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Information note

Preliminary workplan of the Supervisory Body for 2027

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1. Introduction

1. The present information note provides an overview of the draft preliminary workplan of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body for 2027. The draft preliminary workplan has been developed to support the effective planning and prioritization of the Supervisory Body's work, taking into account its expected mandates, deliverables and activities for the year.
2. The draft preliminary workplan has been developed on the basis of the approved Business and Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) for 2026–2027 and priority areas of work agreed to in 2026, and austerity measures implemented to contain expenditures. It provides an initial overview of the main areas of work and expected deliverables for 2027, together with an indicative timeline for their consideration and completion.

2. Preliminary workplan for 2027

3. Table 1 below presents the draft preliminary workplan of the Supervisory Body for 2027. It is intended to provide a basis for planning the work of the Supervisory Body throughout the year and for monitoring progress against the expected deliverables.
4. The following activities undertaken as part of the work of the Supervisory Body will be reflected in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA). If requested, any or all of these activities may also be included as agenda items for consideration at a meeting of the Supervisory Body, as appropriate:
 - (a) Implementation of the requirements in relation to the LDCs and SIDS;¹
 - (b) Engagement with Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP);² and
 - (c) Gender consideration.³
5. Following its approval, the workplan will be kept under review throughout the year to reflect changes in priorities, the status of ongoing work and any new mandates arising from decisions of the Supervisory Body.
6. At the end of each meeting, the workplan will be updated to capture any new mandates arising from the meeting and will be annexed to the report of that meeting.
7. The updated workplan will subsequently be further refined, including through the incorporation of more detailed timelines, and will be annexed to the annotated agenda of the next meeting.

¹ [Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 5\(f\)](#): Ensure implementation of requirements; and [SBM 007 report para. 11](#): Address special circumstances on case-by-case basis, and report to CMA on regular basis.

² [Decision 6/CMA.6, para 2](#): Support work of Indigenous Peoples and incorporate knowledge and obtain scientific and technical advice; [Decision 20/CMA.7, para. 21](#): Report on outreach measures; and [SBM 016 report, para 43](#): Reference to engagement.

³ [Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 5\(i\)](#): Consider gender action plan and incorporate relevant actions into work; and [SBM 008 report, para. 27](#): Mainstream gender considerations and ensure transparent reporting on gender balance and inclusion.

8. Deliverables relating to methodologies that are included in the Supervisory Body's 2027 workplan fall within the workplan of the Methodological Expert Panel (MEP). These deliverables should therefore be read in conjunction with the MEP workplan for 2027.⁴

⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/rules-and-regulations#Governance>.

Table 1. Supervisory Body workplan 2027

Area	Sub-area	Activity	Product	2027				Mandates and comments
				SBM 024	SBM 025	SBM 026	SBM 027	
Governance	Supervisory Body	Organize Supervisory Body meetings	Selection of Chair/Vice Chair for SBM, including co-chairs of panels	Final				Rules of Procedure of the Article 6.4 mechanism Supervisory Body Terms of reference: Article 6.4 expert panels: Election
			Calendar of meetings 2027	Final				Rules of Procedure of the Article 6.4 mechanism Supervisory Body
			Calendar of meetings 2028				Draft	Rules of Procedure of the Article 6.4 mechanism Supervisory Body
			Supervisory Body report to CMA			Draft	Final	Decision 3/CMA.3, annex, para. 24(d) : Report annually Decision 20/CMA.7, para. 10 : Timeliness reporting Decision 20/CMA.7, para. 15 : Report progress on improving DNA participation Decision 20/CMA.7, para. 34 : Assessment of current and projected income and expenditure SBM 021 report, para. 18 : Request a mandate for introducing a deregistration process in a future annual report SBM 022 report para. 14 and 15 : SOP and OMGE
			Interaction with observers	Info	Info	Info	Info	Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders

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				SBM 024	SBM 025	SBM 026	SBM 027	
Governance (cont.)	Supervisory Body (cont.)	Develop and implement workplan	Workplan 2027	Final	Info	Info	Info	
			Preliminary workplan 2028				Draft	
			AEP workplan 2027	Final	Info	Info	Info	
			MEP workplan 2027	Final	Info	Info	Info	
		Article 6.4 mechanism two-year business and resource allocation plan	Update of the Resource and Allocation plan 2026-2027	Info	Info	Info	Info	SBM 017 report, paras. 8-10 : Adoption of RAP 2026-27
			Update of the Resource and Allocation plan 2028-2029			Final		
		Carbon markets and carbon crediting standards	Update and analysis of standards				Info	SBM 016 report, para. 7 : Continue monitoring and provide further updates
		Support the forum on response measures (Product to be included once/if request is received)						Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 12 : Support forum on impact of implementation of response measures as requested
		Stakeholder engagement	Stakeholders' letters to the Supervisory Body	Info	Info	Info	Info	Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders
		Strategy session	Strategic discussion	Info				
		Communications and outreach strategy	Update on the implementation of the communications strategy	Info				SBM 001 report, para. 26 : Initial communications plan

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Governance (cont.)	Supervisory Body (cont.)	Communications and outreach strategy (cont.)	Update on the implementation of the communications strategy (cont.)					SBM 005 report, para. 7 : Development of communications strategy SBM 020 report, para. 13 : Regular updates
			Side events		Info		Info	Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders
		Outcome of the panel meetings	Update on the panel meetings	Info	Info	Info	Info	Terms of reference Article 6.4 expert panels
		Support to MEP	Actions implemented by the secretariat supporting MEP	Info	Info	Info	Info	SBM 020 internal report, para 12 and 13: Quality management system
		Members of panels and rosters	Selection of panel members and roster of experts				Final	Terms of reference Article 6.4 expert panels : panel members Terms of reference: Article 6.4 experts SBM 018 report, para. 15 : Agreed on panel members until 31 March 2028 SBM 020 report, para. 21 : Agreed on 25 experts until 31 March 2028
		Governance arrangements for the selection and operation of expert panels		Concept				SBM 021 report para 14-16 : governance issues for the expert panels and the Supervisory Body SBM 022 report para. 12 : Prepare a revised concept note Decision 20/CMA.7, para. 18 : Enhance transparency of SBM and MEP decision-making

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Governance (cont.)	Host Parties	National authorities and host Parties	Designation of national authorities (DNAs)	Info	Info	Info	Info	Decision 3/CMA.3, annex para. 26(c) : Host Party has communicated designated DNA SBM 018 report para 20 : Standalone agenda item on support to host Parties participation (regular update to SBM)
			Interaction with the Article 6.4 DNA Forum Co-Chairs	Info			Info	Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders
	Designated Operational Entities DOEs	Designated Operational Entities (DOEs)	Interaction with the DOE/AIE Coordination forum	Info	Info	Info	Info	Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders
	Appeal and grievance	Appeal and grievance processes	Consideration of appeal and grievance cases	Final	Final	Final	Final	Procedure: Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism
	Whistleblower mechanism	Relation to stakeholders	Whistleblower mechanism		Info			SBM 016 report para. 23 : Explore establishing confidential whistleblower mechanism
	Regulations	Revision of Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders		Final				Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders SBM 020 internal report, para 8
Activity cycle	Regulations	Structured review of regulations		Final	Final	Final	Final	Procedure: Periodic structured legal and editorial review system of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body's regulatory documents
		Analysis of the affected transitioning CDM cases – Interim Measures due to non-availability of PACM Methodologies		Info				SBM020 report, para. 34 : Analysis and presentation of the affected transitioning CDM cases
		Revision: Activity	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects				Final	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects

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Activity cycle (cont.)	Regulations (cont.)	standard (AS) for projects						
		Revision: Activity standard (AS) for programmes of activities	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities	Final				Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities
		Revision: Validation and verification standard (VVS) for projects	Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects				Final	Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects
		Revision: Validation and verification standard (VVS) for programmes of activities	Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities	Final				Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities
		Revision: Activity cycle procedure (ACP) for projects	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects				Final	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects
		Revision: Activity cycle procedure (ACP) for	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities	Final				Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects and programme of activities

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Activity cycle (cont.)	Regulations (cont.)	programmes of activities	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities (cont.)					SBM 021 report para. 28 : Revision to include provisions for non-permanence and reversals SBM 022 report para. 14 : Exemption from administrative fees
		Sustainable development tool	Revision of the Article 6.4 SD tool taking into account specific types of activity	Final				Article 6.4 sustainable development tool (review every 18 months) SBM 021 report para 19 : call for input and summary, expected budget costs, summary of input received at SBM 021 Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 5(c) : Review existing CDM and market mechanism safeguards to develop robust SD tools for A6.4.
Accreditation	Regulations	Revision: A6.4 accreditation standard	A6.4 accreditation standard		Final			Article 6.4 accreditation standard SBM 021 report para. 17 : Incorporate the clarification
		Revision: A6.4 accreditation procedure	A6.4 accreditation procedure		Final			Article 6.4 accreditation procedure

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Registry	Regulations	Article 6.4 mechanism registry requirements and modalities of its operation	Revision to the Article 6.4 mechanism registry procedure				Final	SBM 022 report para. 24 : Prepare a revised procedure SBM 018 report para. 27 and SBM 021 report para. 28 : Revision to include non-permanence and reversal considerations
		Incorporation of Know-Your-Customer (KYC) process within the Article 6.4 mechanism regulations			Info			SBM 022 report para. 17 : Report back as needed
		Evaluation of the implementation of the share of proceeds		Info		Info		Decision 3/CMA.3, para 8 : Regular reviews of share of proceeds, aim to strengthen and optimize financial flows to the AF SBM 022 report para. 14 : Postpone consideration
		Evaluation of the implementation and delivery of overall mitigation in global emissions				Info		Decision 3/CMA.3, para 9 : Regular reviews to strengthen effectiveness and maximize global mitigation impact SBM 022 report para. 15 : Postpone consideration
Entity assessment	Process operation	Consideration of cases ⁵			Final	Final	Final	Procedure: Article 6.4 accreditation
Activity assessment		Consideration of transitioning cases		Final	Final	Final	Final	Procedure: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism
		Registration & issuance cases		Final	Final	Final	Final	Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects and programme of activities

⁵ Pending outcome of the AEP, refer to AEP workplan 2027.

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Methodologies	Process operation (cont.)	Revision: Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools	Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools			Final		Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools SBM 021 report para. 29: Revise the procedure to clarify issues and incorporate provisions for deviation process
	Products related to requirements for methodologies and activities involving removals	Work related to requirements for methodologies	Various standards, methodological tools and concept notes ⁶	Final	Final	Final	Final	MEP workplan 2027
		Work related to requirements for activities involving removals	Various standards, methodological tools and concept notes ⁶	Final	Final	Final	Final	MEP workplan 2027
		Revision of Standard: Addressing non permanence	Review of whether to update the reversal standard to set a post-crediting monitoring period and/or a percentage for negligible risk of reversal					SBM 018 report para. 26: Refinements to be guided by practical experience

⁶ Pending outcome of the MEP, refer to MEP workplan 2027.

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Methodologies (cont.)		and reversals in mechanism methodologies						
	Top-down development of methodologies /tools	Revision of CDM methodologies/ tools	Various top-down methodologies and methodological tools ⁶	Final	Final	Final	Final	MEP workplan 2027
	Bottom-up development of methodologies /tools	Processing of new methodologies/tools, requests for revision, and requests for clarification	Proposed new methodologies/methodological tools, requests for revision, and requests for clarification submitted by proponents	Final	Final	Final	Final	Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools MEP workplan 2027
Capacity building		Implementation of the capacity-building programme	Update of capacity-building programme		Info		Info	SBM 018 report para. 43 : Focus on better impact tracking and sustained support to enhance Party readiness SBM 021 report para. 38 : Expand the portfolio of knowledge products Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 14 : Strengthen reporting on capacity-building activities Decision 20/CMA.7, para. 30 : Enhance capacity-building support to ensure accessibility for developing countries

Table 2. Supervisory Body workplan 2027 number of items^(a)

Numbers of items	2027			
	SBM 024	SBM 025	SBM 026	SBM 027
Concept	1	0	0	0
Draft	0	0	1	2
Final	17	11	11	15
Info	12	14	12	14
Total	30	25	24	31

(a) Total of items: **109**

3. Regular reports to the Supervisory Body

9. Reports on activities and performance will be prepared by the secretariat on a regular basis for consideration of the Body. General public documents are to be published on the UNFCCC Supervisory Body website, whereas confidential information pertaining to these reports will be provided to the Supervisory Body via other means, as required.
10. Any member or alternate member of the Body may request to consider a specific report at the coming meeting after its publication, taking into account the deadline stipulated by the rules of procedure of the Supervisory Body.
11. The list of regular reports as shown in table 3 below will be updated on a regular basis and any new reports mandated by the Supervisory Body will be added. The regular reports will be available on the UNFCCC webpage.

Table 3. Regular reports to the Supervisory Body

Report	Frequency
Article 6.4 mechanism resource and allocation plan (RAP) implementation status report ⁷	Biannually
Stakeholder communications report	Yearly
DOE performance monitoring report	Biannually
KYC annual report – Identity verification best practices	Yearly

⁷ Decision 20/CMA.7, para. 33.

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