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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. The Chair of the Article 6.4 mechanism Methodological Expert Panel (hereinafter referred to as the MEP) opened the third meeting of the MEP.
2. Table 1 below represents attendance at the meeting, which was held from 9 to 13 September 2024. The names in bold print represent attendance at the meeting, and *italics* indicate that the member attended the meeting virtually.
3. The MEP observed a minute of silence in honour of Dr. Gajanana Hegde, who passed away on 2 September 2024. Dr. Hegde was a staff member with the secretariat and supported the work related to development of methodologies for the last 18+ years. The MEP members expressed their condolences to the family and the secretariat and remembered him as a champion for the methodologies under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and recognized his contribution to the cause of combatting climate change.

Table 1. Attendance

Chair/Vice-Chair	Members
Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne (Chair)	Mr. Amr Osama Abdel-Aziz
Ms. Molly Peters-Stanley (Vice-Chair)	Ms. Enam Akoetey-Eyiah
	<i>Ms. Penny Baalman</i>
	Mr. Danny Cullenward
	Ms. Yaning Jin
	Mr. Braulio Pikman
	Ms. Navjot Kaur Sandhu
	Mr. Lambert Schneider
	Ms. Jessica Wade-Murphy de Jimenez
	Mr. Kenichiro Yamaguchi

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

4. The MEP adopted the proposed agenda of the third meeting.
5. The MEP considered information provided by members, the Chair and Vice-Chair with respect to any potential conflict of interest. Statements on conflict of interest can be viewed on the UNFCCC Article 6.4 mechanism website.¹
6. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting were broadcast to allow stakeholders to follow the discussion.

¹ Refer to <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/mep/meetings>.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Matters related to the Methodological Expert Panel

7. The MEP took note of the outcome of the thirteenth meeting of the Supervisory Body relevant to the work of the MEP.
8. The MEP agreed to seek clarifications based on the interpretation of the document prepared by the Supervisory Body (SBM) at its ninth meeting, related to the requirements for methodologies,² while preparing the draft standards and tools as per the workplan.
9. The MEP noted that the SBM, at its fourteenth meeting, will consider the tentative calendar of meetings for 2025.

Agenda item 3. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 3.1. Requirements for methodologies

10. The MEP continued its consideration of the development of the documents related to requirements for methodologies, as presented in table 2 below, based on “Recommendation: Requirements for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies” (A6.4-SB009-A01)³ and as mandated by the SBM (A6.4 SB011-A02).⁴

Table 2. Status of methodological standards

Type	Title	Status	Paragraph
Standard	Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies	Call for public input	11
Standard	Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies	Work in progress	12
Tool	Investment analysis	Work in progress	12
Standard	Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies	Work in progress	13
Standard	Suppressed demand	Work in progress	14
Concept Note	Large-scale crediting programmes	Work in progress	15
Concept Note	Transboundary activities	Work in progress	16

11. The MEP finalized the draft “Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies”, as contained in annex 1 to this report. The MEP agreed to seek public input on this draft standard. The MEP will update the document, taking into account the inputs received, with the aim to make a recommendation to the SBM at a future meeting.

² A6.4-SB009-A01 - Recommendation: Requirements for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies.

³ Refer to <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb009-a01.pdf>.

⁴ Refer to <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb011-a02.pdf>.

12. The MEP took note of inputs received from a call for public inputs and agreed to continue working on the draft “Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies”, taking into account the inputs received, with the aim to make a recommendation to the SBM at a future meeting. Furthermore, the MEP agreed to continue its work on the methodological tool for investment analysis.
13. The MEP considered the draft “Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies” and agreed to continue working on the draft standard at its next meeting.
14. The MEP considered the draft “Standard: Suppressed demand” and agreed to continue working on the draft standard at its next meeting.
15. The MEP considered the draft “Concept note: Large-scale crediting programmes” and agreed to continue its work on the development of the concept note at its next meeting.
16. The MEP seeks clarification from the SBM on which types of transboundary activities, as well as activities that have transboundary issues/impacts, should be covered in this concept note, or the nature of activities that led to the SBM requesting the MEP to draft a concept note for transboundary activities. This would be beneficial in scoping the work and prioritizing such activities for the development of the concept note.

Agenda item 3.2. Removals

17. The MEP continued its consideration of the development of the documents related to removals, as presented in table 3 below, based on the “Recommendation: Activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism” (A6.4-SB009-A02)⁵ and as mandated by the SBM (A6.4-SB011-A02).⁶

Table 3. Status of methodological products on activities involving removals

Type	Title	Status	Paragraph
Standard	Addressing non-permanence/reversals including: a. Post-crediting period monitoring, reporting, and remediation of reversals, post-reversal action, and host Party roles; b. Late, incomplete or missing monitoring report submissions, and treatment of activities for which a reversal results in a removals level that falls below baseline; c. Reversal risk assessment; d. Avoidable and unavoidable reversals, and reversal compensation.	Work in progress	18

18. The MEP continued its work on the development of the draft “Standard: Addressing non-permanence/reversals” in Article 6.4 activities and agreed to continue working on the draft standard at its next meeting.

⁵ Refer to <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb009-a02.pdf>.

⁶ Refer to <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb011-a02.pdf>.

Agenda item 3.3. Revision of clean development mechanism methodologies and methodological tools

19. The MEP considered the revision of the clean development mechanism (CDM) methodologies, methodological tools, methodological standards and methodological guidelines, as presented in table 4 below. The MEP agreed that the revision of these documents shall take into consideration its ongoing work under agenda item 3.1 and agenda item 3.2 above.

Table 4. Status of the revision of CDM methodologies and methodological tools for the A6.4 mechanism

Type	Title	Status	Paragraph
CDM Methodology	ACM0002: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources	Work in progress	20
CDM Methodology	AMS-I.D.: Grid-connected renewable electricity generation	Work in progress	20
CDM Methodological Tool	Tool: Emission factor for an electricity system	Work in progress	20
CDM Methodology	ACM0001: Flaring or use of landfill gas	Work in progress	21
CDM Methodological Tool	Tool: Emissions from solid waste disposal sites	Work in progress	21
CDM Methodological Tool	Tool: Project emissions from flaring	Work in progress	21
CDM Methodological Tool	Tool: Mass flow of a greenhouse gas in a gaseous stream	Work in progress	21
CDM Methodology	AMS-II.G.: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass	Work in progress	22
CDM Methodology	AMS-I.E: Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user	Work in progress	22
CDM Methodological Tool	Tool: Calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass	Work in progress	22
CDM Methodological Standard	Standard: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities	Work in progress	22
CDM Methodological Guidelines	Guidelines: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities	Work in progress	22

20. The MEP continued to work on the methodologies, “ACM0002: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources”, “AMS-I.D.: Grid-connected renewable electricity generation”; and “Tool: Emission factor for an electricity system” and agreed to continue to work on these methodologies and the tool at its next meeting.
21. The MEP agreed to appoint a consultant to provide approaches for the determination of oxidation factors in the top layer of solid waste disposal sites based on scientific inputs and agreed on the terms of reference for a consultancy. The MEP agreed to continue working on the methodology “ACM0001: Flaring or use of landfill gas” and the associated tools, including “Tool: Emissions from solid waste disposal sites”, at its next meeting. In parallel, the MEP will advance its work on revising “Tool: Project emissions from flaring” to propose options for avoiding lock-in of carbon-intensive technologies and “Tool: Mass flow of a greenhouse gas in a gaseous stream” to determine whether any changes are needed to be suitable for use under the Article 6.4 mechanism, and with a view to continue working on these tools at its next meeting.
22. The MEP took note of the work that the CDM Executive Board has conducted in relation to the determination of the fraction of non-renewable biomass used in clean cooking methodologies and agreed to continue working on the revision of CDM methodologies “AMS-II.G.: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass” and “AMS-I.E: Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user”, and associated documents, including “Tool: Calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass” and “Standard: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities”, at its next meeting.

Agenda item 4. Conclusion of the meeting

23. The members of the MEP adopted the report of MEP 003. The report will be available on the UNFCCC website.⁷
24. The Chair of the MEP closed the meeting.

⁷ Refer to <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/mep/meetings>.

Annex to the report

Annex 1. Draft Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies (version 01.0)

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