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Information note

Draft workplan of the Methodological Expert Panel 2026

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1. Introduction

1. The support structure of the Supervisory Body of the 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.
3. The 2026 workplan of the MEP outlines the expected tasks / 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 2026–2027.¹ The workplan includes routine operational activities as well as mandates from the Supervisory Body.
4. The 2026 workplan for MEP also addresses the mandate received from the CMA.⁷² 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.
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. Further, table 5 in this document lists various bottom-up submissions of proposed mechanism methodologies that are under consideration by the MEP.

¹ Information note: Article 6.4 mechanism two-year business and resource allocation plan 2026–2027 (A6.4-INFO-GOV-024). Available at <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-INFO-GOV-024.pdf>.

² See decision -/CMA.7 (Advance unedited version) https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma7_15b_A6.4_auv.pdf.

2. Methodological Expert Panel workplan 2026

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Activity	Product	MEP 011	MEP 012	MEP 013	MEP 014	MEP 015	MEP 016	SBM consideration	Mandates
Work related development of new methodological products (top-down)	Methodological tool: Analysis of lock-in risk	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation					SBM 021	SBM 015 meeting report, paragraph 39 (b)
	Concept note: Large-scale crediting programmes		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 022	SBM 015 meeting report, paragraph 39 (d)
	Concept note: Transboundary activities					Input	Input	SBM meeting in 2027	SBM 010 meeting report, paragraph 33 and annex 5
	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 022	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 30
	Tool: Reversal risk assessment	Input	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 023	SBM 010 meeting report, paragraph 33 and annex 5

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Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines	ACM0002: Grid connected electricity generation from renewable sources; AMS-I.D.: Grid connected renewable electricity generation	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 022	SBM 010 meeting report, paragraph 33 and annex 5
	Tool: Emission factor for an electricity system	Recommendation						SBM 020	
	AMS-I.C.: Thermal energy production with or without electricity			Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM meeting in 2027	
	AMS-II.G.: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass; AMS-I.E: Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 022	

Activity	Product	MEP 011	MEP 012	MEP 013	MEP 014	MEP 015	MEP 016	SBM consideration	Mandates
Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines (<i>cont.</i>)	Tool for calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass (building on work conducted by CDM EB to review fNRB values and the calculation method)	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation					SBM 021	SBM 010 meeting report, paragraph 33 and annex 5
	Standard: Sampling and Surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 022	
	Guidelines: Sampling and Surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 022	
	Tool for Project and leakage emissions from biomass	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation				SBM 021	
	Tool to calculate project or leakage CO ₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion			Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 023	

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Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines (cont.)	Tool for Baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption and monitoring of electricity generation	Recommendation						SBM 020	SBM 010 meeting report, paragraph 33 and annex 5
	Tool to calculate remaining lifetime of equipment	Recommendation						SBM 020	
	Tool for Determining the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 022	
	Tool on Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight			Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 022	
	AM0023: Leak detection and repair in gas production, processing, transmission, storage and distribution systems and in refinery facilities				Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM meeting in 2027	CMA.7 mandate to the Supervisory Body to prioritize work on the revision of clean development mechanism methodologies that are applicable to activities that transition to the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4

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Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines <i>(cont.)</i>	AM0026: Methodology for zero-emissions grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources in Chile or in countries with merit order-based dispatch grid				Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM meeting in 2027	CMA.7 mandate to the Supervisory Body to prioritize work on the revision of clean development mechanism methodologies that are applicable to activities that transition to the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4
	AMS-III.Z: Fuel Switch, process improvement and energy efficiency in brick manufacture						Input	SBM meeting in 2027	
	AMS-I.L.: Electrification of rural communities using renewable energy					Input	Input + Launch call for public input	SBM meeting in 2027	
	AMS-III-AR.: Substituting fossil fuel-based lighting with more efficient lighting systems					Input	Input + Launch call for public input	SBM meeting in 2027	
	AMS-III.BB.: Electrification of communities through grid extension or construction of new mini-grids					Input	Input + Launch call for public input	SBM meeting in 2027	

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Work related to revision of A6.4 mechanism methodologies and methodological standards	Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies			Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 022	SBM 016 meeting report, paragraph 30
	Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 021 SBM 022	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 34, and SBM 015 meeting report, paragraph 39 (d)
	Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies			Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 022	SBM 016 meeting report, paragraph 32
	Methodological tool: Common practice analysis			Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 022	MEP 008 meeting report, annex 2
	Methodological tool: Investment analysis				Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 023	SBM 019 meeting report, paragraph 7 (b)
Work related to revision of A6.4 mechanism regulatory documents	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects					Input		SBM 023	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 27
	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects					Input		SBM 023	
	Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism registry					Input		SBM 023	

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Work related to revision of A6.4 mechanism regulatory documents (<i>cont.</i>)	Standard: Validation and verification standard for projects					Input		SBM 023	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 27
	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programme of activities						Input	SBM meeting in 2027	Revision to include PoA requirements
	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programme of activities						Input	SBM meeting in 2027	
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	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	SBM meetings in 2026	Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools; and Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardised baselines
Processing of simplified approaches for additionality	Simplified approaches for additionality	-	-	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	SBM meetings in 2026	Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools; and Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardised baselines

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	11	11	16	9	13	9
Launch call for public input	2	1	11	4	3	3
Recommendation	3	3	3	13	6	5
Total	16	15	30	26	22	17

^(a) Total of items 2026: **126**

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 launches the call for public input as per the procedure ³
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	SBM 010 meeting report, paragraph 33 and annex 5
Concept note: Transboundary activities	SBM 010 meeting report, paragraph 33 and annex 5
Methodological tool: Default values for common parameters	SBM 010 meeting report, paragraph 33 and annex 5
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: Common practice analysis	SBM 018 meeting report paragraph 33
Revision to "A6.4-AMM001:Flaring or use of landfill gas" to add requirements related to programme of activities	SBM 019 meeting report, paragraph 10

³ 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>.

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

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