

Agenda item 3.4

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Information note: Sampling and surveys requirements for designated operational entities

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- At MEP012 and MEP013, the Panel worked on the draft “Information note: Sampling and surveys requirements for designated operational entities”, prepared based on the revision of the CDM “Standard: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities” and revision of the CDM “Guidelines: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities”.
- At MEP014, the Panel agreed to launch a call for public input from 3 to 24 July 2026. No input was received.
- At MEP016, the Panel agreed to recommend that the Supervisory Body consider the “Information note: Sampling and surveys requirements for designated operational entities”, and to request the secretariat to incorporate the relevant sampling requirements into the “Standard: validation and verification standard for projects” and the “Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities”.



Purpose

- This information note provides sampling-related requirements pertaining to validation and verification activities by designated operational entities (DOEs), including the sampling approach to be undertaken by the validating/verifying DOEs, and related guidelines.



Key issues and proposed solutions

- While working on the revision of the “Standard: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities” and the “Guidelines: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities”, the MEP identified that these documents included requirements pertaining to DOEs’ validation and verification activities, as well as the related guidance to the DOEs.
- The MEP concluded that the requirements and guidance directed at DOEs should not be included in a methodological tool. The text relevant to DOE activities related to sampling and surveys are provided in this information note for the Supervisory Body’s consideration.
- The Information Note reflects the updated approach in the “Methodological tool: Sampling and surveys”, including the possibility of applying a common sampling plan across more than one component project (CP) within a PoA.



- The consideration by the Supervisory Body of the requirements for DOEs' validation and verification activities related to sampling and surveys will allow these to be placed optimally within the relevant standards of the Article 6.4 mechanism.
- The updated Information Note strengthens the DOE's ability to identify potential bias in common sampling plans across CPs and to assess whether sampling designs, sampling frames and sample allocation arrangements could conceal biases that could lead to overestimation of emission reductions or net GHG removals at the PoA level.



- The MEP agreed to recommend that the Supervisory Body consider the “Information note: Sampling and surveys requirements for designated operational entities”, and request secretariat to incorporate the sampling requirements into the “Standard: validation and verification standard for projects” and “Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities”.



Subsequent work and timelines

The sampling requirements for DOEs are to be incorporated into the “Standard: validation and verification standard for projects” and “Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities”.

