

Agenda item 3.1.

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Concept note - Large-scale crediting programmes

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Procedural background

At SBM 015 the Supervisory Body requested the MEP to amend the additionality standard to also cover methodological requirements for mitigation actions implemented at larger scales (e.g., programmes of activities (PoAs) or large-scale crediting programmes).

SBM 020 adopted the workplan of the MEP 2026, which includes a Concept note on large-scale crediting programmes.



Purpose

The purpose of the concept note is to identify and propose revisions to approved methodological standards and tools to operationalize them for use with **PoAs**.

Work under this agenda item will focus on identifying and making appropriate revisions to approved methodological standards and tools to include any requirements or considerations necessary to implement PoAs. This is necessary because approved methodological standards and tools are only applicable for projects at the activity level.

The rationale for this focus is that a large number of CDM transfer requests involve PoAs, which require approved methodological standards and tools to operationalize PoAs under the Article 6.4 mechanism.

Note that, in the future, work on this item will continue to address other types of large-scale crediting programmes.



Key issues and proposed solutions - Questions

Potentially relevant Article 6.4 mechanism methodological standards and tools for review:

- Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies (A6.4-STAN-METH-003)
- Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies (A6.4-STAN-METH-004)
- Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies (A6.4-STAN-METH-005)
- Standard: Addressing suppressed demand in mechanism methodologies (A6.4-STAN-METH-006)
- Standard: Addressing non-permanence and reversals in mechanism methodologies (A6.4-STAN-METH-007)
- Tool: Common practice analysis (A6.4-AMT-001)
- Tool: Investment analysis (A6.4-AMT-002)



Key issues and proposed solutions - Questions

Compare core governance standards for the Article 6.4 mechanism and CDM:

- A6.4: Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities (A6.4-STAN-AC-004)
- CDM: Standard: CDM project standard for programmes of activities (CDM-EB93-A07-STAN)

How similar or different are the CDM and Article 6.4 mechanism approaches?

- CDM's "Coordinating and Managing Entity (CME)" appears similar to A6.4's "activity participants"
- CDM's "Component Project Activities (CPAs)" appears similar to A6.4's "Component Projects (CPs)"
- CDM's TOOL01 (additionality), TOOL02 (combined), TOOL24 (common practice), and TOOL27 (investment analysis) do not mention PoAs (but applied to them)
- Additionality of A6.4 PoAs is to be demonstrated at the level of component projects (CPs) (i.e., for individual projects) — although the approach seems similar to CDM. See next slide for details.

Is it necessary to specifically mention PoAs in A6.4 standards? Why or why not?

