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Information note

Workplan of the Methodological Expert Panel 2026

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1. Introduction

1. The support structure of the Supervisory Body of Article 6.4 mechanism consisting of the Accreditation Expert Panel and Methodological Expert Panel (MEP) is established under the Supervisory Body to assist in the performance of its functions related to the accreditation system and methodological issues concerning Article 6.4 mechanism activities.
2. The mandates of the panels are determined by their terms of reference, the rules of procedure of the Supervisory Body, and additional guidance provided by the Supervisory Body.^{1,2}
3. The workplan includes routine operational activities as well as mandates from the Supervisory Body. The 2026 workplan of the MEP outlines the expected products for consideration at each meeting throughout the year in support of the work of the Supervisory Body. It has been developed within the context of the Article 6.4 mechanism's two-year business and resource allocation plan 2026–2027.³
4. The 2026 workplan for MEP also addresses the mandate received from CMA.7 regarding prioritizing the work on the revision of clean development mechanism methodologies that are applicable to activities for transition to the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4.⁴
5. The table 4 in this document provides information related to the agenda items on which the work is yet to be started by the MEP.
6. The mandates received from SBM 021 will be added to the MEP workplan at its next revision before SBM 022 meeting.
7. Further, table 5 in this document lists various bottom-up submissions of proposed mechanism methodologies that are under consideration by the MEP.

¹ See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-PROC-GOV-003.pdf>

² See https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma7_15b_A6.4_auv.pdf

³ Information note: Article 6.4 mechanism two-year business and resource allocation plan 2026–2027. Available at <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-INFO-GOV-024.pdf>.

⁴ See decision 20/CMA.7 https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2025_19_a03.pdf

2. Methodological Expert Panel workplan 2026

Table 1. Methodological Expert Panel workplan 2026

Activity	Product	MEP 011	MEP 012	MEP 013	MEP 014	MEP 015	MEP 016	SBM consideration	Mandates
Processing of new methodologies / tools, requests for revision, and requests for clarification (bottom-up)	Proposed mechanism methodologies/ methodological tools, requests for revision, and requests for clarification submitted by proponents	Input	Launch call for public input	Input / Recommendation	Input	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	SBM 021 SBM 022 SBM 023 SBM meeting in 2027	Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools Section 5.1 and Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardised baselines Sections 5.2, 6.1 and 8.1.
Work related to revision of A6.4 mechanism methodologies and methodological standards	Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies	Input	Recommendation					SBM 021	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 34 : The revision of the draft methodological tool "Analysis of lock-in risk".
	A6.4-AMM-001: Flaring or use of landfill gas,			Input	Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 023	SBM 019 meeting report paragraph 11 : requesting to update methodology once the work on the "Methodological tool: Emissions from electricity generation and consumption" is adopted by the Supervisory Body
Work related to revision of A6.4 mechanism regulatory documents ⁴	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects					Input		SBM 023	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 27 : Requested to incorporate "Elements related to non-permanence and reversals for inclusion in relevant regulatory documents".

⁴ MEP will provide input to these documents via electronically.

Activity	Product	MEP 011	MEP 012	MEP 013	MEP 014	MEP 015	MEP 016	SBM consideration	Mandates
Work related to revision of A6.4 mechanism regulatory documents ⁵ (cont)	Standard: Validation and verification standard for projects					Input		SBM 023	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 27 : Requested to incorporate “Elements related to non-permanence and reversals for inclusion in relevant regulatory documents”.
	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programme of activities						Input	SBM meeting in 2027	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programme of activities, paragraph 162, footnote 31 : Application for PoAs.
	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects					Input		SBM 023	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 27 : Requested to incorporate “Elements related to non-permanence and reversals for inclusion in relevant regulatory documents”.
	Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism registry					Input		SBM 023	
	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programme of activities						Input	SBM meeting in 2027	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programme of activities, paragraph 162, footnote 31 : Application for PoAs.
	Methodological tool: Analysis of lock-in risk	Launch call for public input	Recommendation					SBM 021	SBM 015 meeting report, paragraph 39 (b) : requested to initiate work on a methodological tool for lock-in risk analysis.
	Concept note: Large-scale crediting programmes		Input					SBM meeting in 2027	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 1. Further work related to requirements for methodologies section.

⁵ Ibid.

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Work related development of new methodological products (top-down)	Tool: Reversal risk assessment	Input	Input	Input	Launch call for public input	Recommendation	Input	SBM 023	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 2 Further work related to removals.
	Concept note: Options for the implementation of paragraph 62 of the "Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism"	Input	Input	Input	Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 023	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 30 : requested to prepare a concept note on addressing options for implementing paragraph 62 of the "Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism".
Work on revision of clean development mechanism (CDM) methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines	ACM0002: Grid connected electricity generation from renewable sources; AMS-I.D.: Grid connected renewable electricity generation	Input	Launch call for public input	Input	Recommendation			SBM 022	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 3 List of CDM methodologies and methodological tools prioritized for transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
	Tool: Emission factor for an electricity system	Recommendation						SBM 020	
	AMS-II.G.: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass;	Input	Input	Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 022	
	AMS-I.E: Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user	Input	Input	Input	Input	Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM meeting in 2027	

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Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines (<i>cont.</i>)	Tool for calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass	Launch call for public input	Recommendation					SBM 021	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 3 List of CDM methodologies and methodological tools prioritized for transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
	Standard: Sampling and Surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities	Input	Input	Input	Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 023	
	Guidelines: Sampling and Surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities	Input	Input	Input	Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 023	
	Tool for Project and leakage emissions from biomass	Input	Input	Input				SBM meeting in 2027	
	Tool to calculate project or leakage CO ₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion			Input				SBM meeting in 2027	
	Tool for Base-line, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption and monitoring of electricity generation	Recommendation						SBM 020	
	Tool to calculate remaining lifetime of equipment	Recommendation						SBM 020	

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Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines (<i>cont.</i>)	AM0023: Leak detection and repair in gas production, processing, transmission, storage and distribution systems and in refinery facilities						Input	SBM meeting in 2027	Decision 20/CMA.7 paragraph 24 mandated the Supervisory Body to prioritize work on the revision of CDM methodologies applicable to activities transiting to the A6.4 mechanism.
	AMS-III.AV: Low greenhouse gas emitting safe drinking water production systems					Input	Launch call for public input	SBM meeting in 2027	
	AM0026: Methodology for zero-emissions grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources in Chile or in countries with merit order-based dispatch grid						Input	SBM meeting in 2027	
	AMS-III-AR.: Substituting fossil fuel-based lighting with more efficient lighting systems;					Input	Launch call for public input	SBM meeting in 2027	

Table 2. Methodological Expert Panel workplan 2026 number of items ^(a)

Numbers of items	MEP 011	MEP 012	MEP 013	MEP 014	MEP 015	MEP 016
Input	10	8	10	2	7	6
Launch call for public input	2	2	1	5	1	2
Recommendation	3	3	1	2	6	2
Total	15	13	12	9	14	10

^(a) Total of items 2026: **73**

Table 3. Legend

Legend	
Input	Input by the MEP on the draft documents (concept notes, standards, tools) for the Supervisory Body's consideration prepared by the MEP or by the MEP and the secretariat jointly (based on the mandate from the Supervisory Body)
Launch call for public input	The MEP considers the draft documents and launches the call for public input as per the procedure ⁶
Recommendation	Recommendation to the Supervisory Body (final recommendation, e.g., approval or rejection of new/revised methodologies, tools, standardized baselines)

Table 4. Agenda items on which the work is yet to be started by the Methodological Expert Panel

Agenda item	Mandates
Concept note: Taking account of policies and measures, and relevant circumstances	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 3 List of CDM methodologies and methodological tools prioritized for transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
Methodological tool: Default values for common parameters	
Concept note: Transboundary activities	
Tool for Determining the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems	
Standard: Application of the requirements of Chapter V.B (Methodologies) for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies	SBM 014 meeting report, paragraph 27
Concept note: Potential issues arising from the funding of Article 6.4 activities	SBM 015 meeting report, paragraph 39 (c)
Methodological tool: Investment analysis	SBM 019 meeting report, paragraph 7 (b) :

⁶ Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools (A6.4-PROC-METH-001). Available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-PROC-METH-001.pdf>.

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	to annually incorporate the most recent data into the table for the cost of equity in its Appendix; and re-requesting to assess whether the country-specific default values for the cost of equity could be differentiated between sectors or types of mitigation activities.
Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies	SBM 016 meeting report, paragraph 30 : Further elaboration on some elements of the standard.
Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies	SBM 016 meeting report, paragraph 32 : Further elaboration of specific requirements paragraph 83 (f), paragraphs 85 (c) through (e) of the methodologies' standard.
Processing of simplified approaches for additionality	Standard: Application of the requirements of Chapter V.B (Methodologies) for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies paragraph 72 .
AMS-III.Z: Fuel Switch, process improvement and energy efficiency in brick manufacture	Decision 20/CMA.7 paragraph 24 mandated the Supervisory Body to prioritize work on the revision of CDM methodologies applicable to activities transiting to the A6.4 mechanism.
AMS-I.L.: Electrification of rural communities using renewable energy;	
AMS-III.BB.: Electrification of communities through grid extension or construction of new mini grids	
AMS-I.C.: Thermal energy production with or without electricity	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 3 List of CDM methodologies and methodological tools prioritized for transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
Tool for Determining the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems	

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Tool on Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5: Refer to table 3 List of CDM methodologies and methodological tools prioritized for transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
Tool for Project and leakage emissions from biomass	
Tool to calculate project or leakage CO2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion	

Table 5. The list of proposed mechanism methodologies currently under the consideration of the Methodological Expert Panel

PMM number	Proposed mechanism methodologies (PMM)
A6.4-PMM001	Production of Ammonia through electrolysis of water, air separation and synthesis of hydrogen and nitrogen
A6.4-PMM002	N ₂ O abatement from nitric acid production
A6.4-PMM003	Pumped Hydro Storage and Supply of Electricity to the Grid
A6.4-PMM004	Comprehensive Lowered Emission Assessment and Reporting (CLEAR) Methodology for Cooking Energy Transitions
A6.4-PMM005	Savanna Fire Management (SFM)
A6.4-PMM006	Fertilizer production with renewables-based ammonia
A6.4-PMM007	Recovery and plasma-based destruction of residual HFCs remaining in ISO tank containers

Document information

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02.0	26 May 2026	The Supervisory Body took note of this updated document (See SBM 021 meeting report, para.9).
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