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Information note

Draft workplan of the Supervisory Body
2025

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1. Procedural background

1. The Supervisory Body, at its fourteenth meeting (SBM 014), agreed to the preliminary workplan for 2025, noting that an adjusted workplan will be considered for approval by the Supervisory Body at its fifteenth meeting (SBM 015), taking into account outcomes from SBM 014 and guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its sixth session.

2. Purpose

2. The 2025 workplan of the Supervisory Body provides an overview of the issues for consideration at each meeting throughout the year and identifies specific activities arising from the mandates of the CMA. This facilitates strategic planning for the Supervisory Body, ensuring an even distribution of workload and efficient utilization of meeting time.

3. Key issues and proposed solutions

3. The workplan for 2025 provides information regarding products and their development stages to be considered by the Supervisory Body. The development stage indicates the actions to be taken by the Supervisory Body as listed in table 1 below:

Table 1. Product development stage

| Stage of development (not category of document) | Definition of stage | Action by the Supervisory Body |
|---|--|--|
| Concept | Presents a proposal and a recommended course of action regarding a specific regulatory matter. Its purpose is to solicit feedback and guidance from the regulatory body. | Provide direction |
| Draft | Presents a preliminary version of a regulation, subject to revisions and updates by the regulatory body before it becomes the final version. | Comment on initial draft |
| Final | Presents a completed draft regulation, representing the end product pending approval by the regulatory body. | Adopt final version/decision |
| Info | A document, presentation or item intended to inform or update the regulatory body without necessitating any action or decision-making on their part. | Take note, no decision required (reports, updates) |

4. Table 2 below provides an overview of the proposed workplan of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body for 2025, which is based on the agreed “Article 6.4 mechanism two-year business and resource allocation plan 2024–2025” (A6.4-INFO-GOV-007).¹ References to previous mandates of the Supervisory Body and/or CMA are also included in the table.

¹ See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-INFO-GOV-007.pdf>.

5. Changes or additions to the preliminary workplan agreed at SBM 014 are highlighted in yellow. The workplan will be adjusted according to decisions taken by the Supervisory Body at its first meeting in 2025, including at its one-day strategy session.
6. To ensure efficient use of time for substantive discussions during meetings, the Supervisory Body may request members and alternate members to work on specific products between meetings. Additionally, some products listed in the workplan may not require discussion during the meetings, depending on the information provided to the Body beforehand.
7. The regular review and updating of the workplan will ensure efficiency and transparency of the decision-making process and facilitate the management of the Supervisory Body's workload, subsequent work and timelines
8. The secretariat will include any new mandates arising from the meetings and will provide an update on the status of work at each meeting of the Body.

4. Recommendations to the Supervisory Body

The secretariat recommends that the Supervisory Body approve the workplan for 2025 and provide comments, as appropriate.

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1. Workplan 2025 of the Supervisory Body

1. Table 1 below provides an overview of the workplan of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body for 2025.

Table 1. Supervisory Body workplan 2025

| Area | Sub-area | Activity | Product | 2025 | | | | Mandates and comments |
|------------|------------------|---|--|---------|----------------------|----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | SBM 015 | SBM 016 | SBM 017 | SBM 018 | |
| Governance | Supervisory Body | Organize Supervisory Body meetings | Selection of Chair/Vice Chair for SB, including chairs and vice-chairs of panels | Final | | | | Decision 3/CMA.3, annex, para. 18 |
| | | | Calendar of meetings | Final | | | Draft | |
| | | | Supervisory Body report to CMA | | Concept ² | Final | | Decision 3/CMA.3, annex, para. 24(d) |
| | | | Interaction with observers | Info | Info | Info | Info | |
| | | Develop and implement workplan | SBM workplan 2025 | Final | Info | Info | Info | SBM 014 report para. 11 |
| | | | AEP workplan 2025 | Final | | | | |
| | | | MEP workplan 2025 | Final | | | | |
| | | Develop Resource and Allocation plan for 2026-2027 | Resource and Allocation plan for 2026-2027 | | | Draft Final | Final | |
| | | Carbon markets and carbon crediting standards | Update and analysis of standards | | | | Info | |
| | | Support the forum on response measures (Product to be included once/if request is received) | | | | | | Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 12 |

² This product may be a presentation made to the Supervisory Body.

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| | | | | SBM 015 | SBM 016 | SBM 017 | SBM 018 | |
| Governance (cont.) | Supervisory Body (cont.) | Special circumstances of least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) | Implementation of the requirements in relation to the LDCs and SIDS | | | Info ³ | | SBM 007 report para. 11 Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 5(f) |
| | | Engagement with Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) | Engagement with LCIPP | | Info | | | Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 5(h) |
| | | Consider gender action plan | Gender action plan | | | Info ² | | SBM 006 report, para. 36 Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 5(i) |
| | | Strategy session | Strategic discussion | Info | | | | |
| | | Communications and outreach | Update on the implementation of the communications strategy | Info | | | | SBM 008 report para. 9 SBM 005 report para. 7 |
| | | | Side events | | | | Info | |
| | | Outcome of the panel meetings | Update on the panel meetings | Info ¹ | Info ¹ | Info ¹ | Info ¹ | |
| | | Establishment of panels | Selection of panel members | | | | Final | SBM 010 report, para 18 SBM 008 report, para 10 |
| | | Establishment of MEP panel | Selection of panel members for MEP and its reinforcement | Final | | | | SBM 014 report para. 14-15 SBM 010 report, para 18 SBM 008 report, para 10 |
| | Designated Operational Entities (DOEs) | Designated Operational Entities (DOEs) | Interaction with the DOE/AIE Coordination forum | Info | Info | Info | Info | Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders |

³ Included in the annual report to the CMA.

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| | | | | SBM 015 | SBM 016 | SBM 017 | SBM 018 | |
| Governance (cont.) | Host Parties | National authorities and host Parties | Interaction with the Article 6.4 DNA Forum Co-Chairs | | Info | | Info | Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders |
| | | | Designation of national authorities (DNAs) | Info | Info | Info | Info | Decision 3/CMA.3, annex para. 26(c) |
| | | | DNA related activities | | Info | | | |
| | | | Roles and responsibilities of host Parties in various stages of the activity cycle | Draft manual | | Info | | SBM 013 report para 11 SBM 011 report para. 17 SBM 010 report para. 23 SBM 007 report para. 18 Decision 3/CMA.3, para 7(a) |
| | Appeal and grievance | Appeal and grievance processes | Consideration of appeal and grievance cases | | Final | Final | Final | Procedure: Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism |
| Activity cycle | Regulations | Structured review of regulations | | Concept | Draft | Draft | Final | SBM 014 report para 22 SBM 010 report para 35-36 |
| | | Relation to Stakeholders | Glossary of terms | Draft | Final | Draft | Final | SBM 011 report para 25 |
| | | | Possibility for incorporating a Know-Your-Customer (KYC) process within the Article 6.4 mechanism regulations | Info | | | | SBM 011 report para 26 |
| | | Revision of the Transition Procedure | Procedure: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism | Final | | | | Decision -/CMA.6 AV |

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| | | | | SBM 015 | SBM 016 | SBM 017 | SBM 018 | |
| Activity cycle (cont.) | Regulations (cont.) | Revision of the Transition Standard | Standard: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism | Final | | | | Decision -/CMA.6 AV |
| | | Revision of the ACP | Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects | Final | | | | Decision -/CMA.6 AV |
| | | Revision of the ACP-PoA | Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities | Final | | | | Decision -/CMA.6 AV |
| | | Revision of the Article 6.4 activity standard for Projects | Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects | | Draft | Final | | Decision -/CMA.6 AV |
| | | Revision of the Article 6.4 activity standard for PoAs | Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities | | Draft | Final | | Decision -/CMA.6 AV |
| | | Revision of the Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects | Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects | | | Draft | Final | Decision -/CMA.6 AV |
| | | Revision of the Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for PoAs | Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities | | | Draft | Final | Decision -/CMA.6 AV |
| | | Develop Sustainable development tool | Revision of the Article 6.4 SD Tool taking into account specific types of activity | | | Info | | SBM 014 report para 23 SBM 013 report para 14-16 SBM 011 report para 20-22 SBM 010 report para. 29 and 30 SBM 008 report paras 19, 20 Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 5(c) |
| Accreditation | | Revision of the A6.4 accreditation standards | | | | | Final | |
| | | Revision of the A6.4 accreditation procedure | | | | | Final | |

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| | | | | SBM 015 | SBM 016 | SBM 017 | SBM 018 | |
| Registry | Regulations (cont.) | Develop Article 6.4 mechanism registry requirements and modalities of its operation | Operational procedure of the Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism registry incl. options for the fee schedule | Final | | | | SBM 013 report para 18-20 SBM 011 report para. 28-29 SBM 010 report para. 31 SBM 006 report para. 25 Decision 3/CMA.3, annex, paras. 55, 58-61, 63-65 |
| | | | Terms and conditions for the authorized account holders | Draft | Draft | | | SBM 013 report para 21 SBM 011 para. 28-29 |
| | | | Roles and responsibilities for Party account holders | Draft | | | | SBM 013 report para 21 |
| | | | Analysis of the pros and cons related to framing users' rights with regard to control versus confirming ownership of account holdings | Info | | | | SBM 013 report para 21 |
| | | | 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 | Info | | | | SBM 011 report para. 30 |
| | | Voluntary cancellation platform | | | Concept | | | SBM 013 report para 22 SBM 006 report para. 27 |

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| | | | | SBM 015 | SBM 016 | SBM 017 | SBM 018 | |
| Entity assessment | Process operation | Consideration of cases ⁴ | | Final | Final | Final | Final | Procedure: Article 6.4 accreditation |
| Activity assessment | | Consideration of transitioning cases | | Final | Final | Final | Final | Procedure: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism |
| | | Registration & issuance cases | | Final | Final | Final | Final | Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects and programme of activities |
| Methodologies | Products related to requirements for methodologies and activities involving removals | Work related to requirements for methodologies | Various standards, tools and concept notes (see table 2) (recommended through MEP report) | Final | Final | Final | Final | SBM 014 report para 24-27 SBM 010 report para. 33, annex 5 SBM 004 report para. 21 and annex 3 Decision 7/CMA.4, para. 20 and 21 Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 6(c) and 6(d) |
| | | Work related to requirements for activities involving removals | Various standards and concept notes (see table 2) (recommended through MEP report) | Final | Final | Final | Final | |
| | Top-down development of methodologies/ tools | Revision of CDM methodologies/tools | Various top-down methodologies and tools (see table 2) (recommended through MEP report) | Final | Final | Final | Final | SBM 014 report para 24-27 SBM 010 report para. 33, annex 5 SBM 004 report para. 21, and annex 3 Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 5(b) |

⁴ Pending outcome of the AEP, refer to AEP workplan 2025.

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| | Bottom-up development of methodologies / tools | Processing of new methodologies/tools, requests for revision, and requests for clarification | Proposed new methodologies/tools, requests for revision, and requests for clarification submitted by proponents (recommended through MEP report) | Final | Final | Final | Final | Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools SBM 014 report para 24-27 |
| | | Further work on the methodological products for the Article 6.4 mechanism | Update of the information note "Further work on the methodological products for the Article 6.4 mechanism" | Info | | | | SBM 014 report para 29 |
| Capacity building | | Implementation of the capacity-building programme | Update of capacity-building programme | | Info | | Info | SBM 008 report para. 23 SBM 004 report para. 30 Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 14 |

Table 2. Products related to methodologies

| Activity | List of products |
|---|--|
| Work related to requirements for methodologies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard: Baselines and downward adjustment, and standardized baselines - Standard: Suppressed demand - Standard: Additionality - Tool: Investment Analysis - Standard: Leakage - Concept note: Large scale crediting Programmes - Concept note: Equitable sharing of mitigation benefits - Concept note: Taking account of policies and measures, and relevant circumstances - Concept note: Transboundary activities - Simplified approaches for additionality (upon request) - Concept note: Possible exceptions to the application of paragraph 43(b) of the methodologies standard |
| Work related to requirements for activities involving removals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard: Addressing non permanence/reversals including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Post-crediting period monitoring, reporting, and remediation of reversals, post reversal action, and host Party roles; b. Late, incomplete or missing monitoring report submissions, and treatment of activities for which a reversal results in a removals level that falls below baseline c. Reversal risk assessment d. Avoidable and unavoidable reversals, and reversal compensation - Concept note: Applicability of removal guidance to emission reductions activities and vice versa |
| Revision of CDM methodologies/tools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACM0002: Grid connected electricity generation from renewable sources - AMS-I.D.: Grid connected renewable electricity generation - AMS-I.C.: Thermal energy production with or without electricity - ACM0001: Flaring or use of landfill gas - AMS-II.G.: Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass - AMS-I.E: Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user - Tool: Emission factor for an electricity system - Tool: Project or leakage CO2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion - Tool: Baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption and monitoring of electricity generation - Tool: Project and leakage emissions from biomass - Tool: Remaining lifetime of equipment - Tool: Emissions from solid waste disposal sites - Tool: Project emissions from flaring - Tool: Determining the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems - Tool: Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight |

| Activity | List of products |
|----------|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tool: Mass flow of a greenhouse gas in a gaseous stream - Tool: Calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass - Standard: Sampling and Surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities - Guidelines: Sampling and Surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities - Tool: Default values for common parameters |

Table 3. Supervisory Body draft workplan 2025 number of items^(a)

| Numbers of items | 2025 | | | |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | SBM 015 | SBM 016 | SBM 017 | SBM 018 |
| Concept | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Draft | 2 4 | 4 1 | 1 2 | 1 |
| Final | 15 14 | 7 8 | 10 8 | 10 |
| Info | 9 8 | 8 | 9 8 | 9 7 |
| Total | 27 24 | 21 19 | 20 18 | 20 18 |

(a) Total of items: 88 79

2. Regular reports to the Supervisory Body

9. The secretariat will regularly prepare reports on activities and performance for consideration by the Supervisory Body. General public documents will be published on the UNFCCC website, whereas confidential information relating to these reports will be provided to the Supervisory Body through other means as necessary.
10. Any member or alternate member of the Supervisory Body may request to discuss a specific report at the upcoming meeting after its publication, taking into account the deadline specified by the rules of procedure of the Supervisory Body.
11. The list of regular reports, detailed in table 4 below, will be regularly updated, and any new reports, mandated by the SBM, will be added. These regular reports will be available on the UNFCCC website.

Table 4. Regular reports to the Supervisory Body

| | Frequency |
|---|------------|
| SBM Article 6.4 mechanism resource and allocation plan (RAP) implementation status report review reports | Biannually |
| Annual Stakeholder communications report to the SBM | Yearly |
| DOE performance report | Yearly |

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