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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.
4. ~~The revised MEP workplan for 2025 was approved by the SBM 016.~~
5. The secretariat will update the workplan to include any new mandates from the Supervisory Body.

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/sites/default/files/resource/A64-SBM015-AA-A08.pdf>.

2. Methodological Expert Panel workplan 2025

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Activity	Product	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007	MEP 008	MEP 009	MEP 009 MEP 010	SBM consideration	Comments and mandates
Work related to requirements for methodologies	Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies	Input	Recommendation					Input	SBM 016 SBM meeting in 2026	SBM 010 meeting report paragraph 33 and annex 5 (A6.4-SB-10-A05 ³).
	Standard: Suppressed demand	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation				SBM 017	
	Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies	Recommendation		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		Input	SBM 015 SBM 018 SBM meeting in 2026	
	Tool: Common practice analysis		Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Input + Launch call for public input Recommendation		Recommendation	SBM 019 SBM 018	SBM 015 meeting report paragraph 39.
	Tool: Lock-in risk analysis		Input	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input		Recommendation	SBM 019 SBM 020	
	Concept note: Potential issues arising from the funding of Article 6.4 activities			Input	Input	Input		Input	SBM meeting in 2026	
	Tool: Investment analysis		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input	Input + Launch call for public input		Recommendation	SBM 017 SBM 020	
	Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation						SBM 016	

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>.

Activity	Product	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007	MEP 008	MEP 009	MEP 009 MEP 010	SBM conside- ration	Comments and mandates
Work related to requirements for methodologies (cont.)	Concept note: Large-scale crediting programmes			Input	Input	Input		Input	SBM meeting in 2026	
	Concept note: Taking account of policies and measures, and relevant circumstances			Input	Input	Input		Input	SBM meeting in 2026	
	Concept note: Transboundary activities			Input	Input	Input		Input	SBM meeting in 2026	
Cross-cutting	Concept note: Applicability of removal guidance to emission reductions activities and vice versa		Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Input Recommendation	Input + Launch call for public input		Recommendation	SBM 019 SBM 017	SBM 010 meeting report paragraph 33 and annex 5 (A6.4-SB-10-A05 ⁴).

⁴ See footnote 3 above.

Activity	Product	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007	MEP 008	MEP 009	MEP 009 MEP 010	SBM conside- ration	Comments and mandates
Work related to removals	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; d. Avoidable and unavoidable reversals, and reversal compensation	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation			SBM 018	SBM 014 meeting report paragraph 26.
Work related to removals (cont.)	Concept note: Options for the implementation of paragraph 62 of the "Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism"							input	SBM meeting in 2026	SBM017 meeting report paragraph 16

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Work related to removals (cont.)	Tool: Reversal risk assessment including: 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); b. Risk rating that constitutes a negligible risk; c. Any further categorization of risk; d. How remediation measures are taken into account in the risk assessment tool.		Input	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input		Recommendation Input + Launch call for public input	SBM 019 SBM meeting in 2026	
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	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 018 SBM 019	
	Tool: Emission factor for an electricity system	Input	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 018 SBM 019	
	AMS-I.C.: Thermal energy production with or without electricity			Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input		Recommendation Input	SBM 019 SBM meeting in 2026	
	ACM0001: Flaring or use of landfill gas	Input	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 018 SBM 019	
	Tool on Emissions from solid waste disposal sites		Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 018 SBM 019	

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Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines (cont.)	Tool on Project emissions from flaring		Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 018 SBM 019	
	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	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input		Input	SBM 018 SBM meeting in 2026	
	Tool to calculate project or leakage CO ₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion	Input	Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 018 SBM 019	
	Tool for Baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption and monitoring of electricity generation			Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 018 SBM 019	
	Tool for Project and leakage emissions from biomass				Input	Input		Input	SBM meeting in 2026	
	Tool to calculate remaining lifetime of equipment				Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	Input	SBM meeting in 2026 SBM 019	
	Tool for Determining the baseline efficiency of thermal or electric energy generation systems				Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation	Input	SBM meeting in 2026 SBM 019	
	Tool on Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight				Input	Input		Input	SBM meeting in 2026	
	Tool to determine the mass flow of a greenhouse gas in a gaseous stream		Input	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation		SBM 018 SBM 019	

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Work on revision of CDM methodologies / methodological tools / Standard / Guidelines (cont.)	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	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input		Input	SBM 018 SBM meeting in 2026	
	Tool for Default values for common parameters				Input	Input		Input	SBM meeting in 2026	
	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	Input	Input + Launch call for public input	Recommendation Input		Input	SBM 018 SBM meeting in 2026	
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				SBM 017	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 methodologies				Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation		Input / Recommendation	SBM 017 SBM 018 SBM 020	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		Input / Recommendation	SBM 017 SBM 018 SBM 020	Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools; and Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardised baselines
Processing of simplified approaches for additionality	Simplified approaches for additionality			Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation	Input / Recommendation		Input / Recommendation	SBM 017 SBM 018 SBM 020	
Glossary of terms	Glossary of terms					Input			SBM 018	

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

Numbers of items	MEP 004	MEP 005	MEP 006	MEP 007	MEP 008	MEP 009	MEP 009 MEP 010
Input	11	17	27 13	29 18	47 18	0	42 17
Launch call for public input	1	0	4 2	44 2	4 12	0	9 1
Recommendation	1	2	2 0	5	46 5	10	7 5
Total	13	19	33 15	45 25	37 35	10	49 23

^(a) Total of items 2025: ~~466~~ 140

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)

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>.

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