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Information note

Workplan of the Methodological Expert Panel 2025

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1. Introduction

1. The support structure of the Supervisory Body (SBM) of the Article 6.4 mechanism consisting of the Accreditation Expert Panel (AEP) and Methodological Expert Panel (MEP), is established under the Supervisory Body to assist in the performance of its functions related to the accreditation system and methodological issues concerning Article 6.4 mechanism activities.
2. The mandates of the panels are determined by their terms of reference, the rules of procedure of the Supervisory Body, and additional guidance provided by the Supervisory Body.
3. The 2025 workplan of the MEP outlines the expected tasks / products for consideration at each meeting throughout the year in support of the work of the Supervisory Body. It has been developed within the context of the Article 6.4 mechanism's two-year business and resource allocation plan 2024–2025¹ and the "Information note: Further work on the methodological products"² as considered by the Supervisory Body at its 15th meeting (SBM 015). The workplan includes routine operational activities as well as mandates from the Supervisory Body.

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¹ Information note: Article 6.4 mechanism two-year business and resource allocation plan 2024–2025 (A6.4-INFO-GOV-007). Available at <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-INFO-GOV-007.pdf>

² This information note is considered at SBM 015 meeting, as annex 8 to the SBM 015 meeting's annotations, available at <https://unfccc.int/event/Supervisory-Body-15>.

2. Methodological Expert Panel workplan 2025

Table 1. Methodological Expert Panel workplan 2025

Activity	Product	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007	SBM consideration	Comments and mandates
Work related to requirements for methodologies	Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies (without the requirements for the standardized baselines)	Recommendation				SBM 015	SBM 010 meeting report paragraph 33 and annex 5 ³ .
	Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies (with the requirements for the standardized baselines addressing mandates received from SBM015)		Input	Input + Launch call for public input for the requirements for the standardized baselines	Input / Recommendation	SBM 018	
	Standard: Suppressed demand	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Input / Recommendation	SBM 018	

³ Information note: Further work on the methodological products for the Article 6.4 mechanism (A6.4-INFO-METH-001). Available at <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-INFO-METH-001.pdf>

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Activity	Product	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007	SBM consideration	Comments and mandates
	Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies (without the requirements for investment analysis)	Recommendation				SBM 015	
Work related to requirements for methodologies (cont.)	Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies (addressing mandates received from SBM015 with the requirements for investment analysis)	Input	Input Input+ Launch call for public input on the requirements for investment analysis	Input + Launch call for public input for the requirements for the standardized baselines Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	SBM 017 ⁸	
	Tool: Investment analysis		Input	Input+ Launch call for public input on the requirements for investment analysis	Recommendation	SBM 018	
	Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies	Input + Launch call for public input	Input / Recommendation	Recommendation		SBM 016 SBM 017	
	Concept note: Large-scale crediting programmes		Input	Input+ Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 018	

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Activity	Product	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007	SBM consideration	Comments and mandates
	Concept note: Taking account of policies and measures, and relevant circumstances		Input	Input+Launch call for public input	InputRecommendation	SBM meeting in 2026SBM 018	
	Concept note: Transboundary activities		Input	Input+Launch call for public input	InputRecommendation	SBM 018SBM meeting in 2026	
Work related to removals	Concept note: Applicability of removal guidance to emission reductions activities and vice versa	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 017 SBM 018	SBM 010 meeting report paragraph 33 and annex 5 (A6.4-SB-10-A05 ⁴).

⁴ See footnote 3 above.

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Activity	Product	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007	SBM consideration	Comments and mandates
Work related to removals (<i>cont.</i>)	Standard: Addressing non-permanence / reversals including: 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 removals level that falls below baseline; c. Reversal risk assessment; and d. Avoidable and unavoidable reversals, and reversal compensation	Input	Input+ Launch call for public input	Input / Recommendation	Recommendation	SBM 017 SBM 018	SBM 014 meeting report paragraph 26.

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Activity	Product	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007	SBM consideration	Comments and mandates
	<p>Tool: Reversal risk assessment including:</p> <p>a. Whether upper limits are needed in respect of the risk rating (overall) or specific risk factors (within the tool), including options and science-based rationales for upper limit(s);</p> <p>b. Risk rating that constitutes a negligible risk;</p> <p>c. Any further categorization of risk; and</p> <p>d. How remediation measures are taken into account in the risk assessment tool.</p>		Input	Input+ Launch call for public input	Input / Recommendation	SBM 018	
Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines	ACM0002: Grid connected electricity generation from renewable sources AMS-I.D.: Grid connected renewable electricity generation	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 017	

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Activity	Product	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007	SBM consideration	Comments and mandates
	Tool to calculate emission factor for an electricity system	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 017	
	AMS-I.C.: Thermal energy production with or without electricity		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 018	
	ACM0001: Flaring or use of landfill gas	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 017	
	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	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 017	
	Tool to calculate project or leakage CO2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 017	

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Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines (cont.)	Tool for Baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption and monitoring of electricity generation		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 018	
	Tool for Project and leakage emissions from biomass		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 018	
	Tool to calculate remaining lifetime of equipment		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 018	
	Tool on Emissions from solid waste disposal sites		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 018	
	Tool on Project emissions from flaring		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 018	
	Tool for Determining the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 018	
	Tool on Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 018	

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Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines (cont.)	Tool to determine the mass flow of a greenhouse gas in a gaseous stream		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 018	
	Tool for calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass (building on work conducted by CDM EB to review fNRB values and the calculation method)	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 017	
	Tool for Default values for common parameters		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	SBM 018	
	Standard: Sampling and Surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities and Guidelines: Sampling and Surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 017	

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Activity	Product	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007	SBM consideration	Comments and mandates
Inputs to concept note on the development of type-specific safeguard elements and criteria for other types of activities	Tool: Article 6.4 sustainable development tool		Input	Input	Input	SBM 018	SBM 014 meeting report paragraph 23
Possible exceptions to the application of paragraph 43(b) of the methodologies standard	Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologiesConcept note: Possible exceptions to the application of paragraph 43(b) of the methodologies standard		Input / Recommendation Input	Input / Recommendation Input + Launch call for public input	Input / Recommendation Recommendation	SBM 016 SBM 017 SBM 018SBM 018	SBM 014 meeting report paragraph 27
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		Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	SBM 016 SBM 017 SBM 018	

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Processing of simplified approaches for additionality	Simplified approaches for additionality		Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	SBM 016 SBM 017 SBM 018	Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools; and Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardised baselines
Glossary of terms	Glossary of terms		Input	Input	Input	SBM 018	SBM 015 meeting report paragraph xx.

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Table 2. Methodological Expert Panel workplan 2025 number of items ^(a)

Numbers of items	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007
Input	112	310	244	1105
Launch call for public input	01	089	17	00
Recommendation	02	043	12	210
Total	145	432	530	3325

^(a) Total of items 2025: 1432

Table 3. Legend

Legend	
Input	Input by the MEP on the draft documents (concept notes, standards, tools) for the Supervisory Body's consideration prepared by the MEP or by the MEP and the secretariat jointly (based on the mandate from the Supervisory Body)
Launch call for public input	The MEP launches the call for public input as per the procedure ⁵
Recommendation	Recommendation to the Supervisory Body (final recommendation, e.g. approval or rejection of new/revised methodologies, tools, standardized baselines)

Document information

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⁵ Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools (A6.4-PROC-METH-001). Available at <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-PROC-METH-001.pdf>