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

^(a) Term: two years, i.e. ending immediately before the first meeting in 2024.

^(b) 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-SB008-AA.¹

¹ See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb008-aa.pdf>.

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.²

Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction

6. The Supervisory Body agreed on its addendum of the 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 15 September 2023 to 2 November 2023, and requested the secretariat to finalize the addendum in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Body in order to include the outcomes of its eighth meeting. Once the report is complete, it will be published on the UNFCCC website.
7. The Supervisory Body took note of the update on the status of its work, noting the changes in its workplan for 2023.
8. The Supervisory Body agreed to the preliminary workplan for 2024 as contained in [annex 1](#) to this report, noting that an adjusted workplan will be considered for approval by the Supervisory Body at its tenth meeting (SB 010), taking into account outcomes from SB 008 and guidance from CMA 5.
9. The Supervisory Body considered matters related to communications and outreach for the Article 6.4 mechanism.
10. The Supervisory Body considered the document “Establishment of expert panels under the Supervisory Body and related regulations”, as contained in annex 4 to the annotations, and adopted the terms of reference of Article 6.4 mechanism expert panels and the procedure for selection and performance evaluation of members of the expert panels under the Supervisory Body, as contained in [annex 2](#) and [annex 3](#), respectively, to this meeting report.
11. In this regard, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to transmit the plenary sessions of the MEP meetings via the web, unless the sessions are closed for confidentiality purposes, subject to availability of secretariat facilities and taking into account prudent use of resources.
12. To establish the MEP and the A6.4-AP, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to initiate the selection process drawing upon the agreed roster of experts established at its fourth meeting and experts responding to the focused calls for experts referred to in paragraph 13 below.
13. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to launch the following focused calls for experts as per the procedure contained in [annex 3](#) to this meeting report, including:
 - (a) Call for experts on activities involving removals including matters addressing permanence and risk of reversals for emission reductions;
 - (b) Call for experts on accreditation from the African region;

² See [8th meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body \(SB 008\)](#).

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- (c) Call for female experts on methodologies and accreditation, in particular from developing countries.
14. The Supervisory Body further requested that for the calls referred to in paragraph 13 above, the secretariat make additional efforts to reach out to a wider audience, such as academia, underrepresented regions, and relevant organizations or individuals with gender expertise to ensure that regional and gender balance can be considered in selecting members of the MEP and A6.4-AP. In this regard, the secretariat may launch other specific calls for experts, if necessary.

Agenda item 3. Matters related to the Article 6.4 mechanism

15. The Supervisory Body adopted the “Article 6.4 activity standard for projects”, the “Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects” and the “Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects”, as contained in [annex 4](#), [annex 5](#) and [annex 6](#), respectively, to this meeting report, and agreed to make them effective as from 1 January 2024.
16. The Supervisory Body adopted the revised “Standard: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism” and revised “Procedure: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in [annex 7](#) and [annex 8](#), respectively, to this meeting report, and agreed to make them effective from 1 January 2024.³ The revisions elaborate the requirements for addressing non-permanence risk and assessing and monitoring environmental and social impacts in the standard, add a form for an addendum to be used for submitting additional documentation as part of a transition request in the procedure, and make editorial improvements in both the standard and the procedure.
17. The Supervisory Body revised the draft “Procedure: Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in [annex 9](#) to this meeting report, for use for a call for public inputs, which is to be conducted after this meeting for four weeks with a view to adopting the procedure at its tenth meeting.
18. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to prepare a revised draft procedure, taking into account comments received from the call for inputs, and present it at the tenth meeting. The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to provide an analysis of the following issues and present it in conjunction with the revised draft procedure:
- (a) Issues related to fees, including implications on the accessibility to the appeal and grievance processes and different options for funding the appeal and grievance processes;
 - (b) Relations of the appeal and grievance processes with the existing measures for safeguarding integrity of Article 6.4 mechanism (A6.4) activities contained in the activity standard and the activity cycle procedure referred to in paragraph 15 above;
 - (c) How members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body can raise issues or concerns through processes other than the appeal and grievance processes;
 - (d) Options for limiting vexatious appeals and grievances;

³ The entry into force of this standard does not affect the process for submitting transition requests to the secretariat, which was made effective as of 30 June 2023.

- (e) How to manage multiple appeals or grievances are filed or submitted regarding the same activity or on the same ground across multiple A6.4 activities using the same methodology.
19. The Supervisory Body considered and provided guidance to the draft “Article 6.4 sustainable development tool”, as contained in [annex 10](#) to this report for use for a call for public inputs, which is to be conducted after this meeting for four weeks with a view to adopting the procedure at its tenth meeting.
20. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to prepare a revised draft sustainable development tool, taking into account comments received from the call for inputs, and present it at the tenth meeting.
21. The Supervisory Body adopted the “Article 6.4 accreditation standard” and the “Article 6.4 accreditation procedure”, as contained in [annex 11](#) and [annex 12](#), respectively, to this meeting report and requested the secretariat to implement the following subsequent works as proposed in annexes 11 and 12 to the annotated agenda:
- (a) Develop forms related to the Article 6.4 accreditation standard;
- (b) Revise the sectoral scopes as contained in appendix 2 to the Article 6.4 accreditation standard and present them to the Supervisory Body for consideration at a future meeting in 2024, once methodological requirements for activities involving removals and carbon capture storage under the Article 6.4 mechanism and related guidance are provided by the CMA and the Supervisory Body;
- (c) Prepare necessary arrangements, such as development of the necessary IT infrastructure for the process and preparation of accreditation-related procedures and forms, with the aim of operationalizing such arrangements by the end of the first quarter of 2024.
22. The Supervisory Body considered the concept note “Availability of Article 6.4 mechanism designated operational entities (DOEs)”, as contained in annex 13 to the annotations, and agreed to implement Option 1 as proposed in the concept note and requested the secretariat to implement the transition plan as proposed for Option 1. In this regard, the Supervisory Body further agreed to the following:
- (i) Clean development mechanism (CDM) DOEs are allowed to verify and certify the requests for issuance from transitioned activities as per the provisions specified in paragraphs 20, 29 and 30 of the “Standard for the transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism” (version 01.0) until 30 September 2025;
- (ii) Starting from 1 April 2024, all CDM DOEs may wish to apply for Article 6.4 initial accreditation assessments that are to be conducted in accordance with section 6 of the Article 6.4 accreditation procedure (version 01.0).
23. The Supervisory Body took note of the progress on the work on the implementation of the work programme on capacity-building for the Article 6.4 mechanism and requested the secretariat to further coordinate with other initiatives and to continue including the decisions of the Supervisory Body in the capacity building activities as well as updating on feedback provided at SB 007.
24. The Supervisory Body worked on the recommendation related to “Requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies, as contained in [annex 13](#) to

this report, and agreed to finalise the recommendation in an additional virtual meeting to forward them to the CMA.

25. The Supervisory Body worked on the recommendation related to “Activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism, as contained in annex 14 to this report, and agreed to finalise the recommendation in an additional virtual meeting to forward them to the CMA.
26. The Supervisory Body took note of developments and progress of work with regard to the operation of the Article 6.4 mechanism registry.
27. The Supervisory Body considered the concept note “Consideration of the gender action plan”, as contained in annex 17 to the annotations, and requested the secretariat to:
 - (a) Include gender considerations when establishing the requirements and processes necessary to operate the mechanism, where appropriate;
 - (b) Regularly report on gender-balanced representation and how the Supervisory Body has addressed gender considerations in their work in its annual report to the CMA.

Agenda item 4. Relation with stakeholders

28. The Supervisory Body took note that 64 designated national authorities were established as of 2 November 2023.
29. 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 15 to this report.
30. 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.⁴

Agenda item 5. Other matters

31. The Supervisory Body agreed to its tentative calendar of meetings for 2024, as contained in annex 16 to this report.
32. The Supervisory Body agreed to hold an additional virtual meeting between 8 and 17 November 2024 in order to finalize the recommendations to the CMA referred in paragraphs 23 and 24 above. It further agreed to the provisional agenda for this virtual ninth meeting, as contained in annex 17 to this report. The meeting will be transmitted via web.
33. The Supervisory Body agreed to the provisional agenda for its tenth meeting, to be held in Bonn, Germany, from 26 February to 1 March 2024, as contained in annex 18 to this report. The Supervisory Body agreed to a focused one-day strategy session during its tenth meeting.

⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/calls-for-input>.

Agenda item 6. Conclusion of the meeting

34. The Chair summarized the main conclusions.
35. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting can be accessed via on-demand broadcast.⁵

⁵ <https://unfccc-events.azureedge.net/Article64seventhmeeting>.

Annexes to the report

- Annex 1 - Information note: Preliminary workplan of the Supervisory Body 2024 (version 01.0)
- Annex 2 - Procedure: Terms of reference of Article 6.4 mechanism expert panels (version 01.0)
- Annex 3 - Procedure: Selection and performance evaluation of members of the expert panels under the Supervisory Body (version 01.0)
- Annex 4 - Standard: Article 6.4 mechanism activity standard for projects (version 01.0)
- Annex 5 - Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects (version 01.0)
- Annex 6 - Standard: Article 6.4 mechanism validation and verification standard for projects (version 01.0)
- Annex 7 - Standard: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism (version 02.0)
- Annex 8 - Procedure: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism (version 02.0)
- Annex 9 - Draft Procedure: Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism (version 02.0)
- Annex 10 - Draft Tool: Article 6.4 sustainable development tool (version 02.0)
- Annex 11 - Standard: Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation (version 01.0)
- Annex 12 - Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation (version 01.0)
- Annex 13 - Requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies
- Annex 14 - Activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism
- Annex 15 - Information note: List of registered observers at the eighth meeting of the Supervisory Body (version 01.0)
- Annex 16 - Information note: Tentative calendar of meetings for 2024
- Annex 17 - Provisional agenda: Supervisory Body virtual ninth meeting (version 01.0)
- Annex 18 - Provisional agenda: Supervisory Body tenth meeting (version 01.0)

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