meetings;
    - iv. Concept note on operationalizing requirement of paragraph 62 of the removal standard; and
    - v. Concept note on revision of methodological standards and tools for application to PoAs (*subject to SBM021 approval to this mandate*)



- The **revised workplan for MEP**, taking into account available human resources and time, **prioritize methodological products of the highest strategic importance** and readiness of the Article 6.4 mechanism.
- The proposed changes **ensure having A6.4 methodologies for around 60 to 70 per cent of projects / activities** that have received or expected to receive host country approval for transition to A6.4 mechanism **covering around 75 to 85 per cent estimated emission reductions per year.**



## Subsequent work and timelines

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- The **MEP workplan will be revisited** by secretariat after each of the MEP meetings in 2026 and **adjusted for the progress being made** for each agenda item and any new mandates from SBM 021.



## Recommendations to the Supervisory Body

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- The secretariat recommends that the Supervisory Body **take note of the updated MEP workplan.**

