### A6.4-MEP006

# Meeting report

# Sixth meeting of the Methodological Expert Panel

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# Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

#### Agenda item 1.1. Opening

- 1. The Co-Chair of the Methodological Expert Panel (MEP), Mr. Simon Fellermeyer, opened the sixth meeting.
- 2. Table 1 shows attendance at the meeting (*italics* indicates virtual attendance).

Co-Chairs	Members
Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne	Mr. Amr Osama Abdel-Aziz
Mr. Simon Fellermeyer	Ms. Enam Akoetey-Eyiah
	Mr. Ruy Anaya de la Rosa
	Ms. Penelope Baalman
	Mr. Daniel Cullenward
	Mr. Wojciech Galinski
	Ms. Yaning Jin
	Ms. Martha Ntabadde Kasozi
	Mr. Braulio Pikman
	Ms. Navjot Kaur Sandhu
	Mr. Lambert Schneider
	Mr. Samir Thapa
	Ms. Jessica Wade-Murphy de Jimenez
	Mr. Kenichiro Yamaguchi

#### Table 1. Attendance

#### Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

- 3. The MEP adopted the meeting agenda as proposed.
- 4. The MEP considered information provided by members and the Co-Chairs with respect to any potential conflict of interest. Statements on conflict of interest can be viewed on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) website.<sup>1</sup>

## Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

#### Agenda item 2.1. Matters related to the Methodological Expert Panel

5. The MEP took note of the outcomes from the sixteenth meeting of the Supervisory Body relevant to the work of the MEP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to <u>https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/mep/meetings</u>.

6. The MEP took note that the seventh meeting of the MEP will be held from 7 to 11 July 2025.

#### Agenda item 2.2. Upcoming deadlines of relevance to stakeholders

7. The MEP took note that the deadline for stakeholders to submit proposed new methodologies and methodological tools for consideration at its eighth meeting is published on the UNFCCC website.<sup>2</sup>

## Agenda item 3. Regulatory matters

#### Agenda item 3.1. Requirements for methodologies

8. The MEP continued its consideration of the development of the documents related to requirements for methodologies (see Table 2) based on "Standard: Application of the requirements of Chapter V.B (Methodologies) for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies" (document A6.4-STAN-METH-001) <sup>3</sup> and as mandated by the Supervisory Body in the MEP workplan 2025 (document A6.4-INFO-GOV-021).<sup>4</sup>

Туре	Title	Status	Paragraph
Tool	Investment analysis	Work in progress	9
ΤοοΙ	Common-practice analysis	Work in progress	10
ΤοοΙ	Lock-in risk analysis	Work in progress	11
Standard	Addressing suppressed demand in mechanism methodologies	Call for public input	12
Concept note	Applicability of removal guidance to emission reduction activities and vice versa	Call for public input	13

 Table 2.
 Status of methodological products on emission reduction activities

- 9. The MEP considered the draft "Tool: Investment analysis", including requirements for stepwise procedures for the simple cost analysis, benchmark analysis and investment comparison analysis, and potential approaches for the calculation of country default values for return on equity, and agreed to continue working on the tool at its next meeting.
- 10. The MEP considered the draft "Tool: Common practice analysis", including requirements for the determination of applicable geographical area, specifying various options for the indicator of common practice; and guidance for the identification of similar and different activities. The MEP agreed to continue working on the tool at its next meeting.
- 11. The MEP considered the draft "Tool: Lock-in risk analysis", including a flow chart for stepwise approach to undertake an analysis of lock-in risks as specified in section 6.2 of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See <u>https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/paris-agreement-crediting-mechanism/methodologies#howtosubmit-methodologies</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See <u>https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-STAN-METH-001.pdf</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See <u>https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-INFO-GOV-021.pdf</u>.

the "Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies, agreed to continue working on the tool at its next meeting.

- 12. The MEP considered the draft "Standard: Addressing suppressed demand in mechanism methodologies", as contained in <u>annex 1</u> to this report. The MEP agreed to seek inputs from stakeholders on this draft version of the standard. The MEP will incorporate the inputs and prepare a revised draft for consideration of the Supervisory Body at its next meeting.
- 13. The MEP considered the draft "Concept note: Applicability of removal guidance to emission reduction activities and vice versa", as contained in <u>annex 2</u> to this report. The MEP agreed to seek inputs from stakeholders on this draft concept note. The MEP will incorporate the inputs and prepare a revised draft for consideration of the Supervisory Body at its next meeting.

#### Agenda item 3.2. Removals

14. The MEP continued its consideration of the development of the documents related to removals (see Table 3) based on the "Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism" (document A6.4-STAN-METH-002)<sup>5</sup> and as mandated by the Supervisory Body in the MEP workplan 2025 (document A6.4-INFO-GOV-021).<sup>6</sup>

Туре	Title	Status	Paragraph
Standard	Addressing non-permanence/reversals, including: a. Post-crediting period monitoring, reporting and remediation of reversals, post- reversal action, and host Party roles; b. Late, incomplete or missing monitoring report submissions, and treatment of activities for which a reversal results in a removals level that falls below baseline; c. Reversal risk assessment; d. Avoidable and unavoidable reversals, and reversal compensation	Work in progress	15
Concept note	Development of the additional safeguards criteria and guiding questions for carbon dioxide removal activities and for land use, land-use change and forestry for the Article 6.4 sustainable development tool	Work in progress	16

 Table 3.
 Status of methodological products on activities involving removals

15. The MEP considered the draft "Standard: Addressing non-permanence/reversals". In doing so, it continued consideration of the definitions of greenhouse gas reservoirs and carbon pools, what constitutes avoidable and unavoidable reversals, as well as the relevant timelines and consequences for defaulting on requirements and agreed to continue working on the standard at its next meeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See <u>https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-STAN-METH-002.pdf</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See <u>https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-INFO-GOV-021.pdf</u>.

16. The MEP considered the draft "Concept note: Development of the additional safeguards criteria and guiding questions for carbon dioxide removal activities and for land use, land-use change and forestry for the Article 6.4 sustainable development tool" developed by the secretariat and provided input to the secretariat for consideration as per paragraph 23 of the report of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Supervisory Body.

# Agenda item 3.3. Revision of clean development mechanism methodologies and methodological tools

17. The MEP continued its consideration of the revision of the clean development mechanism (CDM) methodologies, methodological tools, methodological standards and methodological guidelines (see Table 4). Revision of these documents shall take into consideration the latest methodological standards<sup>7</sup> and ongoing work under agenda item 3.1 and agenda item 3.2 above.

Туре	Title	Status	Paragraph
CDM methodology	ACM0002: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources	Work in progress	18
CDM methodology	AMS-I.D.: Grid-connected renewable electricity generation	Work in progress	18
CDM methodological tool	Tool: Emission factor for an electricity system	Work in progress	18
CDM methodology	ACM0001: Flaring or use of landfill gas	Work in progress	19
CDM methodological tool	Tool: Emissions from solid waste disposal sites	Work in progress	19
CDM methodological tool	Tool: Project emissions from flaring	Work in progress	19
CDM methodological tool	Tool: Mass flow of a greenhouse gas in a gaseous stream	Work in progress	19

# Table 4.Status of the revision of CDM methodologies and methodological tools for the<br/>Article 6.4 mechanism

18. The MEP considered the revision of "ACM0002: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources", "AMS-I.D.: Grid-connected renewable electricity generation" and "Tool: Emission factor for an electricity system" and discussed requirements for baseline setting, demonstration of additionality and approaches for the calculation of the grid emission factor and agreed to continue working on the revision of these methodologies and draft tool at its next meeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See <u>https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/rules-and-regulations#methodologies</u>.

19. The MEP considered the revision of "ACM0001: Flaring or use of landfill gas", "Tool: Emissions from solid waste disposal sites", "Tool: Project emissions from flaring" and "Tool: Mass flow of a greenhouse gas in a gaseous stream" and discussed the factors that affect the oxidation in landfill covers, such as the cover type, flux and age of landfill, and agreed to continue working on the revision of the methodology and draft tools at its next meeting.

#### Agenda item 3.4. Standards/tools for Article 6.4 activities

20. The MEP took note of updates on the proposed new methodology submissions from stakeholders and requested the secretariat to continue providing updates on the status of proposed new methodology and methodological tool submissions. The submissions that are open for stakeholder consultation are available on the UNFCCC website and the MEP invites stakeholders to provide their inputs on the submissions.<sup>8</sup>

## Agenda item 4. Conclusion of the meeting

- 21. The members of the MEP adopted the report of MEP 006. The report will be available on the UNFCCC website.<sup>9</sup>
- 22. MEP Co-Chair Mr. Simon Fellermeyer closed the meeting.
- 23. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting were broadcasted to allow stakeholders to follow the discussion.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See <u>https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/paris-agreement-crediting-mechanism/methodologies#submissions</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See <u>https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/mep/meetings</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBcZ22cUY9RIAoOUkoTJpdwYe7-WaSGSW</u>.

# Annexes to the report

- Annex 1 Standard: Addressing suppressed demand in mechanism methodologies (version 01.0)
- Annex 2 Concept note: Applicability of removal guidance to emission reduction activities and vice versa (version 01.0)

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