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Information note

Workplan of the Methodological Expert Panel 2026

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COVER NOTE

1. Procedural background

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. Purpose

2. The workplan for the MEP includes routine operational activities as well as mandates from the Supervisory Body.

3. Key issues and proposed solutions

3.1. MEP workplan considered at SBM 021

3. To focus on the development of prioritized methodological products, and taking into account the assessment of available time, resources and interdependency of the methodological products, the secretariat, in consultation with MEP Co-Chairs, proposed — so as to focus methodology development on priority areas — that the work related to the following agenda items previously included in the MEP workplan approved by SBM 020, be postponed to year 2027¹:
 - (a) The revision of the following CDM methodologies and revision of CDM methodological tools (see table 4 for the respective mandates related to these agenda items):
 - (i) AMS-I.C.: Thermal energy production with or without electricity;
 - (ii) AMS-III.Z: Fuel Switch, process improvement and energy efficiency in brick manufacture;
 - (iii) AMS-I.L.: Electrification of rural communities using renewable energy;
 - (iv) AMS-III.BB.: Electrification of communities through grid extension or construction of new mini grids;
 - (v) Tool for Project and leakage emissions from biomass;
 - (vi) Tool to calculate project or leakage CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion;
 - (vii) Tool for Determining the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems; and
 - (viii) Tool on Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight.

¹ See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-INFO-GOV-029.pdf>.

- (b) The revision to the following regulatory documents of the A6.4 mechanism (see table 4 for the respective mandates related to these revisions):
 - (i) Methodological tool: Investment analysis (A6.4-AMT-002);
 - (ii) Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies (A6.4-STAN METH-004); and
 - (iii) Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies (A6.4-STAN METH-005).
- (c) The development of the following concept notes: (see table 4 for the respective mandates for the concept notes):
 - (i) Concept note: Large-scale crediting programmes;
 - (ii) Concept note: Transboundary activities; and
 - (iii) The assessment of bottom-up submissions related to simplified approaches for additionality.

3.2. Additional mandates received at SBM 021

- 4. The Supervisory Body at its 21st meeting (SBM 021) provided the following additional mandates (these items are shown in yellow highlights in the workplan):
 - (a) Revision to “A6.4-AMM-001: Flaring or use of landfill gas”;
 - (b) Revision to “Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism registry”;
 - (c) Revision to “Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects”;
 - (d) Revision to “Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programme of activities”;
 - (e) Revision to “Procedure for development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools”; and
 - (f) Development of “Concept note: Concept note: Revision of methodological standards and tools for application to programmes of activities” and revision to the relevant methodological standards and tools.
- 5. Further, the SBM 21 also provided the following mandates that are scheduled for 2027 (see table 4 for the respective mandates related to these agenda items). These includes:
 - (a) Further work on “Methodological tool: Analysis of lock-in risk”; and
 - (b) Further work on “Methodological tool: Fraction of non-renewable biomass”.

4. Impacts

- 6. The revised 2026 workplan for the MEP, taking into account available human resources and time, prioritize methodological products of the highest strategic importance and readiness of the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4.

5. Subsequent work and timelines

7. The MEP workplan remains a living document. The workplan will be revisited after each of the MEP meetings in 2026 and adjusted for the progress being made for each agenda item and any new mandates from SBM 022.

6. Recommendations to the Supervisory Body

8. The secretariat recommends that the Supervisory Body take note of the updated MEP workplan.

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.^{1,2}
3. The workplan includes routine operational activities as well as mandates from the Supervisory Body. The 2026 workplan of the MEP outlines the expected 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 2026–2027.³
4. The 2026 workplan for the MEP also addresses the mandate received from CMA.7 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 4.⁴
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 See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-PROC-GOV-003.pdf>.

² See https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma7_15b_A6.4_auv.pdf.

³ Information note: Article 6.4 mechanism two-year business and resource allocation plan 2026–2027. Available at <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-INFO-GOV-024.pdf>.

⁴ See decision 20/CMA.7 https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2025_19_a03.pdf.

2. Methodological Expert Panel workplan 2026

Table 1. Methodological Expert Panel workplan 2026

Activity	Product	MEP 011	MEP 012	MEP 013	MEP 014	MEP 015	MEP 016	MEP 017	SBM consideration	Mandates
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	Launch call for public input	Input / Recommendation	Input	Launch call for public input	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	SBM 021 SBM 022 SBM 023 SBM meeting in 2027	Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools Section 5.1 and Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardised baselines Sections 5.2, 6.1 and 8.1.
Work related to revision of A6.4 mechanism methodologies methodological tools and methodological standards	A6.4-AMM-001: Flaring or use of landfill gas			Input	Launch call for public input		Recommendation		SBM 023	SBM 019 meeting report paragraph 11 : requesting to update methodology once "Methodological tool: Emissions from electricity generation and consumption" is adopted by the Supervisory Body SBM 021 meeting report paragraph 25 and 26 to incorporate clarification A6.4-AMM-CLA-001 and align the mechanism methodology with the other regulatory documents approved by the Supervisory Body
	Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies	Input	Recommendation						SBM 021	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 34 : The revision of the draft methodological tool "Analysis of lock-in risk".
	A6.4-AMT-007: Emissions from electricity generation and consumption					Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 021 meeting report para 27 (b) requested to revise A6.4 methodological standards and tools to make them PoA compliant.

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Work related to revision of A6.4 mechanism regulatory documents ⁴	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects						Input		SBM 023	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 27 : Requested to incorporate “Elements related to non-permanence and reversals for inclusion in relevant regulatory documents”.
	Standard: Validation and verification standard for projects						Input		SBM 023	
	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programme of activities							Input	SBM meeting in 2027	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programme of activities, paragraph 162, footnote 31 : Application for PoAs.
	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects						Input		SBM 023	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 27 : Requested to incorporate “Elements related to non-permanence and reversals for inclusion in relevant regulatory documents”. SBM 021 meeting report paragraph 28 to incorporate any provisions necessary for the implementation of requirements relating to non-permanence and reversals.
	Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism registry						Input		SBM 023	

⁴ MEP will provide input to these documents via electronically.

Activity	Product	MEP 011	MEP 012	MEP 013	MEP 014	MEP 015	MEP 016	MEP 017	SBM consideration	Mandates
Work related to revision of A6.4 mechanism regulatory documents ⁵ (cont.)	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programme of activities							Input	SBM meeting in 2027	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programme of activities, paragraph 162, footnote 31 : Application for PoAs. SBM021 meeting report paragraph 28 to incorporate any provisions necessary for the implementation of requirements relating to non-permanence and reversals.
	Procedure for development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools						Input			SBM 021 meeting report paragraph 29 to clarify areas of the current procedure in light of lessons learned and experience gained by the MEP and the secretariat in the development of methodologies and tools in recent years, and incorporating provisions necessary to operationalize deviations as envisaged under the approved activity cycle procedure
Work related development of new methodological products (top-down)	Methodological tool: Analysis of lock-in risk	Launch call for public input	Recommendation						SBM 021	SBM 015 meeting report, paragraph 39 (b) : requested to initiate work on a methodological tool for lock-in risk analysis.
	Concept note: Large-scale crediting programmes		Input						SBM meeting in 2027	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 1. Further work related to requirements for methodologies section.

⁵ Ibid.

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Work related development of new methodological products (top-down) (cont)	Tool: Reversal risk assessment	Input	Input	Input	Launch call for public input		Recommendation	Input	SBM 023	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 2 Further work related to removals.
	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 023	SBM 018 meeting report, paragraph 30 : requested to prepare a concept note on addressing options for implementing paragraph 62 of the "Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism".
	Concept note: Revision of methodological standards and tools for application to programmes of activities, including revision to the relevant methodological standards and tools				Launch call for public input		Recommendation			SBM 021 meeting report para 27 (a) and (b) requested to prepare concept note to operationalise requirements related to PoAs in A6.4 approved methodological standards and tools.
Work on revision of clean development mechanism (CDM) methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines	ACM0002: Grid connected electricity generation from renewable sources; AMS-I.D.: Grid connected renewable electricity generation	Input	Launch call for public input	Input	Recommendation				SBM 022	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 3 List of CDM methodologies and methodological tools prioritized for transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism.

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Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines (cont.)	Tool: Emission factor for an electricity system	Recommendation							SBM 020	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5: Refer to table 3 List of CDM methodologies and methodological tools prioritized for transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
	AMS-II.G.: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass	Input	Input	Launch call for public input	Recommendation				SBM 022	
	AMS-I.E: Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user	Input	Input	Input	Input	Launch call for public input	Launch call for public input Recommendation	Recommendation	SBM meeting in 2027 SBM 023	
	Tool for calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass	Launch call for public input	Recommendation						SBM 021	
	Standard: Sampling and Surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities	Input	Input	Input	Launch call for public input		Recommendation		SBM 023	
	Guidelines: Sampling and Surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities	Input	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 Project and leakage emissions from biomass	Input	Input	Input					SBM meeting in 2027	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5: Refer to table 3 List of CDM methodologies and methodological tools prioritized for transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
	Tool to calculate project or leakage CO ₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion			Input					SBM meeting in 2027	
	Tool for Baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption and monitoring of electricity generation	Recommendation							SBM 020	
	Tool to calculate remaining lifetime of equipment	Recommendation							SBM 020	
	AM0023: Leak detection and repair in gas production, processing, transmission, storage and distribution systems and in refinery facilities							Input	SBM meeting in 2027	Decision 20/CMA.7 paragraph 24 mandated the Supervisory Body to prioritize work on the revision of CDM methodologies applicable to activities transiting to the A6.4 mechanism.

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Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines (cont.)	AMS-III.AV: Low greenhouse gas emitting safe drinking water production systems						Input	Launch call for public input	SBM meeting in 2027	Decision 20/CMA.7 paragraph 24 mandated the Supervisory Body to prioritize work on the revision of CDM methodologies applicable to activities transiting to the A6.4 mechanism.
	AM0026: Methodology for zero-emissions grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources in Chile or in countries with merit order-based dispatch grid							Input	SBM meeting in 2027	
	AMS-III-AR.: Substituting fossil fuel-based lighting with more efficient lighting systems						Input	Launch call for public input	SBM meeting in 2027	

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	MEP 017
Input	10	8	10	2	0	8	6
Launch call for public input	2	2	1	6	3	10	2
Recommendation	3	3	1	2	0	9	1
Total	15	13	12	10	3	17	9

^(a) Total of items 2026: **76 79**

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 considers the draft documents and launches the call for public input as per the procedure. ⁶
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	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 3 List of CDM methodologies and methodological tools prioritized for transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
Methodological tool: Default values for common parameters	
Concept note: Transboundary activities	
Tool for Determining the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems	
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) .

⁶ 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>.

Agenda item	Mandates
Methodological tool: Investment analysis	SBM 019 meeting report, paragraph 7 (b) : to annually incorporate the most recent data into the table for the cost of equity in its Appendix; and requesting to assess whether the country-specific default values for the cost of equity could be differentiated between sectors or types of mitigation activities.
Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies	SBM 016 meeting report, paragraph 30 : Further elaboration on some elements of the standard.
Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies	SBM 016 meeting report, paragraph 32 : Further elaboration of specific requirements paragraph 83 (f), paragraphs 85 (c) through (e) of the methodologies' standard.
Processing of simplified approaches for additionality	Standard: Application of the requirements of Chapter V.B (Methodologies) for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies paragraph 72 .
Methodological tool: Analysis of lock-in risk	SBM 021 meeting report paragraph 20 to include Article 6.4 activities involving retrofit, refurbishment and the addition of new components to existing facilities.

Agenda item	Mandates
Methodological tool: Fraction of non-renewable biomass	SBM 021 meeting report paragraph 23 to: include default values for fraction of non-renewable (fNRB) for further countries; and conduct further analysis of the potential to apply the Modelling Fuelwood Saving Scenarios default scenarios version or user-defined scenarios version; and revise the methodological tool once new data and methods to calculate the fNRB become available and update the uncertainty estimates of the default values for fNRB not later than three years after initial adoption of the methodological tool.
AMS-III.Z: Fuel Switch, process improvement and energy efficiency in brick manufacture	Decision 20/CMA.7 paragraph 24 mandated the Supervisory Body to prioritize work on the revision of CDM methodologies applicable to activities transiting to the A6.4 mechanism.
AMS-I.L.: Electrification of rural communities using renewable energy;	
AMS-III.BB.: Electrification of communities through grid extension or construction of new mini grids	
AMS-I.C.: Thermal energy production with or without electricity	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 3 List of CDM methodologies and methodological tools prioritized for transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
Tool for Determining the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems	
Tool on Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight	SB 010 meeting report, paragraph 33, annex 5 : Refer to table 3 List of CDM methodologies and methodological tools prioritized for transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
Tool for Project and leakage emissions from biomass	
Tool to calculate project or leakage CO2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion	

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
A6.4-PMM007	Recovery and plasma-based destruction of residual HFCs remaining in ISO tank containers
A6.4-PMM008	Leak detection and repair in natural gas transmission and distribution systems
A6.4-PMM009	GHG emission reductions through shifting to a low-carbon navigation route for passenger vehicles

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