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## Meeting report

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## Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

### Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. Ms. Olga Gassan-zade, Chair of the Supervisory Body, opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met.
2. The Supervisory Body noted that Mr. Gebru Jember and Mr. Mkhuthazi Steleki were unable to attend this meeting and had provided proper justification for their absence.
3. The table below shows the attendance of members and alternate members at this meeting.

**Table. Attendance**

Members	Presence	Alternates	Presence
Mr. Benedict Chia <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Ms. Kristin Qui <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. Felipe De León Denegri <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Eduardo Calvo <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Tirivanhu Muhwati <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Imre Bányász <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Ms. Olga Gassan-zade <sup>a</sup>	In-person	VACANT <sup>a</sup>	
Mr. Charles Hamilton <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Derrick Oderson <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. Martin Hession <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Ms. Emily Mathias <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. Gebru Jember <sup>b</sup>	Absent	Mr. Manjeet Dhakal <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Mr. Duan Maosheng <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Ms. Maria AlJishi <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. Daegyun Oh <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Kazuhisa Koakutsu <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Ms. Molly Peters-Stanley <sup>b</sup>	Virtual	Mr. Simon Fellermeier <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Mr. Mkhuthazi Steleki <sup>b</sup>	Absent	Mr. Alick Muvundika <sup>b</sup>	In-person

<sup>(a)</sup> Term: two years, i.e. ending immediately before the first meeting in 2024.

<sup>(b)</sup> Term: three years, i.e. ending immediately before the first meeting in 2025.

### Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

4. The Supervisory Body adopted the agenda of the meeting, which was published as document A6.4-SB007-AA.<sup>1</sup>

## Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

### Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

5. Members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body made available statements of actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest with respect to the issues on the agenda of this meeting, as reflected on the UNFCCC website.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb007-aa.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> See [7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body \(SB 007\) | UNFCCC](#).

6. The Supervisory Body took note of the resignation of Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze as alternate member of the Body.

### **Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction**

7. The Supervisory Body agreed on its annual report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its fifth session, which covers the period from 7 November 2022 to 14 September 2023, and requested the secretariat to finalize the report in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Body in order to include the outcomes of its seventh meeting. Once the report is complete, it will be published on the UNFCCC website. The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to prepare an addendum of this report for consideration at the next meeting to cover the work undertaken by the Supervisory Body from 15 September 2023 until the end of its eighth meeting.
8. The Supervisory Body took note of the update on the status of its work, noting the changes in its workplan for 2023.
9. The Supervisory Body took note of the update on the status of recruitments in support of the implementation of the Article 6.4 mechanism resource allocation plan for 2023.
10. The Supervisory Body adopted its “Article 6.4 mechanism two-year business and resource allocation plan 2024–2025”, as contained in [annex 1](#) to this meeting report. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to expedite the staffing of resources and to ensure they are adequately deployed to support work. The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to continue to provide regular updates on the recruitment status and on the teams supporting the Supervisory Body.

### **Agenda item 3. Matters related to the Article 6.4 mechanism**

11. The Supervisory Body considered the concept note “Consideration of the special circumstances of least developing countries and small island developing States”, as contained in annex 3 to the annotations, and agreed to address the special circumstances of least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) at the time of developing Article 6.4 methodologies and methodological tools, on a case-by-case basis, and to also report on the progress achieved on this matter through its annual report to the CMA on a regular basis.
12. The Supervisory Body further agreed to recommend to the CMA that Article 6.4 activities in LDCs be exempted from the share of proceeds for adaptation, while recognizing that these developing countries may choose not to use this exemption. This recommendation will be included in the annual report to the CMA referred to in paragraph 7 above.
13. The Supervisory Body considered the concept note “Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in annex 4 to the annotations and requested the secretariat to prepare a draft appeal and grievance procedure, based on the concept note, taking into account the following Supervisory Body’s guidance, for consideration at the next meeting:
  - (a) Elaborate options to minimize the risk of abuse of the system while ensuring equitable access. The options may include, inter alia, a filing fee. All proposals including any applicable fees shall include the possibility to waive said fees, ensuring equitable access;

- (b) Broaden the eligibility of stakeholders who may file an appeal or grievance more than that proposed in the concept note;
  - (c) Provide options for ways to deal with appeals or grievances related to Supervisory Body decisions on methodologies in these processes;
  - (d) Provide options to extend the grounds of appeal to cover where the Supervisory Body decisions were made based on wrong information;
  - (e) Examine whether legal sanctions are to be applied under appeal and/or grievance processes;
  - (f) Explore options for the application and administration of corrective actions, mediation and legal sanctions as consequences of grievances.
14. The Supervisory Body also agreed to launch a call for public inputs on the draft appeal and grievance procedure after the next meeting with a view to adopting the procedure at its ninth meeting.
15. The Supervisory Body further agreed that an informal working group on this matter comprising its members and alternate members will review an early draft appeal and grievance procedure prepared by the secretariat and that the secretariat will take into account their comments when presenting a draft procedure at the next meeting.
16. The Supervisory Body agreed to use the draft “Article 6.4 mechanism activity standard for projects” and the draft “Article 6.4 mechanism validation and verification standard for projects”, as contained in [annex 2](#) and [annex 3](#), respectively, to this meeting report, for focused and inclusive stakeholder interactions on these documents to be conducted in accordance with its agreement at its fifth meeting and may revise the document thereafter.
17. The Supervisory Body agreed to launch a call for public input after this meeting on the documents referred to in paragraph 16 above and the draft “Article 6.4 mechanism activity cycle procedure for projects” agreed at the last meeting as a package of the framework regulatory documents for the operation of the activity cycle, to be followed by a webinar to serve as focused and inclusive stakeholder interactions.
18. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare a note, summarizing the roles and responsibilities of host Parties in various stages of the activity cycle, based on the regulatory documents adopted by the Supervisory Body, and present it at a future meeting.
19. The Supervisory Body considered the concept note “Development of a sustainable development tool for the Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement”, as contained in annex 7 to the annotations, and the outline of draft sustainable development (SD) tool circulated during the meeting. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare a draft sustainable development tool, taking into account the following Supervisory Body’s guidance, for consideration at the next meeting:
- (a) Provide options to assess the positive and negative impacts of activities on the Sustainable Development Goals, targets and/or indicators of the host Party
  - (b) Clarify relationship between activity-level sustainable development indicators and environmental and social indicators;
  - (c) Revise steps for developing activity-level sustainable development indicators consistent with the sustainable development goals, targets and/or the host party indicators.

- (d) Consider monitoring description/requirements for sustainable development indicators in the context of the RMPs.
  - (e) Provide relevant safeguards necessary to avoid and/or minimize negative environmental and social impacts on activities involving emission reductions and/or removals reflecting latest decisions and discussion at SB with a view to fulfil the mandate in paragraph 5 (c) of decision 3/CMA.3;
  - (f) Provide separate module/guiding questions for REDD+ projects/ AFOLU/Cancun safeguards;
  - (g) Provide clear elaboration on how the DOE is meant to validate and verify sustainable development contribution and safeguards which may require development of relevant guidance on specific principles;
  - (h) Reflect balance between host party priorities and safeguards principles;
  - (i) Balance framing of guiding questions under safeguards.
20. The Supervisory Body also agreed to launch a call for public inputs on the draft sustainable tool after the next meeting with a view to adopting the tool at its ninth meeting.
21. The Supervisory Body further agreed that an informal working group on this matter comprising its members and alternate members will review the draft sustainable development tool prepared by the secretariat, for consideration of the Supervisory Body at the next meeting.
22. The Supervisory Body considered and provided input to the draft “Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation standard” and the draft “Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation procedure”, as contained in [annex 4](#) and [annex 5](#) to this report, and requested the secretariat to launch a call for public input in conjunction with the call referred to in paragraph 17 above and conduct a legal review of these documents.
23. The Supervisory Body took note of the information note “Compilation of responses to the call for input titled ‘Structured public consultation: Further input–requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies’”, as contained in annex 10 to the annotations, and the concept note “Methodological elements in the draft recommendation on requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies”, as contained in annex 11 to the annotations.
24. The Supervisory Body made substantive progress on the recommendation to the CMA related to requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies, as contained in [annex 6](#) to this meeting report. The Supervisory Body requested the informal working group on this matter to update the draft recommendation, for consideration and adoption by the Supervisory Body at the next meeting, in order to forward a final recommendation to CMA 5.
25. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to undertake an editorial check and a comprehensive consistency check of the document, including in relation to related standards and procedures, such as the draft recommendation on activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism as referred to in paragraph 27 below.
26. The Supervisory Body took note of the information notes “Compilation of the public input on removal activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism” and “Draft elements for the recommendation on activities involving removals”, as contained in annex 13 and annex 14 to the annotations, respectively.

27. The Supervisory Body made substantive progress on the recommendation to the CMA related to activities involving **removals** under the Article 6.4 mechanism, as contained in [annex 7](#) to this meeting report, noting that there was limited time to discuss proposals and modifications contained, the Supervisory Body requested the informal working group on this matter to update the draft recommendation for consideration and adoption by the Supervisory Body at the next meeting, in order to forward a final recommendation to CMA 5.
28. As part of the work on the recommendation to the CMA related to activities involving removals, the Supervisory Body agreed to consider different options to address reversals, and the responsibility of participants and parties to address a continuing or residual risk.
29. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to undertake an editorial check and a comprehensive consistency check of the document, including in relation to related standards and procedures, such as the draft recommendation on requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies as referred to in paragraph 24 above.
30. The Supervisory Body considered the concept note “Detailed regulatory elements for transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in annex 16 to the annotations, and requested the secretariat to provide more information on CDM cookstove activities that are eligible for transition to the Article 6.4 mechanism such as the number and total emission reduction scale of CDM cookstove activities that are eligible for transition, that have submitted their transition requests, as well as co-benefits to households and local communities to gauge material impact, if any, on the atmosphere due to their non-permanence risk, as well as the co-benefits brought about by this type of activities.
31. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to revise the transition standard to elaborate the requirements relating to addressing the risk of non-permanence, environmental and social impacts and compliance with the applied methodologies of transitioning CDM activities, taking into account the information referred to in paragraph 30, for consideration at the next meeting.
32. The Supervisory Body took note of the implementation status of the Article 6.4 capacity-building programme and commended the work carried out thus far at both national and regional levels. It further stressed the importance of leveraging existing regional efforts while customizing capacity-building activities to suit national contexts.
33. The Supervisory Body also emphasized that capacity-building activities should address common capacity-building needs and gaps within regions, facilitating peer-to-peer learning. Furthermore, the secretariat clarified that these activities would encompass all Parties, including those not widely served by Regional Collaboration Centers (RCCs), with a specific focus on enhancing the roles and responsibilities of the designated national authorities (DNAs) to strengthen the capacity of host Parties at the national level.
34. The Supervisory Body recommended designing capacity-building activities that consider building the capacity of designated operational entities in LDCs and SIDS as well as support for development of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies.
35. The Supervisory Body further recommended that the visibility of the existing webpage on capacity building be improved by referencing it, inter alia, to the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body webpage. It further suggested including a comprehensive chronological list of all activities, including relevant training and other materials on the capacity building webpage,

information on how to request support, such as for national programmes and issue-specific enquiries, and the type of support that can be provided to DNAs and/or Parties. Furthermore, the contact information and the coverage of Parties by each RCC should be included on the website.

36. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to widely disseminate the future capacity-building activities through appropriate channels and networks.

## **Agenda item 4. Relation with stakeholders**

37. The Supervisory Body took note that 55 DNAs were established as of 14 September 2023.
38. The Supervisory Body met with registered observers for an informal interaction on the last day of the meeting. The observers presented views in relation to items on the agenda of this meeting. The Supervisory Body took note of the inputs and thanked the observers for the interaction. The list of the registered observers to this meeting is contained in [annex 8](#) to this report.
39. The Supervisory Body considered public comments on the documentation of this meeting, which were made publicly available on the UNFCCC website, and thanked stakeholders for their comments.<sup>3</sup>
40. Observers to the eighth meeting of the Supervisory Body shall register with the secretariat by 9 October 2023. Any change to this date will be communicated as appropriate.

## **Agenda item 5. Other matters**

41. The Supervisory Body agreed to work in between meetings with the secretariat on the preparation of the side event for the twenty-eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28).
42. The Supervisory Body agreed to the provisional agenda for its eighth meeting, to be held in Bonn, Germany, from the period of 30 October to 2 November 2023, as contained in [annex 9](#) to this report.

## **Agenda item 6. Conclusion of the meeting**

43. The Supervisory Body thanked the Government of Singapore for hosting the meeting and for providing excellent meeting facilities and services.
44. The Chair summarized the main conclusions.
45. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting can be accessed via on-demand broadcast.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/calls-for-input>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://unfccc-events.azureedge.net/Article64seventhmeeting>.



## Annexes to the report

- Annex 1 - Information note: Article 6.4 mechanism two-year business and resource allocation plan 2024–2025 (version 01.0)
- Annex 2 - Draft Standard: Article 6.4 mechanism activity standard for projects (version 03.0)
- Annex 3 - Draft Standard: Article 6.4 mechanism validation and verification standard for projects (version 02.0)
- Annex 4 - Draft Standard: Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation (version 02.0)
- Annex 5 - Draft Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation (version 01.0)
- Annex 6 - Draft Recommendation: Requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies (version 07.0)
- Annex 7 - Draft Recommendation: Activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism (version 02.0)
- Annex 8 - List of registered observers at the seventh meeting of the Supervisory Body (version 01.0)
- Annex 9 - Provisional agenda: Supervisory Body eighth meeting (version 01.0)

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