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Seventh meeting of the Accreditation Expert Panel

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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. The Co-Chair of the Accreditation Expert Panel (AEP), Mr. Dexter Lee, opened the seventh meeting of the AEP (AEP 007).
2. The table 1 shows the attendance at the meeting.

Table 1 Attendance

Co-Chairs	Members
Mr. Dexter Lee	Ms. Adriana Guzmán Palacios
Ms. Mominata Eloia Compaore	Ms. Anastasia Northland
	Mr. Anil Jauhri
	Mr. Shamiso Mtisi
	Ms. Verónica García de Solórzano

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The AEP adopted the proposed agenda for AEP 007, which was published as document A6.4-AEP007-AA.¹
4. The AEP considered information provided by members and the Co-Chairs with respect to any potential conflict of interest. Statements on conflict of interest can be viewed on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) website.²

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Matters related to the Accreditation Expert Panel

5. The AEP took note of the update on the outcome of the twentieth meeting of the Supervisory Body (SBM 020) relevant to the work of the AEP.
6. The AEP considered the outcome of the analysis of the current accreditation roster of experts.

Agenda item 2.2. Status update on applications received

7. The AEP took note of the update from the secretariat on applications received from applicant entities for accreditation under the Article 6.4 mechanism (see table 2).

¹ See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-AEP007-AA.pdf>.

² See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/accreditation-expert-panel-aep/meetings>.

Table 2. Workflow status of applicant entities' applications

Workflow status	Number of applicant entities
Global stakeholder consultation	5
Desk review	4
On-site assessment	2
Accreditation Expert Panel recommendation stage	3
Already accredited	14

Agenda item 3. Rulings (case-specific matters)

8. The AEP considered three initial accreditation cases. The AEP's recommendation on these cases will be submitted to the Supervisory Body in confidence.
9. The AEP considered the outcome of a desk review for one applicant entity and made a recommendation to the Supervisory Body.
10. The AEP considered the three requests for notification of change.

Agenda item 4. Regulatory matters

11. The AEP recommended that the Supervisory Body consider the clarification provided in paragraph 12 below and request the secretariat to incorporate the clarification into a future revision of the "Standard: Article 6.4 accreditation".

Agenda item 5. Relations with forums and other stakeholders

12. The AEP interacted with the Chair of the Designated Operational Entities/Applicant Entities (DOE/AE) Coordination Forum, Mr. Javier Castro, who raised queries on the "Standard: Article 6.4 accreditation" (ver. 02.0) for consideration by the AEP.³ The AEP agreed to provide the clarification as follows:
 - (a) For the first query related to "client definition" as per paragraph 96 of the "Standard: Article 6.4 accreditation", the clarification should be read as follows: "The DOE shall not sign a contract with a project developer, financier or consultant being conflict of interest. If the activity has only one Activity Participant authorized by the Host Party and Participating Party, and this Activity Participant is also a project developer, **financier** or consultant with which a conflict of interest exists, this Activity Participant needs to identify another Activity Participant which is not such project developer, financier or consultant.";
 - (b) For the second query related to the scope of "family relationships", the term "family relationships" specified under the term "related body" in paragraph 8 (q) of the "Standard: Article 6.4 accreditation" (ver. 02.0) is applied to the first and second degrees of consanguinity (i.e. parents, children and siblings) and the first degree of affinity (i.e. spouse and registered partner) of top management personnel **of the**

³ See https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/aep/meetings#_26-meetings.

DOE defined as per paragraph 8 (z) of the “Standard: Article 6.4 accreditation” (ver. 02.0);

- (c) For the third query related to the application of “expert opinions/expert reports or advisory services”, in view of the meanings of “Validation: The process of independent evaluation of an Article 6.4 activity by a DOE against the requirements of the Article 6.4 rules and requirements, on the basis of the project design document or programme of activity design document and component project design document” and “Verification: The periodic independent evaluation of the monitoring report of a registered Article 6.4 activity” as specified in the “Glossary: Article 6.4 mechanism terms”, the terms “expert opinions/expert reports or advisory services” are not equivalent to validation, verification and certification services. The DOEs are not allowed to conduct any activities other than validation, verification and certification activities or third-party conformity assessments;
- (d) For the fourth query related to scope of “their personnel”, the term “their personnel” specified in the paragraph 40 of “Standard: Article 6.4 accreditation” (ver. 02.0) covers internal and external validation, verification and certification personnel of the DOE and its related bodies.

Agenda item 6. Conclusion of the meeting

13. The AEP adopted the report of AEP 007. The AEP 007 meeting report is available on the UNFCCC website.⁴
14. The Co-Chair of the AEP, Ms. Mominata Elola Compaore, closed the meeting.
15. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting were webcast to allow stakeholders to follow the discussion.⁵

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⁵ See [Accreditation Expert Panel - 007 - YouTube](#).