

26th February 2024

Article 6.4 Supervisory Body
UNFCCC Secretariat
Martin-Luther-King-Straße 4,
53175 Bonn
Germany

Dear Article 6.4 Supervisory Body

Re: Standardized baseline for the power sector of Southern- and West Africa

The above subject refers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the agenda items included in the meeting of the Supervisory Body. We wish to bring to your kind attention the issue of speedy development and approval of the standardized baseline to maintain and enhance the momentum for climate action.

Under the Clean Development Mechanism, Zambia used a regional grid emission factor, which was developed and approved as ASB1 and re-submitted as ASB40 for the Southern African power system. The standardized baseline expired on 21st October, 2021. In this regard, the absence of a regional emission factor poses a barrier for project developers in Zambia, but also for other interconnected countries in Southern and West Africa. Please consider attached letters from the Southern- and West African Power Pools.

We acknowledge that Clean Development Mechanism is no longer operational and was succeeded by the Article 6 of the Paris Agreement specifically Article 6.4 being overseen by the Article 6.4. Supervisory Body. Against this background, we would like to kindly request the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body to:

- i) Expedite the establishment of procedures for standardized baselines or similar guidelines under Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement; and
- ii) Expedite the establishment of procedures for regional emission factors for regional power sectors.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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Subject: Standardized Baseline for the power sector of Southern Africa

Dear Article 6.4 Supervisory Body,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the agenda items included in the meeting of the Supervisory Body. We wish to bring to your kind attention the issue of speedy development and approval of the standardized baseline to maintain and enhance the momentum for climate action.

The Coordination Centre of the Southern African Power Pool led the development of a regional grid emission factor of all interconnected countries in Southern Africa. The emission factor was signed by all climate change focal points of the nine countries involved, was assessed by the CDM Executive Board and its bodies and eventually approved as a Standardized Baseline under the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol mandatory to apply in the nine countries referred above. The standardized baseline expired on the 21st October 2022.

The Southern African Power Pool not only has the mandate to facilitate power trade, but equally coordinates the planning of the region's expansion of renewable energy generation and transmission capacities. Against this background, we consider a regional emission factor as a useful tool to secure carbon finance to support the de-carbonization of the regional power system.

Also, we would like to note that from our point of view and independent of national greenhouse gas accounting procedures we consider the regional power system as a physical reality. The absence of a regional emission factor poses a barrier for project developers. The calculation of the emission factor requires inter alia net generation data and fuel consumption data from all power units and plants in all interconnected countries. Compiling a complete data set may be difficult without an appropriate regional mandate.

The power pool acknowledges that Clean Development Mechanism is no longer operational and was succeeded by Article 6 of the Paris Agreement with specifically Article 6.4 being overseen by the Article 6.4. Supervisory Body. Against this background, we would like to kindly request the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body to:

- i) Expedite the establishment of procedures for standardized baselines or similar under Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement; and
- ii) Expedite the establishment of procedures for regional emission factors for regional power sectors.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours Sincerely,

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Coordination Centre Executive Director



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February 23, 2024



The UNFCCC Secretariat
Martin-Luther-King-Straße 4
53175 Bonn

GERMANY

Dear Sir,

Subject: Request for Extension of Deadlines for the WAPP Regional Grid Emission Factor

The West African Power Pool (WAPP) Secretariat presents its compliments and takes this opportunity to extend warm greetings to the UNFCCC Secretariat.

The WAPP secretariat wishes to formally request an extension of the deadlines for the WAPP Regional Grid Emission Factor (GEF) project. The WAPP Secretariat led the development of the GEF Standard Baselines for the interconnected countries in West Africa. This GEF was signed by all Climate Change Focal Points of all participating countries, reviewed by the CDM Executive Board and its bodies and was approved as a Standardized Baseline under the Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism on March 24, 2021. These Standardized Baselines are due to expire on February 25, 2024, and are likely to result in a gap period.

By mandate, WAPP facilitates electricity trade between West African countries and coordinates the region's power generation and transmission planning and development. In this context, we see the GEF as a useful tool to secure carbon finance to support the development of renewable energy projects and the WAPP regional power system. However, due to unforeseen circumstances and challenges encountered, we would not be able to meet the deadline. As a result, we wish to request an extension of the GEF expiry date for the WAPP interconnected grids for a single period of one year, to enable us seek support to undertake the renewal process.

Finally, since the Clean Development Mechanism is no longer operational and has been replaced by Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, in particular Article 6.4, we would also be grateful if procedures for the GEF for regional power sectors and standardized baselines could be

established under the Paris Agreement to ease the update of the GEF. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your favorable consideration of our request.

Whilst reiterating our thanks for the understanding, please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.



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For : Secretary General