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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. The Chair of the Methodological Expert Panel (MEP) opened the fourth meeting and welcomed the members to the meeting.
2. The MEP noted that its Vice-Chair, Ms. Molly Peters-Stanley, was unable to attend this meeting and had provided proper justification for her absence.
3. Table 1 below represents attendance at the meeting. The names in bold print represent attendance at the meeting, and italics indicate that the member attended the meeting virtually.

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. Penelope Baalman</i>
	Mr. Daniel Cullenward
	<i>Ms. Yaning Jin</i>
	Mr. Braulio Pikman
	Ms. Navjot Kaur Sandhu
	<i>Mr. Lambert Schneider</i>
	Ms. Jessica Wade-Murphy de Jimenez
	Mr. Kenichiro Yamaguchi

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

4. The MEP adopted the agenda of the fourth meeting, as proposed.
5. The MEP considered information provided by members and the Chair 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) Article 6.4 mechanism website.¹
6. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting were broadcasted 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 outcomes from the fourteenth meeting of the Supervisory Body and from the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement that were relevant to the work of the MEP.
8. The MEP took note that the fifth meeting of the MEP (MEP 005) will be held from 7 to 11 April 2025.

Agenda item 2.2. Upcoming deadlines of relevance to stakeholders

9. For the submission of proposed new methodologies and methodological tools to be considered at MEP 005, stakeholders may note that the deadline is six weeks prior to the meeting.

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” (document A6.4-SBM014-A05)² and as mandated by the Supervisory Body (document A6.4-SBM014-A01).³

Table 2. Status of methodological standards

Type	Title	Status	Paragraph
Standard	Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies	Recommendation	11
Standard	Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies	Recommendation	12
Tool	Investment analysis	Work in progress	14
Standard	Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies	Call for public input	15
Standard	Suppressed demand	Work in progress	16

11. The MEP considered the “Draft Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies”, as contained in [annex 1](#) to this report, and agreed to recommend that the Supervisory Body consider the draft standard and pursue the following courses of actions:
 - (a) Decide or provide guidance on the options provided by the MEP in the proposed draft standard and explained in this cover note; and

² Refer to <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-SBM014-A05.pdf>.

³ Refer to <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-SBM014-A01.pdf>.

- (b) Provide any guidance to the MEP on the further elaboration of the draft standard; and
 - (c) Request proponents of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies to use and test this version of the draft standard for any submission of new proposed Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies; and/or
 - (d) Initiate a second round of public inputs.
12. The MEP finalized the “Draft Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies”, as contained in annex 2 to this report, and agreed to recommend the Supervisory Body to pursue one of the following courses of actions:
- (a) Decide on the options provided by the MEP in the proposed draft standard and adopt the draft standard; or
 - (b) Provide further guidance to the MEP on any necessary revisions or clarifications to the proposed draft standard; and/or
 - (c) Initiate a second round of public inputs.
13. In addition, the MEP requests mandates from the Supervisory Body to: (i) initiate work on a methodological tool for “Common practice analysis”; (ii) develop a concept note to analyse potential issues related to activities that are supported through a combination of public funding and carbon revenues for consideration by the Supervisory Body at a future meeting; and (iii) initiate work to amend the “Draft Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies” to include methodology requirements for:
- (a) Programmes of activities; and
 - (b) Renewal of the crediting period.
14. The MEP considered the draft “Tool: Investment analysis” and agreed to continue working on the draft tool at its next meeting, including consideration of issues in relation to the possible confidentiality of data needed for the investment analysis and, where necessary, propose any respective provisions.
15. The MEP finalized the “Draft Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies”, as contained in annex 3 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 of making a recommendation to the Supervisory Body at its next meeting.
16. The MEP considered the “Standard: Suppressed demand” and agreed to continue working on the draft standard at its next meeting.

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 “Recommendation: Activities involving

removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism” (document A6.4-SBM014-A06)⁴ and as mandated by the Supervisory Body (document A6.4-SBM014-A01).⁵

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”, discussed topics such as reversal risk and insurance practices related to non-permanence, and agreed to continue working on the draft standard at its next meeting.

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 Article 6.4 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

⁴ Refer to <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-SBM014-A06.pdf>.

⁵ Refer to <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-SBM014-A01.pdf>.

Type	Title	Status	Paragraph
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 considered the revision of “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 considered the revision of “ACM0001: Flaring or use of landfill gas”, “Tool: Emissions from solid waste disposal sites”, “Tool: Project emissions from flaring”; and “Tool: Mass flow of a greenhouse gas in a gaseous stream” and agreed to continue to work on the methodology and associated tools at its next meeting.
22. The MEP considered the revision of “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 agreed to continue to work on these methodologies and the associated “Tool: Calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass”, “Standard: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities” and “Guidelines: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities” at its next meeting.

Agenda item 4. Conclusion of the meeting

23. The MEP expressed its appreciation to the outgoing Chair, Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne, and the outgoing Vice-Chair, Ms. Molly Peters-Stanley, for their leadership and dedication in chairing the meetings in 2024 and at this meeting.
24. The members of the MEP adopted the report of MEP 004. The report will be available on the UNFCCC website.⁶
25. The Chair of the MEP closed the meeting.

⁶ Refer to <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/mep/meetings>.

Annexes to the report

- Annex 1 - Draft Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies (version 02.0)
- Annex 2 - Draft Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies (version 02.0)
- Annex 3 - Draft Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies (version 01.0)

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