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Information note

Preliminary workplan of the Supervisory Body 2026

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COVER NOTE

1. Procedural background

1. At its first meeting in 2026, the Supervisory Body will approve its annual workplan. To support this process, the present document contains a preliminary workplan outlining indicative timelines for the products to be considered and the actions to be undertaken by the Supervisory Body at each of its meetings in the forthcoming year.

2. Purpose

2. The preliminary 2026 workplan provides an overview of the issues to be considered by the Supervisory Body at each meeting during the year. It is intended to facilitate the planning of the Supervisory Body's work over the course of the year, thereby ensuring a balanced distribution of workload and the efficient use of meeting time.

3. Key issues and proposed solutions

3. The preliminary 2026 workplan has been prepared taking into account the following considerations:
 - (a) The preliminary workplan for 2026 has been developed in accordance with the approved Business and Resource Allocation Plan 2026–2027;
 - (b) The assumption that the Supervisory Body will hold four meetings in 2026 with a duration of four days each, allowing sufficient time between meetings for the preparation of deliverables and thereby ensuring a higher quality of documentation; the tentative dates of these meetings are to be considered by the Supervisory Body at this meeting (SBM 018);
 - (c) The assumption that all remaining issues indicated in the 2025 workplan will be taken up by the Supervisory Body. Any changes to the workplan will be updated at its first meeting in 2026 (SBM 020);
 - (d) The possibility that the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 7) may provide further guidance to the Supervisory Body, as well as any additional mandates arising therefrom.

4. Impacts

4. The regular review and updating of the workplan will enhance efficiency and ensure transparency in the decision-making process and facilitate effective workload management.

5. The product development stage outlined in the workplan sets out the actions to be undertaken by the Supervisory Body, as presented 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 to the regulatory body 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 to an initial draft
Final	Presents a completed draft regulation, representing the end product pending approval by the regulatory body.	Adopt final version/decision
Info	Presents 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-making (reports, updates)

5. Subsequent work and timelines

6. Based on the feedback provided by the Supervisory Body at SBM 018 and SBM 019 and the guidance provided by the CMA 7, the secretariat will revise the workplan for consideration and approval by the Supervisory Body at its first meeting in 2026. Updates on the status of work will be provided to the Supervisory Body at each subsequent meeting.

6. Recommendations to the Board

7. The secretariat recommends that the Supervisory Body consider and agree to the preliminary workplan 2026.

1. Preliminary Supervisory Body workplan 2026

1. Table 1 below provides an overview of the preliminary workplan of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body for 2026.

Table 1. Supervisory Body preliminary workplan 2026

Area	Sub-area	Activity	Product	2026				Mandates and comments
				SBM 020	SBM 021	SBM 022	SBM 023	
Governance	Supervisory Body	Organize Supervisory Body meetings	Selection of Chair/Vice Chair for SBM, including co-chairs of panels	Final				Decision 3/CMA.3, annex para. 18
			Calendar of meetings 2026	Final				
			Calendar of meetings 2027				Draft	
			Supervisory Body report to CMA			Draft	Final	Decision 3/CMA.3 annex, para. 24(d)
			Interaction with observers	Info	Info	Info	Info	
		Develop and implement workplan	SBM workplan 2026	Final	Info	Info	Info	
			Preliminary SBM workplan 2027				Draft	
			AEP Workplan 2026	Final				
			MEP Workplan 2026	Final				
		Resource and Allocation plan for 2026-2027	Update Resource and Allocation plan for 2026-2027		Info			
		Carbon markets and carbon crediting standards	Update and analysis of standards				Info	
		Support the Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (KCI) (Product to be included once/if request is received)						Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 12

Area	Sub-area	Activity	Product	2026				Mandates and comments
				SBM 020	SBM 021	SBM 022	SBM 023	
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 ¹		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 ¹		SBM 016 report, para 4 Decision 6/CMA.6, para 2
		Integration of gender considerations	Gender considerations			Info ¹		SBM 008 report para. 27 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
			Side event		Info		Info	
		Outcome of panel meetings	Regular update on panel meetings	Info	Info	Info	Info	
		Members of panels and rosters	Selection of panel members, roster of experts				Final	
	Host Parties	National authorities and host Parties	Designation of national authorities (DNAs)	Info	Info	Info	Info	Decision 3/CMA.3, annex para. 26(c)
			DNA related activities	Info		Info		
		National authorities and host Parties (cont.)	Interaction with the Article 6.4 DNA Forum Co-Chairs		Info		Info	Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders

¹ Included in the annual report to the CMA

Area	Sub-area	Activity	Product	2026				Mandates and comments
				SBM 020	SBM 021	SBM 022	SBM 023	
Governance (cont.)	Host Parties (cont.)		Roles and responsibilities of host Parties in various stages of the activity cycle				Info	SBM 017 report para. 43 Decision 3/CMA.3, para 7(a)
	Designated Operational Entities (DOEs)		Interaction with the DOE/AE Coordination forum	Info	Info	Info	Info	Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders
	Appeal and grievance	Appeal and grievance processes	Consideration of appeal and grievance cases	Final	Final	Final	Final	Procedure: Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism
Activity cycle	Regulations	Structured review of regulations		Final	Final	Final	Final	
		Relation with Stakeholders	Glossary of terms	Final				SBM 011 report para 25
		Revision of the activity standard (AS) for projects	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects		Final			
		Revision of the activity standard (AS) for PoAs	Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities				Final	
		Revision of the validation and verification standard (VVS) for projects	Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects		Final			
		Revision of the validation and verification standard (VVS) for PoA	Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities				Final	

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				SBM 020	SBM 021	SBM 022	SBM 023	
Activity cycle (cont.)	Regulations (cont.)	Revision of the activity cycle procedure (ACP) for projects	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects		Final			
		Revision of the activity cycle procedure (ACP) for PoAs	Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities				Final	
		Information note on the possible cases, and modalities for when the SBM might consider deregistration of activities				Final		SBM 017 report para 27
		Options on time limit from the date of issuance to when the host Party shall provide a statement of authorization for post-issuance authorization of the Article 6.4 emission reductions (A6.4ERs)					Info	SBM 015 report para 36
		Revision of A6.4 Sustainable development tool	Revision of the Article 6.4 SD Tool taking into account specific types of activity	Draft	Final			SBM 017 report para 23-24 Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 5(c)
Accreditation		A6.4 accreditation standard						
		A6.4 accreditation procedure						
Registry		Article 6.4 mechanism registry	Operational procedure of the Article 6.4 mechanism registry	Concept		Draft	Final	SBM 013 report para 18-20 Decision 3/CMA.3, annex, paras. 55, 58–61, 63–65
		Voluntary cancellation platform		Concept		Draft	Final	SBM 013 report para 22

Area	Sub-area	Activity	Product	2026				Mandates and comments
				SBM 020	SBM 021	SBM 022	SBM 023	
Entity assessment	Process operation	Consideration of cases		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 ²	Final	Final	Final	Final	SBM 017 report para 12
		Work related to requirements for activities involving removals	Various standards and concept notes ²	Final	Final	Final	Final	
	Top-down development of methodologies/tools	Revision of CDM methodologies/tools	Various top-down methodologies and tools ²	Final	Final	Final	Final	SBM 017 report para 12
	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 ²	Final	Final	Final	Final	Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools
Capacity building		Implementation of the capacity-building programme	Update of capacity-building programme		Info		Info	SBM 016 report para. 44-45 Decision 3/CMA.3, para. 14

² See table 2, recommended through MEP meeting reports

Table 2. Products related to methodologies

Activity	List of products
Work related to requirements for methodologies	Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies *** Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies *** Tool: Common Practice Analysis** Tool: Investment Analysis Tool: Lock-in risk analysis Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies *** Concept note: Large scale crediting Programmes 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 Concept note: Potential issues arising from the funding of Article 6.4 activities Concept note: Exploration on if and how methodology proponents may demonstrate further alignment with the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement.
Work related to requirements for activities involving removals	Standard: Addressing non permanence and reversals including:** a. Post-crediting period monitoring, reporting, and remediation of reversals, post reversal action; 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: Options for the implementation of paragraph 62 of the “Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism” Tool: Reversal risk assessment
Revision of CDM methodologies/tools	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*

Activity	List of products
	Tool: Project and leakage emissions from transportation of freight 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

* First consideration at SBM 019.

** First consideration at SBM 018.

*** To propose a revision to the standard, addressing the mandate related to further work.

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Table 3. Supervisory Body preliminary workplan 2026 number of items^(a)

Numbers of items	2026			
	SBM 020	SBM 021	SBM 022	SBM 023
Concept	1	0	0	0
Draft	1	0	2	2
Final	15	13	10	15
Info	7	8	9	11
Total	24	21	21	28

(a) Total of items: **94**

2. Regular reports to the Supervisory Body

2. Reports on activities and performance will be prepared by the secretariat on a regular basis for consideration of the Body. General public documents are to be published on the UNFCCC Supervisory Body's website, whereas confidential information pertaining to these reports will be provided to the Supervisory Body via other means, as required.
3. Any member or alternate member of the Body may request to consider a specific report at the coming meeting after its publication, taking into account the deadline stipulated by the rules of procedure of the Supervisory Body.
4. The list of regular reports as shown in table 4 below will be updated on a regular basis and any new reports mandated by the Supervisory Body will be added. The regular reports will be available on the UNFCCC webpage.

Table 4. Regular reports to the Supervisory Body

Report	Frequency
Article 6.4 mechanism resource and allocation plan (RAP) implementation status report	Biannually
Stakeholder communications report	Yearly
DOE performance report	Yearly

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