Call for experts serving for both the appeal and grievance processes of the Article 6.4 mechanism

1. Introduction

- 1. The Supervisory Body at its eleventh meeting (SBM 011) adopted "<u>Procedure: Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism</u>" and paved the way for the establishment of the roster of experts serving for both the appeal and grievance processes. This call is open to the experts who are interested in enrolling on the roster of experts serving for both the appeal and grievance processes of the Article 6.4 mechanism.
- 2. The duration of the call is for four weeks starting from 21/02/2025 until 21/03/2025, 23:00 CET.
- 3. Please read the "<u>Procedure: Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism</u>" to know more about the composition of the roster of experts, term of service, duties and expectations from experts on the roster, and organisation of the panels.

2. Minimum requirements:

- 4. Ability to communicate effectively in English, both in writing and orally. A working knowledge of other United Nations languages is desirable.
- 5. Experience in international law and administrative law with the knowledge of carbon markets, environmental and socioeconomic fields, and scientific fields relevant to climate change.

Composition of the roster of experts and term of service

- 6. The roster of experts shall comprise 30 experts, serving for both the appeal and grievance processes in accordance with the above-mentioned procedure.
- 7. The secretariat shall appoint experts on the roster initially for a period of four years for 15 experts and for a period of two years for the remaining 15 experts to ensure continuity. Thereafter, the secretariat shall appoint all experts for a period of four years. Experts on the roster shall remain under appointment until their successors are appointed.

4. Duties and expectations from experts on the roster

- 8. Experts on the roster shall perform duties and exercise authority in an honourable, independent, impartial and conscientious manner as follows:
 - (a) They shall serve in their personal capacity and shall enjoy full independence in performing their duties;
 - (b) They shall observe at all times and from the date of their appointment the highest standards of ethical conduct in the performance of their duties and functions. Such duties and functions shall be performed in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the above-mentioned procedure;

- (c) They shall treat all persons involved in the appeal and grievance processes under the above-mentioned procedure with dignity and respect, and conduct themselves in line with the values of the United Nations;
- (d) They shall not abuse their authority or directly or indirectly accept, offer or provide any gift, advantage or reward that can be reasonably perceived as intended to influence the performance of their functions or their independence;
- (e) They shall not engage in any form of discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment:
- 9. Experts on the roster shall avoid actual, potential and perceived conflicts of interest and shall:
 - (a) Declare any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest at the appointment as members of the appeal or grievance panel for a specific case;
 - (b) Refrain from participating in the appeal or grievance panel for a specific case, in relation to which they have an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest:
 - (c) Refrain from behaviour that may be incompatible with the requirements of independence and impartiality.
- 10. Experts on the roster shall have no pecuniary or financial interest in any aspect of the Article 6.4 activity, the validating or verifying designated operational entity (DOE) or any matters considered by the appeal or grievance panel for a specific case.
- 11. Experts on the roster shall ensure confidentiality in line with relevant best practices and decisions of the CMA and the Supervisory Body.
- 12. Experts on the roster shall take a written oath of service, witnessed by the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC or his/her authorized representative when accepting the appointment on the roster, that he or she shall be independent and impartial, shall avoid direct or indirect conflicts of interest and shall respect the confidentiality of the appeal and grievance proceedings. Electronic submission of the signed oath of service by experts on the roster is sufficient to fulfil the requirements of these terms of reference.
- 13. An expert on the roster shall not be a member or alternate member of the Supervisory Body, or a member or employee of its support structure, DOE or designated national authority.
- 14. An expert on the roster may resign from the roster by notifying the secretariat. The resignation shall take effect immediately.
- 15. The secretariat may suspend an expert on the roster in the event of breach of the above requirements.

5. Organization of panels

16. In accordance with the procedure, for each appeal filed or grievance submitted for which the secretariat successfully concluded the completeness check, the secretariat shall establish an appeal or grievance panel by appointing three experts from the roster, including one of them as the chair of the panel.

6. Renumeration

17. Members of an appeal or grievance panel shall be remunerated for their duties in the panel in accordance with the United Nations rules and regulations.

7. Application to the roster of experts

18. Please apply to the roster of experts via the following <u>SurveyMonkey link</u>, to ensure that P11 form* is up to date and uploaded into the <u>UNFCCC HR portal</u>;

*The P11 form should be completed and generated prior to finalizing the application form. Applicants can generate the P11 form via the UNFCCC HR portal.

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