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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Quorum

1. Mr. Martin Hession, 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.
2. The table below shows the attendance of members and alternate members at this meeting.¹

Table. Attendance

Members	Presence	Alternates	Presence
Ms. Maria AlJishi ^a	Virtual	Mr. Duan Maosheng ^a	Virtual
Mr. Eduardo Calvo ^b	In-person	Mr. German Obando Vargas ^b	In-person
Mr. Benedict Chia ^a	In-person	Mr. Kishan Kumar Singh ^{a,1}	Virtual
Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne ^a	In-person	Mr. Tirivanhu Muhwati ^a	Absent
Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki ^{b, 2}	In-person	Mr. Imre Bányász ^{b, 2}	In-person
Mr. Gebru Jember Endalew ^b	In-person	Mr. Olivier Ishimwe ^b	In-person
Ms. Olga Gassan-zade ^{a, 3}	In-person	VACANT ^{a, 3, 4}	
Mr. Felipe Ferreira ^a	In-person	Mr. Charles Hamilton ^a	Virtual
Mr. Martin Hession ^a	In-person	Ms. Angela Friedrich ^{a, 5}	In-person
Ms. Jacqui Ruesga ^b	In-person	Mr. Simon Fellermeier ^b	In-person
Mr. Mkhuthazi Steleki ^b	In-person	Mr. Alick Muvundika ^b	In-person
Mr. Zulfiqar Younas ^b	Virtual	Mr. Kentaro Takahashi ^b	In-person

(a) Term: 2 years, i.e. ending prior to the first meeting in 2026.

(b) Term: 2 years, i.e. ending prior to the first meeting in 2027.

¹ Ms. Kristin Qui resigned effective 12 November 2024.

² Nomination pending from CMA 6 (Baku). Current member remains in office until nomination is received.

³ Nomination pending from CMA 5 (Dubai). Current member remains in office until nomination is received.

⁴ Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze resigned effective 1 September 2023.

⁵ Ms. Helen Finney resigned effective 9 January 2025.

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The Supervisory Body adopted the agenda of the meeting, which was published as document A6.4-SBM018-AA.²

¹ 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, available at: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/election-and-membership>.

² See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-SBM018-AA.pdf>.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

4. 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 for Climate Change (UNFCCC) website.³

Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction

5. The Supervisory Body considered and agreed on the revised draft annual report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its seventh session. It requested the secretariat to finalize the report, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Body, to reflect the outcomes of its eighteenth meeting (SBM 018) and SBM 019, to be held virtually on 29 and 30 October. The report will cover the period from 10 October 2024 to 30 October 2025 and once finalized, will be published on the UNFCCC website.

Agenda item 2.3. Performance management

6. The Supervisory Body took note of the updated workplan for 2025. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to continue incorporating any new mandates arising from its meetings into future iterations of the workplan and to provide regular updates on the status of work.
7. The Supervisory Body agreed to the preliminary workplan for 2026 as contained in annex 1 to this report, noting that an adjusted workplan will be considered for approval by the Supervisory Body at its twentieth meeting, taking into account the outcomes from SBM 018 and SBM 019, and guidance from the CMA at its seventh session.

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

8. The Supervisory Body took note of the report of the fifth meeting of the Accreditation Expert Panel (AEP) and considered the recommendation of the Panel on the initial accreditation cases. The report⁴ summarized the work undertaken by the AEP, including the Panel's inputs on revisions to the "Procedure: Article 6.4 accreditation" and "Standard: Article 6.4 accreditation", as well as its engagement with the newly established Designated Operational Entities/Applicant Entities Coordination Forum (DOE/AE Coordination Forum).
9. The Supervisory Body noted that the next meeting of AEP is scheduled on 4 to 5 February 2026, in Bonn, Germany.
10. The Supervisory Body took note of the report of the eighth meeting of the Methodological Expert Panel (MEP) and considered its recommendations on the draft "Standard: Addressing non-permanence and reversals" and the draft "Methodological tool: Common practice analysis". The report summarized the work of the MEP related to methodologies,

³ See <https://unfccc.int/event/Supervisory-Body-18>.

⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/AEP005-external-report.pdf>.

- removals, and revisions to clean development mechanism (CDM) methodologies/tools, with stakeholder inputs being sought on several key drafts.
11. The Supervisory Body noted that the first meeting of the MEP in year 2026 is scheduled from 26 to 30 January 2026, in Bonn, Germany.
 12. The Supervisory Body considered the applications received for the roster of experts in accreditation, methodologies and climate policy specialization and selected members for this roster of experts with terms of service for two years starting 1 April 2026.
 13. The Supervisory Body agreed to revisit, prior to launching the next call for roster of experts in 2027, the continued need for maintaining the roster of expert for climate policy specialization, noting that the initial objective of establishing this roster has largely been achieved as the Supervisory Body is now moving towards implementation of the Article 6.4 mechanism and the development of methodologies.
 14. Further, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note on the selection of the roster of experts and expert panels, for its consideration at a future meeting:
 - (a) Reviewing the requirements related to conflict of interest, code of conduct and confidentiality, drawing on the best practices from international standards;⁵
 - (b) Proposing principles used for the selection process, including continuity and diversity of expertise, and defining eligibility criteria beyond the existing performance assessment applicable to the selection of the roster of experts and expert panels;
 - (c) Proposing rules for the re-selection of existing expert panel members, ensuring rotation and the onboarding of new experts, and assessing the implications of the proposed re-selection rules;
 - (d) Exploring the possibility of web-casting the small group meetings to ensure transparency of MEP meetings, as well as disclosing all relevant reference materials, including submissions by the stakeholders, for consideration of the MEP on the UNFCCC webpage.
 15. The Supervisory Body selected members for the AEP and MEP for a term of two years starting 1 April 2026. The names of the members serving on the expert panels are provided in [annex 2](#) and [annex 3](#) to this report. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to inform the successful candidates regarding their selection.
 16. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to mobilize experts in nature-based solutions and land-use sectors, including activities eligible as per decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70, drawing from the approved roster of experts on methodologies, to support the MEP in its work on issues related to removals.
 17. The Supervisory Body considered the revised “Terms of reference: Article 6.4 experts”, as contained in [annex 4](#) to this report, reflecting its decision to establish a new roster for experts for reviewer specialization to assess the requests for registration, issuance and post registration changes including changes related to the Article 6.4 Sustainable

⁵ Such as ISO 37009:2025.

development tool forms and deviations from the elements and criteria of the Article 6.4 Sustainable development tool.

18. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to launch a call for the roster for experts for the reviewer specialization and make recommendations on the list of experts for that specialization, for consideration at a future meeting.

Agenda item 2.5. Designated national authorities

19. The Supervisory Body took note that 114 designated national authorities (DNAs) were established as of 10 October 2025, and 28 countries have submitted information on the fulfilment of the host Party participation requirements.⁶

Agenda item 3. Regulatory and procedural matters

Agenda item 3.1. Governance

20. The Supervisory Body took note of the information on the work undertaken to support host Parties' participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism and agreed to include a standalone agenda item on this matter in future meetings, with a view to receiving regular updates regarding host Parties' participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism.
21. The Supervisory Body also took note of the ongoing work on preparing the information note⁷, proposing options to improve Article 6.4 DNAs' access to and participation in the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism, and requested the secretariat to elevate this to a concept note by including consideration of the establishment of a procedure dedicated to the roles and responsibilities of host Parties.

Agenda item 3.2. Accreditation

22. The Supervisory Body considered and adopted the revised draft "Article 6.4 accreditation standard" (version 2.0) and the draft "Article 6.4 accreditation procedure" (version 2.0), as contained in annex 5 and annex 6 to this report respectively and:
 - (a) Agreed to make them effective from 10 October 2025;
 - (b) For aspects related to the application of the revised accreditation standard:
 - (i) Requested the AEs/DOEs to complete the transition of their management system to comply with the revised "Article 6.4 accreditation standard" by 10 October 2026;
 - (ii) Requested the secretariat to ensure that compliance with the revised "Article 6.4 accreditation standard" is re-assessed during the subsequent regular surveillance assessments;
 - (c) Requested the secretariat to initiate related work, such as developing the necessary information technology infrastructure and updating accreditation forms

⁶ See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/national-authorities>.

⁷ As mandated by the Supervisory Body at its seventeenth meeting.

based on the revised “Article 6.4 accreditation standard” and revised “Article 6.4 accreditation procedure”.

Agenda item 3.3. Activity cycle

23. The Supervisory Body considered and adopted the revision to the “Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects”, and the “Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects”, as contained in [annex 7](#) and [annex 8](#) to this report. The revision incorporates relevant elements of the newly adopted methodological standards: “Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies”, the “Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies” and the “Standard: Addressing suppressed demand in mechanism methodologies”. Furthermore, the revision introduces provisions for deviation from elements and criteria in the Article 6.4 sustainable development tool.
24. The Supervisory Body considered and adopted the revision to the “Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities” and “Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities”, as contained in [annex 9](#) and [annex 10](#) to this report. The revision introduces provisions for deviation from elements and criteria of the Article 6.4 sustainable development tool.
25. The Supervisory Body considered and adopted the revision to the “Procedure: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism” and “Standard: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in [annex 11](#) and [annex 12](#) to this report. The revision extends until 31 December 2026 the deadline for submitting additional documentation following the receipt of host Party approval for activities requesting transition and continuing to apply CDM methodologies at transition. Furthermore, it incorporates the clarifications provided by the Supervisory Body at its seventeenth meeting regarding the values and approaches for re-evaluating the fraction of non-renewable biomass and leakage factors, as well as the circumstances under which verification by a DOE is required for provisional requests for issuance for CDM activities that successfully transition to the Article 6.4 mechanism while applying CDM methodologies with a risk of non-permanence.

Agenda item 3.4. Methodologies

26. The Supervisory Body considered and adopted the draft “Standard: Addressing non-permanence and reversals in mechanism methodologies”, as contained in [annex 13](#) to this report, subject to technical edits relating to the effecting of the first transfer. The Supervisory Body agreed to undertake a review, following experiences gained through the submission of methodologies, of whether to update the “Standard: Addressing non-permanence and reversals in mechanism methodologies” to set a post-crediting monitoring period and/or a percentage for negligible risk of reversal.
27. The Supervisory Body agreed on the “Elements related to non-permanence and reversals for inclusion in relevant regulatory documents” included in Appendix 2 of annex 3 of the MEP 008 meeting report, as contained in [annex 14](#) to this report, subject to technical edits relating to the effecting of the first transfer, noting how post-crediting monitoring periods durations would need to be based on sound science for each individual methodology. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat, in consultation with the MEP, to incorporate these elements into a draft revision of the “Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects” (A6.4-STAN-AC-002), the “Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects” (A6.4-PROC-AC-002), the “Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism registry” (A6.4-

- PROC-REGS-001), and the “Standard: validation and verification standard for projects (A6.4-STAN-AC-003)” for consideration by the Supervisory Body at a future meeting.
28. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to review and update, in consultation with the MEP, all cross-references made between Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of annex 3 of the MEP 008 meeting report, to reflect the approved “Standard: Addressing non-permanence and reversals in mechanism methodologies” and to reflect the appropriate elements of the revised Standards and Procedures referenced in paragraph 27 above.
29. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat prepare a concept note, taking into account the discussions at the meeting, on the buffer pool contributions of authorised A6.4ERs, including potential implications for accounting of NDCs. In preparing the concept note, the Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to launch a call for inputs on the matter to gather a broader range of views from stakeholders, particularly Parties impacted by corresponding adjustments related to the buffer pool for its consideration at a future meeting. Until the decision by the Supervisory Body on the implications of this, work, transfers of units to the Reversal Risk Buffer Pool are to be considered as ‘forwarded’ without effecting a first transfer.
30. The Supervisory Body requested the MEP, in preparing a concept note on addressing options for implementing paragraph 62 of the “Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism” as mandated by SBM 017, to make a proposal on conditions and criteria for justification of the demonstration of sufficiency of coverage as indicated in the “Elements related to non-permanence and reversals for inclusion in relevant regulatory documents”.
31. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to develop a simplified template for monitoring reports for the post-crediting monitoring period.
32. The Supervisory Body considered and adopted the draft “Methodological Tool: Common practice analysis”, as contained in [annex 15](#) to this report.
33. While considering the “Methodological Tool: Common practice analysis”, the Supervisory Body noted that the adopted formulation in paragraph 26(a) of the tool allows activity participants to exclude only registered Article 6.4 activities from the analysis of comparable activities, and not allowing for the exclusion of activities under other carbon crediting schemes. The Supervisory Body requested the MEP to monitor whether this requirement proves to be a significant barrier, including for implementation of removal activities, and report back to the Supervisory Body over the course of the next year.
34. The Supervisory Body mandated the MEP to revise, as necessary, the “Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies”, noting that some elements identified in the work of the draft methodological tool “Analysis of lock-in risk” may better fit into the standard, and to submit the revised standard for the consideration of the Supervisory Body at a future meeting.

Agenda item 3.5. Registry

35. The Supervisory Body considered the draft “Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism registry” and agreed to continue its consideration at a future meeting.

36. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare two concept notes, one on matters related to addressing termination of accounts including dormant accounts and post-issuance authorization, and one on the functioning of the United Nations online platform for voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions to serve the Article 6.4 mechanism, for consideration at its twentieth meeting.
37. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to continue maintaining and updating the procedure as necessary to accommodate the functions of the mechanism registry.

Agenda item 3.6. Policy matters

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

Agenda item 4. Rulings

Agenda item 4.1. Accreditation

39. The Supervisory Body decided to accredit the following applicant entities for five years:
- (a) A6.4E-0006 “4K Earth Science Private Limited” (4KES) for validation, verification and certification functions for sectoral scopes 1–15;
 - (b) A6.4E-0008 “Ampere for Renewable Energy” (Ampere) for validation, verification and certification functions for sectoral scopes 1–16;
 - (c) A6.4E-0012 “Korean Foundation for Quality” (KFQ) for validation, verification and certification functions for sectoral scopes 1–5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15;
 - (d) A6.4E-0013 “Korean Standards Association” (KSA) for validation, verification and certification functions for sectoral scopes 1, 3–4, 13–16.

Agenda item 4.2. Registration

40. The Supervisory Body noted that no requests for transition were received at this meeting.

Agenda item 4.3. Issuance

41. The Supervisory Body noted that no issuance rulings were considered at this meeting.

Agenda item 4.4. Other rulings

42. The Supervisory Body noted that no other rulings were considered at this meeting.

Agenda item 5. Relation with forums and other stakeholders

43. The Supervisory Body took note of the update on the capacity-building activities related to the Article 6.4 mechanism and appreciated the significant progress made and the results achieved. The Supervisory Body invited the secretariat to make continuing efforts to track the impact of the capacity building activities by different stakeholder groups, feedback explicitly mapped against those stakeholder groups and key performance indicators on the three broad category of knowledge products, training and direct country support. The Supervisory Body underlined the importance of continued support to the Parties and

Article 6.4 DNAs to enhance their understanding and readiness to engage in the Article 6.4 mechanism.

44. The Supervisory Body took note of the preparations of the side event, to be held at the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties in Belém, Brazil.
45. The Supervisory Body interacted with Mr. Javier Castro, Chair of the DOE/AE Coordination Forum, and took note of the Forum's input. The Supervisory Body thanked the Chair for his input.
46. The Supervisory Body met with registered observers for an informal interaction during 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 16 to this report.
47. The Supervisory Body took note of the communication received and agreed to prepare a response in accordance with the "Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders".
48. The Supervisory Body agreed to the provisional agenda for its nineteenth meeting, to be held virtually from 29 to 30 October 2025, as contained in annex 17 to this report.
49. 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.⁸
50. The nineteenth meeting of the Supervisory Body will be open to the public through a live broadcast. As a result, there is no registration requirement for observers. Due to the exceptional nature of the meeting, there will be no interaction with observers.

Agenda item 6. Other matters

51. The Supervisory Body agreed to the dates of its first meeting in 2026 and took note of the tentative calendar for the remainder of the year, as contained in annex 18 to this report.

Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

52. The Chair summarized the main conclusions of the meeting.
53. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting can be accessed via on-demand broadcast.⁹

⁸ See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/calls-for-input>.

⁹ See <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBcZ22cUY9RKXozUswZg9aCuXMOSpFpyx>.

Annexes to the report

- Annex 1 - Information note: Preliminary workplan of the Supervisory Body 2026 (version 01.0)
- Annex 2 - Information note: Accreditation expert panel members (version 01.0)
- Annex 3 - Information note: Methodological expert panel members (version 01.0)
- Annex 4 - Terms of Reference: Article 6.4 experts (version 03.0)
- Annex 5 - Standard: Article 6.4 accreditation (version 02.0)
- Annex 6 - Procedure: Article 6.4 accreditation (version 02.0)
- Annex 7 - Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects (version 03.0)
- Annex 8 - Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects (version 03.0)
- Annex 9 - Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities (version 03.0)
- Annex 10 - Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities (version 03.0)
- Annex 11 - Procedure: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism (version 06.0)
- Annex 12 - Standard: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism (version 05.0)
- Annex 13 - Standard: Addressing non-permanence and reversals in mechanism methodologies (version 01.0)
- Annex 14 - Information note: Elements related to non-permanence and reversals for inclusion in relevant regulatory documents (version 01.0)
- Annex 15 - Methodological tool: Common practice analysis (version 01.0)
- Annex 16 - Information note: List of registered observers at the eighteenth meeting of the Supervisory Body (version 01.0)
- Annex 17 - Provisional agenda: 19th meeting of the Supervisory Body (version 01.0)
- Annex 18 - Tentative calendar of meetings of the Supervisory Body for 2026 (version 01.0)

List of documents that have been edited or issued since the last meeting

Regulatory documents

- Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism registry (version 02.1)
- Regular reports to the Supervisory Body: Status of Article 6.4 mechanism resource allocation plan 2025 implementation (1 January–30 June 2025) (version 01.0)

Forms

- Article 6.4 mechanism registry Party engagement form (version 01.0); (version 02.0)
- Article 6.4 mechanism registry entity account opening form (version 01.0); (version 02.0)
- Article 6.4 mechanism registry account suspension and/or re-activation form – Party (version 01.0)
- Article 6.4 mechanism registry account suspension and/or re-activation form – Entity (version 01.0)
- Article 6.4 mechanism registry distribution request form (version 01.0)
- Article 6.4 mechanism registry transfer request form (version 01.0)
- Article 6.4 mechanism registry statement of account(s) form (version 01.0)
- Article 6.4 mechanism registry Party update of representatives form (version 01.0); (version 02.0)
- Article 6.4 mechanism registry entity change of authorized representatives form (version 01.0); (version 02.0)
- Article 6.4 mechanism registry update to entity details or other request form (version 01.0)
- New baseline and monitoring methodology or methodological tool recommendation form (version 02.0)
- New baseline and monitoring methodology or methodological tool initial assessment form (version 02.0)
- Simplified summary of the new baseline and monitoring methodology or methodological tool form (version 02.0)
- Proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology or methodological tool form (version 02.0)
- A6.4 environmental and social safeguards risk assessment form (version 01.1)

- A6.4 environmental and social management plan form (version 01.1)
- A6.4 sustainable development impact form (version 01.1)
- Agenda for opening and closing meetings (version 01.2)

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