

**A6.4-SB011**

## Meeting report

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# Eleventh meeting of the Article 6.4 mechanism Supervisory Body

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## Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

### Agenda item 1.1. Opening

- Ms. Maria AlJishi, Chair of the Supervisory Body of the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (Article 6.4 mechanism), opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met.
- The Supervisory Body noted that Mr. Manjeet Dhakal and Mr. Satyendra Kumar were unable to attend this meeting and had provided proper justification for their absence.
- The table below shows the attendance of members and alternate members at this meeting.<sup>1</sup>

**Table. Attendance**

Members	Presence	Alternates	Presence
Ms. Maria AlJishi <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Duan Maosheng <sup>b</sup>	Virtual
Mr. Benedict Chia <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Ms. Kristin Qui <sup>b</sup>	Virtual
Mr. Felipe De León Denegri <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Eduardo Calvo <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Tirivanhu Muhwati <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Imre Bányász <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Ms. Olga Gassan-zade <sup>b,1</sup>	In-person	VACANT <sup>b,1,2</sup>	
Mr. Felipe Ferreira <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Charles Hamilton <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Mr. Martin Hession <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Ms. Helen Finney <sup>b</sup>	Virtual
Mr. Gebru Jember <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Manjeet Dhakal <sup>a</sup>	Absent
Mr. Satyendra Kumar <sup>a</sup>	Absent	Mr. Daegyun Oh <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Ms. Molly Peters-Stanley <sup>a</sup>	Virtual	Ms. Angela Friedrich <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. Mkhuthazi Steleki <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Alick Muvundika <sup>a</sup>	In-person

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

<sup>(b)</sup> Term: two years, i.e. ending immediately before the first meeting in 2026.

<sup>1</sup> Nomination pending from the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement. Current member remains in office until nomination is received.

<sup>2</sup> Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze resigned effective 1 September 2023.

### Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

- The Supervisory Body adopted the agenda of the meeting, which was published as document A6.4-SB011-AA.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For detailed information on nominations and agreements made within each regional group please refer to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change election and membership page [here](#).

<sup>2</sup> See <https://unfccc-events.azureedge.net/Article64eleventhmeeting>.

## **Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters**

### **Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues**

5. The Supervisory Body noted the pending nominations received for the following seats:
  - (a) Mr. Felipe Ferreira and Mr. Charles Hamilton as member and alternate member respectively; and
  - (b) Mr. Martin Hession and Ms. Helen Finney as a member and alternate member respectively.

The Supervisory Body welcomed new members/alternate members and took note that their oaths of service were signed.

6. The Supervisory Body thanked the outgoing alternate member, Mr. Derrick Oderson, for the hard work and dedication during his tenure.
7. 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 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate (UNFCCC) website.<sup>3</sup>

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

8. The Supervisory Body welcomed Mr. Simon Stiell, the UNFCCC Executive Secretary, who reaffirmed the UNFCCC secretariat's support for the work of the Supervisory Body and the implementation of the A6.4 mechanism.
9. The Supervisory Body took note of the preparation of its annual report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its sixth session (CMA 6) to be considered at its thirteenth meeting. In this regard, the Supervisory Body requested the report to only focus on the work undertaken.
10. The Supervisory Body considered matters related to communications and outreach for the Article 6.4 mechanism. To avoid confusion with the acronym of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (i.e. the SBs), the Supervisory Body agreed to refer to itself using the acronym 'SBM', where "M" denotes 'of the Mechanism'.<sup>4</sup>
11. The Supervisory Body took note of the update on the status of its work, noting the changes in its workplan for 2024 and requested the secretariat to update the workplan to incorporate the mandates arising from this meeting for the next version of the workplan.

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<sup>3</sup> See [11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body \(SB 011\)](#).

<sup>4</sup> The change in the Supervisory Body's acronym to 'SBM' will alter the codification numbering of meeting documentation. The codification number will shift from A6.4-SBX to A6.4-SBMX, where 'X' represents the meeting number. This updated codification will be introduced starting with the documentation for meeting SB012 to maintain a consistent numbering system across all documents associated with the current meeting (SB011).

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12. The Supervisory Body approved the workplans of the Accreditation Expert Panel (AEP) and the Methodological Expert Panel (MEP) for 2024 as contained in [annex 1](#) and [annex 2](#) to this report, respectively, and took note of the meeting dates of the panels.<sup>5</sup>
  13. The Supervisory Body took note of the report of the first meeting of the AEP.<sup>6</sup> The report summarized the work of the AEP, including the selection of the Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation roster of experts.
  14. The Supervisory Body took note of the report of the first meeting of the MEP and approved the recommendations contained in the report.<sup>7</sup> The report summarized the work of the MEP, including the products related to (a) requirements for the methodologies, (b) activities involving removals, and (c) revision of clean development mechanism (CDM) methodologies and tools. The Supervisory Body further noted that the MEP will prioritize the delivery of products in accordance with the guidance provided by the Supervisory Body.<sup>8</sup>
  15. The Supervisory Body welcomed the update and took note of the status of implementation of the Article 6.4 Mechanism Resource Allocation Plan 2023.
  16. The Supervisory Body took note that 75 designated national authorities (DNAs) were established as of 2 May 2024, and 2 countries have submitted information on the fulfilment of the host Party participation requirements.<sup>9</sup>

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

17. The Supervisory Body considered the updated information note “Roles and responsibilities of host Parties”, as contained in annex 4 to the annotations, and requested the secretariat to prepare, based on the information note presented at this meeting, a comprehensive and user-friendly guide or manual that will take into account the views of host Party DNAs, for consideration of the Supervisory Body at its thirteenth meeting. The secretariat shall share the information note with host Party DNAs for their feedback and organize a consultation webinar as part of the regular interactions with the DNAs to solicit their feedback on the same matter.
18. The Supervisory Body adopted the draft procedure “Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in [annex 3](#) to this report. The Supervisory Body thanked all the stakeholders for their valuable inputs to the draft procedure.
19. In addition, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to elaborate a user-friendly explanatory note on the application of the adopted procedure “Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism” and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC website.

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<sup>5</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/accreditation-expert-panel-aep/meetings> and <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/mep/meetings>

<sup>6</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-AEP001.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-MEP001.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> Under Table 1.A and Table 2.2. of Information note: further work on the methodological products for the Article 6.4 mechanism contained in annex 5 of meeting report (A6.4-SB010-A05).

<sup>9</sup> See [https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/national-authorities#country\\_ItoQ](https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/national-authorities#country_ItoQ)

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20. The Supervisory Body considered the draft tool “Article 6.4 sustainable development tool (A6.4 SD tool)”, as contained in annex 6 to the annotations, and requested the secretariat to work further on the draft tool without the Appendix 1 in consultation with the informal working group for this matter, comprising its members and alternate members, between this meeting and the thirteenth meeting with the aim of adopting the draft tool at its thirteenth meeting.
  21. In this regard, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to launch a focused call for inputs on the draft tool “A6.4 SD tool”<sup>10</sup> without Appendix 1, for an exceptional period of two weeks, particularly from the CDM designated operational entities and the validation and verification bodies (VVBs) of other market mechanisms, to allow sufficient time for the secretariat and the informal working group on SD tool to consider these inputs. The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to prepare an information note summarizing how the comments received during the focused call for inputs are considered in the revised draft SD tool for consideration at its thirteenth meeting.
  22. The Supervisory Body also agreed that the safeguards criteria and guiding questions for specific type of activities, such as those covered in appendix 1 of the draft A6.4 SD tool referred to in paragraph 21 above, will be considered at a later stage.
  23. The Supervisory Body considered the concept note “Developments of activity standard (AS-PoA), validation and verification standard (VVS-PoA), and activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities” (ACP-PoA) as contained in annex 7 to the annotations as well as draft procedure “Activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities”, draft standard “Activity standard for programmes and activities” and draft standard “Validation and verification standard for programmes of activities”, as contained in annexes 8, 9 and 10 respectively to the annotations and provided guidance to the draft regulatory documents for programmes of activities (PoAs).
  24. The Supervisory Body agreed to launch a call for public input after this meeting on the draft procedure “Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities”, draft standard “Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities” and draft standard “Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities”, as contained in annexes 4, 5, and 6 respectively, to this meeting report and requested the secretariat to revise the drafts of the regulatory documents for PoAs, taking into account the public inputs received, for consideration by the Supervisory Body at its thirteenth meeting.
  25. The Supervisory Body also noted that the secretariat will be developing a glossary of terms containing common and key terms used in these documents for the ease of use of these documents.
  26. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare an information note on the possibility for incorporating a know-your-Customer (KYC) process within the A6.4 mechanism regulations for consideration at its fourteenth meeting.
  27. The Supervisory Body took note of the update on the status of the request for transition from the CDM and agreed to extend the deadline for authorized focal point entities to submit their complete final pending documentation, as referred to in the “Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism A6.4”<sup>11</sup>, for requests for transition until

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<sup>10</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-SB011-AA-06.pdf>

<sup>11</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-PROC-AC-001-v02.0.pdf>

- 4 November 2024. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to notify all relevant stakeholders of this extended deadline.
28. The Supervisory Body considered the draft procedure “A6.4 mechanism registry”, as contained in annex 11 to the annotations and requested the secretariat to evaluate and incorporate, where applicable, in the draft procedures for consideration at its thirteenth meeting, the following elements:
- (a) Transaction rules;
  - (b) Provisions for real-time transparency and interoperability of publicly accessible information based on best practices;
  - (c) Options for the fee schedule;
  - (d) Improvements to document consistency and references, including the necessary references to CMA 3 and CMA 4 guidance;
  - (e) Identification of areas pending guidance from the CMA and/or the Supervisory Body, as applicable;
  - (f) Tabular, graphical and other visual representations of the transaction rules, accounts and unit life cycles (including the treatment of MCUs and AERs) that are user-friendly.
29. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to provide information on elements of the Terms and Conditions for Users for consideration by the Supervisory Body at its thirteenth meeting.
30. The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to prepare an information note on the legal, technical and financial implications of providing functionality for the treatment of financial security interests in Article 6.4 emissions reductions (A6.4ERs) within the mechanism registry for consideration by the Supervisory Body at a future meeting. The Supervisory Body also agreed to launch a call for public input on this matter after this eleventh meeting and requested the secretariat to take these inputs into account when preparing the note.
31. The Supervisory Body considered an update on the preparation related to the engagement with Parties and stakeholders during the UNFCCC sessions in June 2024 in Bonn to facilitate the work on the documents developed by the Supervisory Body at its ninth meeting (i.e. A6.4-SB009-A01: “Requirements for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies” and A6.4-SB009-A02: “Activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism”) and provided guidance on its preparations.

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

32. The Supervisory Body took note of activities undertaken regarding DNAs namely the communication undertaken by the secretariat in relation to the transition from CDM, fulfilment of the host Party responsibilities, designation of the DNAs under the A6.4 mechanism, etc. In addition, it also noted the future planned engagement with DNA namely:
- (a) Webinar for Article 6.4 DNAs before sixtieth session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB 60) on recent developments, decisions of the Supervisory Body and time-sensitive issues;

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- (b) DNAs' interaction with the Supervisory Body before its thirteenth meeting;
- (c) Global DNA Forum in Q4 of 2024.
33. The Supervisory Body took note of the engagement with Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) and its Facilitative Working Group (FWG) and with the wider local communities and Indigenous Peoples stakeholders, and of the planned engagements, in particular the meeting between the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Body and the co-chairs of the FWG of the LCIPP and a webinar planned with wider local communities and Indigenous Peoples stakeholders prior to its thirteenth meeting. The Supervisory Body agreed to consider this matter at a future meeting, including the possibility to hold an interaction with local communities and Indigenous Peoples at CMA 6.
34. The Supervisory Body took note of an update on the capacity-building activities related to A6.4 mechanism. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare an overview plan covering the different capacity building activities undertaken under the Article 6.4 mechanism for its information at its fourteenth meeting. Furthermore, the Supervisory Body also highlighted the need for enhanced visibility through the website, improved communication/training products, including videos, and consistent feedback from countries on their priority deliverables. In addition, the Supervisory Body also suggested that the secretariat coordinate its efforts with other relevant entities while deploying capacity-building activities, including through the website, if possible.
35. 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 their interaction. The list of registered observers to this meeting is contained in annex 7 to this report.
36. 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>12</sup>
37. The Supervisory Body considered the following unsolicited letters:
- (a) Two from Parties and groups of Parties: Honduras (on behalf of the Coalition of Rainforest Nations) and Zambia;
- (b) One from a UNFCCC constituted body: a letter from the co-chairs of the Standing Committee on Finance; and
- (c) Two from other stakeholders: C-Quest Capital and 44 moles.

The Supervisory Body agreed to respond to these letters in accordance with the procedure "Consideration of unsolicited letters to the Supervisory Body".

## Agenda item 5. Other matters

38. The Supervisory Body agreed to the provisional agendas for its twelfth and thirteenth meetings, to be held virtually, from 22 to 23 May 2024, and in Bonn from 15 to 18 July 2024, respectively, as contained in annex 8 and annex 9 to this report.

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<sup>12</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/calls-for-input>.



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

39. The Chair summarized the main conclusions.
40. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting can be accessed via on-demand broadcast.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> <https://unfccc-events.azureedge.net/Article64eleventhmeeting>.

## Annexes to the report

- Annex 1 - Workplan of the Accreditation Expert Panel 2024 (version 01.0)
- Annex 2 - Workplan of the Methodological Expert Panel 2024 (version 01.0)
- Annex 3 - Procedure: Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism (version 01.0)
- Annex 4 - Draft Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities (version 02.0)
- Annex 5 - Draft Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities (version 02.0)
- Annex 6 - Draft Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities (version 02.0)
- Annex 7 - Information note: List of registered observers at the eleventh meeting of the Supervisory Body (version 01.0)
- Annex 8 - Provisional agenda: 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Supervisory Body (version 01.0)
- Annex 9 - Provisional agenda: 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Supervisory Body (version 01.0)

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