Meeting Summary Global DNA Forum on Article 6 implementation

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1. Meeting details

1. Global DNA Forum on implementation of Article 6 took place for 2 days on 20 and 22 May 2025 during the Climate Week at the Megapolis Convention Centre in Panama City, Panama. The event was organized in a hybrid mode providing remote access and attended by more than 130 registered participants including DNAs from both the Article 6.4 and Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), MDBs, United Nation entities and others as well as Chairs and members of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body and the CDM Executive Board providing a space for participants to exchange views and knowledges while identifying best practices and common challenges DNAs may face in operationalizing Article 6.4 mechanism. The list of participants is attached in **Appendix 1**. The agenda of the meeting is attached in **Appendix 2**.

2. Decisions made

- 2. The Article 6.4 DNA Forum was inaugurated during the event by adopting its Terms of Reference (ToR), as attached in Appendix 3 and electing Ms. Cristina Figueroa Vargas, Ministry of Environment, Chile as the co-chair from developing country. According to the ToR, the Article 6.4 DNA Forum selects two co-chairs, one from a developing country and the other from a developed country. The seat of co-chair from developed country remains vacant until nomination/election completed by the A6.4 DNA Forum.
- 3. The CDM DNA Forum also took place during the event. According to According to the Provisions for the Operation of the DNA Forum, as attached in Appendix 4, the CDM DNA Forum will select Chairing Committee, comprising of a representative from each of the five United Nations regional groups, through which it select two co-chairs, one being a DNA from a Party included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Party) and the other being a DNA from a Party not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Party). In the absence of incumbent Chairing Committee and consideration of the current status of the CDM, the CDM DNA Forum considered election of co-chairs only at the global level and elected Ms. Ayan Harare, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Somalia as the co-chair from non-Annex I Party. The seat of co-chair from developed country remains vacant until nomination/election completed by the CDM DNA Forum.

3. Discussion points

- 4. The Global DNA Forum featured interaction between the DNAs and members of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body and CDM Executive Board, respectively, presentations by the secretariat on a wider range of issues geared towards unpacking the key features of PACM, sharing of country experiences in terms of where some front-runner countries are in their participation in the PACM, hands-on exercises on how to fill in forms required to ensure their participation, as well as Q&A sessions.
- 5. The SBM Chair highlighted the importance of the DNA Forum as a platform to support implementation of Article 6.4, facilitating dialogue and promoting peer learning among DNAs. The Chair also underscored the key work undertaken by the Body pertaining to the development of rules and regulations for the Article 6.4 mechanism since its inception. During the interaction, the SBM members, on their part, indicated that DNA

- engagement with the Supervisory Body is critical and this Forum will play a key role in serving as a bridge between the DNAs and the SBM.
- 6. The presentation made by the secretariat covered various aspects of the PACM, including the key features of the PACM, its architecture, and operational logic; understanding the difference between authorized units (which require corresponding adjustments and can be used for international compliance) and unauthorized units (MCUs which can be used domestically or for climate finance claims without requiring adjustments); the similarities and differences between PACM and CDM; governance structure of the PACM; and requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies, as well as the accreditation processes for entities under PACM.
- 7. The Forum also provided a deep dive into the roles and responsibilities of Parties, including DNAs, across various stages of the activity cycle. These roles and responsibilities, categorized into four baskets, namely participation, methodological, activity-specific, and accounting, reporting and Article 6.2-related responsibilities, helped DNAs to unpack mandatory responsibilities and optional roles DNAs should undertake, ranging from submission of the host Party participation requirements to approval of activities and activity parties to the authorization of Article 6.4 ERs. This session also emphasized the enhanced roles and responsibilities of the Article 6.4 DNAs under the PACM. DNAs were also informed that fulfilment of participation requirements, which include, among others, identifying types of activities they would consider approving under the Article 6.4 mechanism, is an important prerequisite to participate in the mechanism. The presentation also highlighted what approaches DNAs may follow while filling the host Party participation form to identify eligible sectors, approval and authorization, and transition of CDM projects.
- 8. Experiences were shared by participating countries: Dominican Republic, Chile, Bhutan, Togo, and Mauritania. The table below provides summary of key discussion points.

Table: Key discussion points

Article 6.4 rules and regulations in general

Questions & concerns

- It is difficult for developing countries to navigate through the complex rules and regulations.
- Regarding the SD tool, should host Parties have to provide legal information relevant to SD? Should auditor conduct independent assessment?
- Is corresponding adjustment necessary to pre-2020 CERs?
- Are registration and issuance fees the same for MCUs and authorized Article
 6.4 units?
- How top-down methodology development is initiated?

Responses & clarifications

- Manual was prepared by the secretariat for host Parties to navigate through the roles and responsibilities.
- SD tool application requires local legal knowledge and DOEs must consult national laws when validating & verifying SD related project information.
- CER issuance for pre-2020 vintages is still allowed to which no corresponding adjustment required for the use towards first NDC.
- There is no differentiation. All units are subject to the same registration and issuance fees, regardless of their intended use.
- Top-down development is initiated when the Supervisory Body identifies demand (e.g., a surge in green hydrogen projects).

Participation

Questions & concerns

• Should methodological or crediting period related elements be included in the participation requirement form or can it be sent separately?

Responses & clarifications

- Methodological and crediting period related information can be included optionally when a country submits its participation requirement form. If a country has a general rule for such elements, it is helpful to include them. Alternatively, countries may specify them by updating the form or individually during project approvals.
- Completion of participation requirement is a step necessary for participating in the Article 6.4. It is necessary to be completed before approving CDM project transition which has deadline of 31 December 2025. DNAs are encouraged to submit the form as soon as possible.

Authorization

Questions & concerns

- What is the implication of authorization and associated corresponding adjustment to NDC?
- How non-authorized units are handled under CORSIA?
- Whether the Article 6.2 reporting requirements apply to authorized Article 6.4 ERs?
- How will the durability of removal activities for A6.4ER be considered within authorisation towards NDCs?
- Are there any rules in place to ensure the purpose of a mitigation contribution unit is not to counterbalance emissions of the party/private entity financing the units?

Responses & clarifications

- A DNA must have clear understanding on the implication of transferring authorized A6.4ERs amount of which is counted as emissions in the host country
- Mitigation Contribution Unit which is not authorized A6.4ERs allows host Parties to retain mitigation benefits at their own country.
- Only authorized emission reductions can be used under CORSIA.
- Article 6.2 reporting requirements apply to authorized Article 6.4ERs.
- Article 6.4 has strict permanence rules. All removals must show negligible reversal risk. Risk mitigation approaches (e.g., temporary credits, buffer pools) are under development.
- MCUs cannot be used for compliance purpose. A Letter of Recognition may specify permissible use which differs from Letters of Authorization, which are legally binding and trigger corresponding adjustments.

Transition of CDM projects

Questions & concerns

- What are the eligible CDM projects for transition to Article 6.4 mechanism?
- What are the definition and meaning of CDM project transition for host Parties?
- Suppose a project with two completed CDM crediting periods seeks to transition to Article 6.4. What are the options?

Responses & clarifications

- Host country approval deadline is 31 December 2025.
- Transition projects must comply with Article 6.4 requirements.
- Approval by host country doesn't mean the authorization of resulted emission reductions from the transitioned projects.
- If crediting periods are exhausted, the project may only be eligible for domestic use, e.g., national carbon market. Alternatively, the host Party may:approve a limited transition, only for certain units or timeframes; allow partial transition with some units as MCUs and others for international use; or reject the transition, depending on national priorities.

Capacity building

Questions & concerns

- Lack of support in West and Central Africa.
- Request for modular training formats for DNAs to understand specific standards especially to make informed authorization decisions.

Responses & clarifications

- Capacity building should move beyond workshops to enable institutional integration and actual project development
- Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs) can play a central role for reginal capacity building activities.

Others

Questions & concerns

- What is the process on updating the DNA contact information?
- How to link MCUs to climate finance?
- How the VCM standards evaluated/recognized under the Article 6.4?

Responses & clarifications

- NFP can notify the secretariat by sending an email the change of DNA contact information.
- MCUs may allow private actors to contribute financially without requiring authorization.

- Voluntary markets may allow use of non-authorized units, but not for compliance purpose.
- Supervisory Body will assess each methodology proposed under the Article 6.4 and those aligned with Article 6.4 requirements be accepted.
- No blanket recognition is provided to external standards.

4. Key takeaways

- 9. The Article 6.4 DNA Forum is now firmly established as a bridge between DNAs and the Supervisory Body. It provides a platform for DNAs to bring forward collective perspectives, challenges, and insights.
- 10. Throughout the sessions, a vibrant exchange of knowledge: peer-to-peer learning, the sharing of best practices, and open dialogue were conducted. Importantly, the Forum also created space for solution-oriented discussions on the practical challenges DNAs face in transitioning from the CDM to the Article 6.4 Mechanism, strengthening the technical competence of DNAs across diverse national contexts
- 11. With the identified gaps and needs for support and further communication through the DNA Forum, the secretariat together with broader stakeholders will effectively work on enhancing participation in the PACM.
- 12. DNAs are encouraged to submit Host Party Participation forms, provide approvals for CDM project transitions as applicable before 31 December 2025; engage with RCCs for technical assistance and monitor updates on rules and regulations including methodologies and the SD tool.

Appendix 1. List of Participants¹

Parties (on-site): 68 persons

Argentina

Macarena Moreira Muzio

Azerbaijan

Parviz Yarmammad

Bahamas

Chanel Williams

Bhutan

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Carlos Mauricio Fernandez Mavrich

Brazil

Marina Moreira Costa Pittella

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Cabo Verde

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Cameroon

Kagonbe Temothee

Central African Republic Boris BEMOKOLO

Chad

Hamid Abakar Souleymane

Chile

Cristina Figueroa

Colombia

Adriana Lizette Gutierrez Bayona

Congo

Belvare Grâce Ayele

Costa Rica

Gilmar Navarrete-Chacón

Cuba

Alejandro García Moya

Dominica

Florian Mitchel Dominican Republic

Luz Alcantara

Ecuador

Liberia

Zargou Elijah Whapoe

Madagascar

Lantonirina Ratovonjanahary

Malawi

Patrick Mkwapatira

Maldives

Ahmed Masoon

Mali

Abdel Kader Bamadio

Mauritania

Alioun Fall

Mexico

Andrea Hurtado Epstein

Mozambique

Carmen Baptista

Niger

Mahamado Laoualy

Nigeria

Dr Nkiruka Maduekwe

Oman

MAHA Albalushi

Pakistan

Sana Rasool

Panama

Javier Martínez Gabriela Santamaría

Philippines

Albert Magalang

Russian Federation

Mariia Mitkina

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Onika Stellingburg

Sao Tome and Principe

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Senegal

Pape Lamine Diouf

Seychelles

George Uzice

Sierra Leone

¹ Alphabetical order. Information as provided at the registration.

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Taghareed Elgoweily

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Eduardo Echeverría

Eswatini

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Gambia

Lamin S. Jammeh

Germany

Thomas Forth

Guatemala

Maria Alejandra Salguero Pérez

Haiti

Valery Fils Aime

Indonesia

Nurul Azizah

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Mandana Maghsoodi Darbeh

Kazakhstan

Shattyk Tastemirova

Kenya

Ressa Kombi

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Vanhthone Phonnasane

Lesotho

Marealeboha Boutu

Michael Samuel Baimba

Somalia

Ayan Harare

South Sudan

Payai Manyok John

Sudan

Nagla Jebory

Togo

Azankpo Komla

Türkiye

Eyup Kaan Morali

Uganda

Irene Chekwoti

Ukraine

Serhi Dykyi

United Kingdom of Great Britain and

Northern Ireland

Dexter Lee

United Republic of Tanzania

Risper Koyi

Uruguay

Mariana Kasprzyk

Uzbekistan

Anait Khurshudyan

Zimbabwe

Tapiwa Junior Kamuruko

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Australia

Ingrid Kropman

Bahamas

Larissa Ferguson-Cartwright

Benin

Biao Mongazi Wilfried

Bhutan

Sonam Tashi

Canada

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Dominican Republic

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Eswatini

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Japan

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Mozambique

Eduardo Baixo

Peru

Kathia Caceres

Rogelio Humberto Campos Garcia

Philippines

Emmanuel Causon

Republic of Korea

Zinhyun Park

Soonchul Park

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India

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Sweden

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Tirivanhu Muhwati

Article 6.4 Supervisory Board: 3 persons

Martin Hession (Chair) VIrtual German Obando-Vargas

Nikita Charles Hamilton

CDM Executive Board: 2 persons

Frank Wolke (Chair)

Spencer Thomas

Others (On-site): 19 persons

Coalition for Rainforest Nations (CfRN)

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Appendix 2. Agenda of the Global DNA Forum



Agenda - Global DNA Forum

20 and 22 May 2025 Megapolis Convention Centre (9th floor) Panama City, Panama

Day 1 - 20 May 2025 Room 3				
	Welcome and Opening			
8:30 - 8:40	Opening remarks			
	 Secretariat 			
	Housekeeping announcement			
	 Secretariat 			
	Moderator: Secretariat			
Article 6.4 DNA Forum				
8:40 - 9:15	Organizational matters			
	 Adoption of Rules of procedure for Article 6.4 DNA Forum 			
	Election of Co-chairs of Article 6.4 DNA Forum			
9:15-9-45	Presentation on the work of Article 6.4 SBM			
	Message by the Chair of the SBM			
	 Martin Hession (Chair of the SBM) - online 			
	Key highlights of SBM's work on development of rules and			
	regulations for the Article 6.4 mechanism			
	 Martin Hession (Chair of the SBM) - online 			
9:45 - 11:00	Interaction / Q&A with the SBM			
	Martin Hession (Chair of the SBM) – online			
	Maria AlJishi (Vice-Chair of the SBM) - online			
	German Obando-Vargas (SBM Member)			
	Charles Hamilton (SBM Member)			
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	Moderator: Secretariat			
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee break			
CDM DNA Forum				

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11:15 - 11:45	Organizational matters
11.15 - 11.45	Election of Co-chairs of CDM DNA Forum
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44.45 42.00	Demarks from the CDM ED Chair
11:45 - 13:00	Remarks from the CDM EB Chair
	 Frank Wolke (Chair of the CDM EB)
	Interaction / Q&A with the CDM EB
	 Frank Wolke (Chair of the CDM EB)
	 Spencer Thomas (The CDM EB member)
	Moderator: Secretariat
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break
	Thematic session 1
14:00 - 15:45	
14.00 - 15.45	Presentation / Q&A – Understanding PACM
	 Secretariat
	Moderator: A6.4 DNA Forum Co-chairs
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee break
	Thematic session 2
16:15 - 18:00	Presentation / Q&A – Participation & methodological
	functions roles and responsibilities
	 Secretariat
	Sharing experiences in participating in the PACM
	DNA representatives
	- DIVATEPLESCHAUVES
	Hands on training on participation recruitment
	Hands on training on participation recruitment
	Moderator: A6.4 DNA Forum Co-chairs

Day 2 - 22 May 2025 Room 3		
	Thematic session 3	
9:30 - 11:00	Presentation / Q&A – Activity specific-approval, authorization,	
	and others roles and responsibilities	

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	 Secretariat 				
	Hands on training on authorization (TBC)				
	Moderator: A6.4 DNA Forum Co-chairs				
11:15 - 11:30	Coffee break				
Thematic session 4					
11:30 - 13:00	Presentation / Q&A - Update on the status of transition of				
	CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism / process of host				
	Party approval				
	Secretariat				
	Sharing experiences on CDM transition and host Party				
	approval				
	 DNA representatives 				
	Moderator: A6.4/CDM DNA Forum Co-chairs				
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break				
	Thematic session 5				
14:00 - 15:00	Hands on training on host party approval of CDM project				
	transition				
	Moderator: A 6.4 DNA Forum Co-chairs				
	Wrap-up and ways forward				
15:00 - 15:30	Areas of work of DNA forums				
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Appendix 3. Terms of Reference for the operation of the Article 6.4 Designated National Authorities Forum

Terms of Reference for the operation of the Article 6.4 Designated National Authorities Forum

- At its tenth meeting, the Supervisory Body agreed to establish a forum of the Article 6.4 designated national authorities (A6.4 DNA Forum) to support the implementation of the Article 6.4 mechanism and to facilitate a dialogue with host Parties and to report to the CMA accordingly. Further, it requested the secretariat to provide support to this forum, including the preparation of a term of reference for the operation of A6.4 DNA Forum.
- The purpose of the A6.4 DNA Forum is to enable representatives of designated national authorities (DNAs) to exchange views and share experiences relating to the Article 6.4 mechanism as well as to bring common views and issues to the attention of the Supervisory Body.
- The A6.4 DNA Forum aims to foster peer-to-peer learning and best practice-sharing, and address challenges faced by DNAs, while enhancing national, and regional capacity to host and engage in Article 6.4 mechanism-related activities.
- The A6.4 DNA Forum may undertake additional tasks as requested by the Supervisory Body, in line with its purpose.
- Participation in A6.4 DNA Forum activities is open to representatives from DNAs and, if a DNA has not been designated, nominated officials from Parties. Invitations to participate in the A6.4 DNA Forum will be addressed to DNAs or national focal points as appropriate.
- The A6.4 DNA Forum selects two co-chairs, one from a developing country and the
 other from a developed country on a rotational basis, striving for regional and gender
 balance. Co-chairs serve a two-year term, beginning at the start of the calendar year
 or otherwise decided by the A6.4 DNA Forum.
- If a co-chair is unable to fulfil its duties for the remainder of the term, the A6.4 DNA
 Forum selects a replacement. If a co-chair cannot attend a meeting, the A6.4 DNA
 Forum selects an acting co-chair for that meeting.
- The co-chairs, in addition to roles assigned by the A6.4 DNA Forum, open and close meetings, preside at meetings, grant speaking rights, and maintain order during meetings.
- 9. A6.4 DNA Forum meeting is held at least once a year. Subject to resource availability, A6.4 DNA Forum meetings are held alongside other international meetings and held jointly with the clean development mechanism (CDM) DNA Forum meetings, where applicable, either in-person, virtually or in a hybrid mode, in order to account for efficient use of resources. Meetings of the A6.4 DNA Forum may include workshops on the Supervisory Body's latest decisions and any other DNA-specific topics regarding the Article 6.4 mechanism.
- The co-chairs, with support from the secretariat, and in consultation with the A6.4 DNA Forum, draft a provisional agenda for each A6.4 DNA Forum meeting and distribute it to all DNAs or national focal points if no DNA has been designated at least 20 days

See paragraph 38: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/SB010_report.pdf

- before the meeting. The secretariat aims to make all other necessary documentation for the meetings available at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
- An agenda item upon which consideration has not been completed is to be included in the agenda for the next meeting, considered electronically, or addressed as otherwise decided by the A6.4 DNA Forum.
- The co-chairs, supported by the secretariat, provide meeting summary notes to all DNAs or national focal points if no DNA has been designated within 15 days of the conclusion of a meeting.
- 13. The A6.4 DNA Forum operates independently of the Supervisory Body.
- The secretariat supports the A6.4 DNA Forum and, subject to resource availability, undertakes the following:
 - a. Facilitating co-chairs' interaction with the Supervisory Body;
 - Maintaining and make publicly available documentation and information related to the A6.4 DNA Forum;
 - c. Receiving, reproducing and distributing documents;
 - d. Establishing and maintaining electronic communications including creation of a designated mailing list; and
 - e. Carrying out the tasks requested by the A6.4 DNA Forum;
- The secretariat primarily utilizes electronic communication systems for documentation transmission and storage.
- 16. The A6.4 DNA Forum's working language is English. At the request of the A6.4 DNA Forum, and subject to resources, translations of documentation in other United Nations official languages may be made available.
- The financial and administrative regulations and procedures of the United Nations and UNFCCC applies.

Appendix 4. Provisions for the Operation of the DNA Forum

PROVISIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE DNA FORUM

- 1. The Designated National Authorities Forum (DNA Forum) was established by the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) in response to a request by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP) in its first session¹. The COP/MOP requested the Board to broaden participation in the CDM, including through regular meetings with a designated national authority forum in conjunction with meetings of the COP/MOP and its subsidiary bodies.
- The purpose of the DNA Forum is to provide opportunities to designated national authority (DNA) representatives to exchange views and share experiences relating to the CDM.
- The DNA Forum will also undertake other tasks requested by the Executive Board as appropriate, in accordance with its purpose.
- The DNA Forum will operate independently and report to the Executive Board as required.
- The participation of DNA Forum activities will be open to representatives from officially designated national authorities and, in the absence of a designated national authority, to nominated officials from Parties.
- 6. The DNA Forum will select, during each meeting held in conjunction with COP/MOP meetings, the Chairing Committee ("The Committee"), comprising of a representative from each of the five United Nations regional groups. Each representative will be selected for the period of one year. The Committee will be guided by the principle of consensus in its activities.
- If any member of the Committee ceases to be able to carry out his or her functions, that region will appoint a new member to the Committee.
- 8. The Committee will select two co-chairs, one being a DNA from a Party included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Party) and the other being a DNA from a Party not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Party). The co-chairs will be selected for a period of one year, and will represent an Annex I country and a non-Annex I country. The term of the co-chairs will commence at the start of the calendar year.
- If any of the co-chairs cease to be able to carry out his or her functions for the remainder of the term, a new co-chair will be appointed by the Committee. In case of a cochair not able to participate in a meeting, the Committee will select a new co-chair for that particular meeting.
- 10. In addition to exercising the functions conferred upon the co-chairs by the DNA Forum, the co-chairs will declare the opening and closing of meetings, preside at meetings and accord the right to speak. The co-chairs will have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order at meetings being guided by the principle of consensus.
- The Committee will, in consultation with the CDM Executive Board, and subject to availability of resources, encourage regional DNA Forum meetings and dialogues, as appropriate.

¹ See decision 7/CMP.1 - Paragraph 36. Requests the Executive Board to broaden participation in the clean development mechanism, including through meetings with a designated national authority forum on a regular basis, in conjunction with meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and its subsidiary bodies;

- The Committee, in consultation with the UNFCCC secretariat, will encourage the regional mechanisms to include DNA issues into their agendas.
- 13. Meetings of the DNA Forum will take place at the headquarters of the UNFCCC secretariat, unless other arrangements are made by the UNFCCC secretariat in consultation with the Committee. The DNA Forum, subject to availability of resources, will hold two meetings in a year. Effort will be made to convene Forum meetings in conjunction with meetings of the Executive Board in order to facilitate interaction with the Board.
- The dates of meetings will be determined by the Committee, in consultation with their respective regions and the UNFCCC secretariat.
- Invitations are to be addressed to DNAs and to the National Focal Points where a DNA does not yet exist.
- 16. The Committee, assisted by the UNFCCC secretariat, and in consultation with their regions will draft the provisional agenda of each meeting of the DNA Forum and transmit it to all DNAs not less than 20 days before the meeting.
- Any agenda item upon which consideration has not been completed will be included on the provisional agenda of the next meeting, or considered through electronic means or as otherwise decided by the DNA Forum.
- All documentation required for a DNA Forum meeting will be made available, through the UNFCCC secretariat, to all those invited to the meeting, if possible 10 days before the meeting.
- The working language of the DNA Forum will be English; translation in another UN
 official language may be subject to availability of dedicated resources.
- The Committee, with the assistance of the UNFCCC secretariat, will make available within 15 days after the end of the meeting their summary notes of the meeting to all DNAs.
- 21. The UNFCCC secretariat will service the DNA Forum. The UNFCCC secretariat will, in accordance with above, and subject to the availability of resources:
 - Maintain documentation and information relating to the work of the DNA Forum and make it available to the public;
 - (b) Receive, reproduce and distribute documents;
 - (c) Establish, maintain and facilitate electronic communication;
 - (d) Perform work requested by the DNA Forum.
- The UNFCCC secretariat, in serving its mandate, will primarily use electronic communication/information systems to transmit and store documentation.
- The financial and administrative regulations and procedures of the United Nations and UNFCCC will apply.
