

**A6.4-SBM013**

Meeting report

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Thirteenth meeting of the Article 6.4  
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## Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

### Agenda item 1.1. Opening

- Ms. Maria AlJishi, Chair of the Supervisory Body of the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (Article 6.4 mechanism), opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met.
- The Supervisory Body noted that Mr. Satyendra Kumar and Mr. Charles Hamilton were unable to attend this meeting and had provided proper justification for their absence.
- The table below shows the attendance of members and alternate members at this meeting.<sup>1</sup>

**Table. Attendance**

Members	Presence	Alternates	Presence
Ms. Maria AlJishi <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Duan Maosheng <sup>b</sup>	Virtual
Mr. Benedict Chia <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Ms. Kristin Qui <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Mr. Felipe De León Denegri <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Eduardo Calvo <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Tirivanhu Muhwati <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Imre Bányász <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Ms. Olga Gassan-zade <sup>b,1</sup>	In-person	VACANT <sup>b,1,2</sup>	
Mr. Felipe Ferreira <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Charles Hamilton <sup>b</sup>	Absent
Mr. Martin Hession <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Ms. Helen Finney <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Mr. Gebru Jember <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Manjeet Dhakal <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. Satyendra Kumar <sup>a</sup>	Absent	Mr. Daegyun Oh <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Ms. Molly Peters-Stanley <sup>a</sup>	Virtual	Ms. Angela Friedrich <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. Mkhuthazi Steleki <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Alick Muvundika <sup>a</sup>	In-person

<sup>(a)</sup> Term: three years, i.e. ending immediately before the first meeting in 2025.

<sup>(b)</sup> Term: two years, i.e. ending immediately before the first meeting in 2026.

<sup>1</sup> Nomination pending from the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement. Current member remains in office until nomination is received.

<sup>2</sup> Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze resigned effective 1 September 2023.

### Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

- The Supervisory Body adopted the agenda of the meeting, which was published as document A6.4-SBM013-AA.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For detailed information on nominations and agreements made within each regional group please refer to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change election and membership page [here](#).

<sup>2</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sbm013-aa.pdf>.

## **Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters**

### **Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues**

5. Members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body made available statements of actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest with respect to the issues on the agenda of this meeting, as reflected on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate (UNFCCC) website.<sup>3</sup>

### **Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction**

6. The Supervisory Body agreed on its annual report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its sixth session, which covers the period from 18 November 2023 to 18 July 2024, and requested the secretariat to finalize the report in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Body in order to include the outcomes of its thirteenth meeting. Once the report is complete, it will be published on the UNFCCC website.
7. The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to prepare an addendum of this report for consideration at its next meeting to cover the work undertaken by the Supervisory Body from 19 July 2024 until the end of its fourteenth meeting.

### **Agenda item 2.3. Performance management**

8. The Supervisory Body took note of the update on the status of its work, noting the changes in its workplan for 2024, and requested the secretariat to update the workplan to incorporate the mandates arising from this meeting for the next version of the workplan.

### **Agenda item 2.4. Matters related to the Supervisory Body and its support structure**

9. The Supervisory Body took note of the report of the second meeting of the Methodological Expert Panel (MEP).<sup>4</sup> The report summarized the work of the MEP, including the products related to requirements for the methodologies, activities involving removals, and the revision of clean development mechanism (CDM) methodologies and methodological tools.

### **Agenda item 2.5. Designated national authorities**

10. The Supervisory Body took note that 86 designated national authorities (DNAs) were established as of 18 July 2024, and 5 countries have submitted information on the fulfilment of the host Party participation requirements.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See [13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body \(SBM 013\)](#).

<sup>4</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-MEP002.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> See [https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/national-authorities#country\\_ItoQ](https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/national-authorities#country_ItoQ).

## **Agenda item 3. Regulatory and procedural matters**

### **Agenda item 3.1. Governance**

11. The Supervisory Body took note of the draft “Article 6.4 guide or manual for host Parties’ participation in the mechanism” and requested the secretariat to update it into a draft user-friendly manual for consideration at its future meeting, taking into account the feedback provided at this meeting, including the separation of roles and responsibilities of host Parties.
12. The Supervisory Body considered the draft procedure “Direct communication with stakeholders” and requested members and alternate members to provide comments to the draft by 1 September 2024. The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to revise the draft procedure, taking into account the feedback provided by the members and alternate members, for consideration and adoption at its future meeting.

### **Agenda item 3.2. Accreditation**

13. The Supervisory Body noted that no accreditation matters were considered at this meeting.

### **Agenda item 3.3. Activity cycle**

14. The Supervisory Body adopted the revised procedure for transition of the CDM activities to the A6.4 mechanism as contained in [annex 1](#) to this report. The revision provides flexibility for the transition of multi-country CDM programme of activities (PoAs) to the Article 6.4 mechanism and provisions for revising and withdrawing a transition request.
15. The Supervisory Body adopted the procedure “Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities”, the standard “Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities” and the standard “Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities”, as contained in [annexes 2, 3 and 4](#), respectively, to this meeting report.
16. The Supervisory Body considered the draft tool “Article 6.4 sustainable development tool (A6.4 SD tool)” and continued to work on the draft tool during the meeting. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to further work on the latest version of this draft tool, as contained in [annex 5](#) to this report, in consultation with an informal working group for this matter composed by members and alternate members, between this meeting and the fourteenth meeting with the aim of adopting the draft tool on the first day of that meeting.

### **Agenda item 3.4. Methodologies**

17. The Supervisory Body considered the information note “Options to revise the recommendation on the requirements for Article 6.4 methodologies, taking into account stakeholder inputs” and the information note “Options to revise the recommendation on activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism, taking into account stakeholder inputs” and provided guidance to the secretariat for further work as below:
  - (a) The secretariat shall iterate the draft guidance contained in annex 1 and annex 2 of the meeting report of the ninth meeting, taking into account stakeholder inputs and feedback from the Supervisory Body provided at this meeting for the consideration of the Supervisory Body at its next meeting. In doing so, the secretariat will iterate the respective drafts, in consultation with the relevant

informal working groups before consideration by the Supervisory Body at its next meeting;

- (b) The secretariat shall prepare draft recommendations on requirements for methodologies and on activities involving removals, respectively, for the consideration and adoption of the CMA, in consultation with an informal working group, for consideration by the Supervisory Body at its next meeting, containing:
  - (i) Detailed explanations of the guidance for activities involving removals and requirements for methodologies agreed by the Supervisory Body so far in response to its mandates from CMA;
  - (ii) Recommendations to CMA, including any additional areas where guidance from the CMA is required;
- (c) In addition, the secretariat shall include the information on Supervisory Body's plans for the implementation for the above referred guidance in sub-paragraph (a) to operationalize the Article 6.4 mechanism.

### **Agenda item 3.5. Registry**

- 18. The Supervisory Body considered the draft procedure "A6.4 mechanism registry" and requested the secretariat to further develop the draft procedure for consideration at a future meeting, taking into account the guidance provided at the meeting, in particular to:
  - (a) Undertake an editorial review for consistency of language with agreed decisions;
  - (b) Further develop the provisions, including for:
    - (i) Suspension of accounts/account holders;
    - (ii) Level of transparency of account holdings;
    - (iii) Issues of ownership or control and security interests;
    - (iv) Account types and purposes;
    - (v) Implications of multiple accounts;
    - (vi) Serialization of Article 6.4 emission reductions (6.4ERs);
    - (vii) Approaches for A6.4ERs tagging, considering best practices.
  - (c) Strengthen the links and references to:
    - (i) Voluntary cancellation functionality and a possible voluntary cancellation platform;
    - (ii) The 'know-your-customer' provisions;
    - (iii) The terms and conditions for authorized account holders and the document for Party account holders that outlines their roles and responsibilities.
- 19. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat, if possible, to publish the above-mentioned draft procedures prior to the established documentation deadline stipulated in the rules of procedures of the Supervisory Body.

20. The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat, as it implements the registry, to ensure the design of the information technology solution for the registry is flexible to incorporate changes based on future guidance from the CMA, in particular, timing of the statement and changes to the statement of authorization.
21. In addition, the Supervisory Body considered the concept note “Terms and conditions for entities using the mechanism registry” and requested the secretariat to proceed with the development of the terms and conditions for authorized account holders and to prepare a document for Party account holders that outlines their roles and responsibilities, for consideration at a future meeting. The Supervisory Body further requested an analysis of the pros and cons related to framing users’ rights with regard to control versus confirming ownership of account holdings including implications for processes and procedures, corporate due diligence and execution risk requirements, and liability protections for account holders.
22. The Supervisory Body took note of the concept note “Repurposing the CDM voluntary cancellation platform to serve the Article 6.4 mechanism” and agreed to revisit this matter at a future meeting, taking into account the work related to the A6.4 mechanism registry referred to in paragraph 18 above.

### **Agenda item 3.6. Policy matters**

23. The Supervisory Body noted that no policy matters were considered at this meeting.

### **Agenda item 4. Relation with stakeholders**

24. The Supervisory Body met with registered observers for an informal interaction on the first day of the meeting. The observers presented views in relation to items on the agenda of this meeting. The Supervisory Body took note of the inputs and thanked the observers for their interaction. The list of registered observers to this meeting is contained in annex 6 to this report.
25. The Supervisory Body considered public comments on the documentation of this meeting, which were made publicly available on the UNFCCC website, and thanked stakeholders for their comments.<sup>6</sup>
26. The Supervisory Body noted that no unsolicited letters were received for consideration by the Body at this meeting.
27. Observers to the fourteenth meeting of the Supervisory Body shall register with the secretariat three weeks before the start of that meeting. Any change to the meeting date will be communicated as appropriate.

### **Agenda item 5. Other matters**

28. The Supervisory Body provisionally agreed to hold its next meeting for five days, during the period from 30 September to 8 October 2024, allowing the secretariat the flexibility to adjust the exact dates as needed to ensure proper logistical arrangements.
29. The Supervisory Body requested, if possible, the secretariat to make arrangements to hold its fourteenth meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan. In this regard, the secretariat will confirm and communicate the dates and venue to the Supervisory Body as soon as possible. If legal,

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<sup>6</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/calls-for-input>.

budgetary or logistical constraints or other reasons prevent the meeting to be held in Baku, the meeting will take place in Bonn.

30. The Supervisory Body agreed to the provisional agenda for its fourteenth meeting, as contained in annex 7 to this meeting report.

## **Agenda item 6. Conclusion of the meeting**

31. The Chair summarized the main conclusions.
32. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting can be accessed via on-demand broadcast.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> <https://unfccc-events.azureedge.net/Article64thirteenthmeeting>.



## Annexes to the report

- Annex 1 - Procedure: Transition of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) activities to the A6.4 mechanism
- Annex 2 - Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities
- Annex 3 - Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities
- Annex 4 - Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities
- Annex 5 - Draft tool: Article 6.4 sustainable development tool
- Annex 6 - Information note: List of registered observers at the thirteenth meeting of the Supervisory Body
- Annex 7 - Provisional agenda: 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Supervisory Body

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