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## Annotations to the agenda

### Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

#### Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. ► **Action:** The Chair of the Supervisory Body of the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (Article 6.4 mechanism) (hereinafter referred to as the Supervisory Body) shall ascertain whether:
  - (a) The members present constitute a quorum; and
  - (b) Proper justification has been provided for the absence of any member or alternate member.

*Background:* Paragraph 46 of the “Rules of procedure of the Supervisory Body” (RoP) stipulates that at least three fourths of the members, including alternate members only when they are acting as members, shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Supervisory Body.<sup>1</sup>

#### Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

2. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to adopt the proposed agenda for the meeting.

*Background:* As per paragraph 49 of the RoP, the Supervisory Body shall, at the beginning of each meeting, adopt the agenda for the meeting.

### Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

#### Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

3. ► **Action:** Members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body may wish to declare whether they have any conflict of interest relating to any issues on the agenda of the meeting.

*Background:* As per paragraph 26 of the RoP, members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body shall avoid actual, potential and perceived conflicts of interest and shall declare any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest at the start of a meeting.

#### Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning/direction

4. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and agree on the draft annual report of the Supervisory Body to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA).

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<sup>1</sup> See decision 7/CMA.4, annex II, contained in document FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/10/Add.2.

*Background:* In accordance with decision 3/CMA.3, the Supervisory Body reports annually on its activities to the CMA. At its seventeenth meeting (SBM 017), the Supervisory Body considered the draft annual report to the CMA at its seventh session (CMA 7). It requested the secretariat to revise the report in collaboration with interested members, for consideration at the next meeting and publication after the final Supervisory Body meeting of the year.

### **Agenda item 2.3. Performance management**

5. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to:
- (a) Take note of the updated “Workplan of the Supervisory Body 2025”, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations; and
  - (b) Consider and agree to the “Preliminary workplan of the Supervisory Body 2026”, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Supervisory Body, at SBM 015, approved its 2025 workplan and requested the secretariat to include any new mandates arising from meetings in future versions of the workplan for the Supervisory Body to take note of. A preliminary 2026 workplan is presented at this meeting for consideration. A revised draft will be prepared for approval by the Supervisory Body at its first meeting in 2026, reflecting guidance from SBM 018, SBM 019, and CMA 7.

### **Agenda item 2.4. Matters related to the Supervisory Body and its support structure**

6. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note of the operations of the Accreditation Expert Panel (AEP).

*Background:* The AEP held its fifth meeting from 11 to 12 September 2025 to consider products related to the assessment of applications for accreditation in accordance with the approved workplan of the AEP for 2025.

7. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note of the operations of the Methodological Expert Panel (MEP).

*Background:* The MEP held its eighth meeting from 1 to 5 September 2025 to consider products related to methodologies, removals, and revisions to clean development mechanism (CDM) methodologies/tools in accordance with the approved workplan of the MEP. The Supervisory Body, at SBM 017, requested the MEP to expedite the work to develop a reversal risk assessment tool and report back on the progress on this work at its next meeting.

8. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to select members for the panels and roster of experts.

*Background:* At its tenth meeting, the Supervisory Body established the AEP, with members serving a two-year term ending on 31 March 2026, and the MEP, with members serving a one-year term ending on 31 March 2025. Subsequently at SBM 015, the Supervisory Body agreed to the reinforcement of the MEP and elected four new members to serve the MEP, while extending the term of service for all members until 31 March 2026. Further, the secretariat launched a call<sup>2</sup> inviting specialised experts working in the field of accreditation, methodologies and climate policy, requesting the experts applying for accreditation and methodologies to indicate whether they would like to serve the AEP and or MEP (hereinafter collectively referred as the expert panels) during its next tenure. In addition, CMA 6 requested the Supervisory Body and the secretariat to ensure that adequate technical and scientific expertise is available to support their work on methodologies, removals and related operational elements.

### **Agenda item 2.5. Designated national authorities**

9. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note of the 114 designated national authorities (DNAs) established as of 22 September 2025, and 26 countries that have submitted information on the fulfilment of the host Party participation requirements, as listed on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) website.<sup>3</sup>

*Background:* The CMA, in decision 3/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 26(c), decided that each host Party of Article 6.4 activities shall, prior to participating in the Article 6.4 mechanism, ensure that it has a DNA for the mechanism and has communicated that designation to the secretariat.

## **Agenda item 3. Regulatory and procedural matters**

### **Agenda item 3.1. Governance**

10. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note of the information on the work undertaken to support host Parties' participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism and provide guidance as necessary.

*Background:* The Supervisory Body, at SBM 016 and SBM 017, requested the secretariat to continuously update "Article 6.4 manual for host Parties' participation in the mechanism".

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<sup>2</sup> The call was open for 21 days, from 23 June to 14 July 2025.

<sup>3</sup> See: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/national-authorities>.

### Agenda item 3.2. Accreditation

11. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and adopt the revision to the draft “Standard: Article 6.4 accreditation” and the draft “Procedure: Article 6.4 accreditation”, as contained in annex 3 and annex 4 to these annotations respectively.

*Background:* The Supervisory Body, at SBM 008, adopted the “Article 6.4 accreditation standard” and the “Article 6.4 accreditation procedure”, and requested the secretariat to revise the sectoral scopes as contained in appendix 2 to the Article 6.4 accreditation standard and present them to the Supervisory Body for consideration, once methodological requirements for activities involving removals and carbon capture storage under the Article 6.4 mechanism and related guidance are provided by the CMA and the Supervisory Body. The AEP, at AEP 002 to AEP 004, provided inputs on both “Article 6.4 accreditation standard” and “Article 6.4 accreditation procedure” and requested the secretariat to incorporate those inputs in the future revision of these two documents. The AEP, at AEP 005, provided inputs to the revision to the draft standard and the draft procedure prepared by the secretariat.

### Agenda item 3.3. Activity cycle

12. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and adopt the revisions to the draft “Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects”, and draft “Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects”, which are appendices referenced in annex 5 and published as separate documents, contained in annex 6 and annex 7 to these annotations. Also, the Supervisory Body may wish to consider and adopt the revision to draft “Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities” and draft “Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities”, which are appendices referenced in annex 5 and published as separate documents, contained in annex 8 and annex 9 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to revise the “Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects” and the “Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects” to include relevant elements of the newly adopted methodological standards: “Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies”, the “Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies” and “Standard: Addressing suppressed demand in mechanism methodologies”. Furthermore, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to revise “Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects”, “Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects”, “Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities” and “Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities”, for consideration at a future meeting, by providing criteria for request for deviation from elements and criteria of the Article 6.4 sustainable development tool which should as a minimum establish acceptable limits with respect to the significance and severity of the impacts and potential implications of unavoidable negative impacts.

13. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and adopt the draft “Procedure: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism” and the draft “Standard: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism”, which are appendices referenced in annex 10 and published as separate documents as contained in annex 11 and annex 12 to these annotations.

*Background:* The secretariat received numerous requests for extension of the 180-day deadline for submission of additional documentation subsequent to the receipt of Host Party approval. Activity participants note the difficulty in filling the sustainable development tool forms especially for programmes of activities (PoAs) with multiple component project activities (CPAs). The Supervisory Body, at SBM 017, provided clarification relating to when verification by a DOE is required for provisional requests for issuance and regarding the approaches for re-evaluation of the values for the fraction of non-renewable biomass and leakage.

#### **Agenda item 3.4. Methodologies**

14. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider the draft “Standard: Addressing non-permanence and reversals”, as contained in annex 3 to the MEP 008 meeting report, adopt the draft “Standard: Addressing non-permanence and reversals in mechanism methodologies”, Appendix 1 and agree on the “Elements for inclusion in relevant regulatory documents” included in Appendix 2.

*Background:* The Supervisory Body, at its last meeting, noted the MEP’s ongoing work on implementation of the “Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism” related to addressing non-permanence and reversals. The Supervisory Body requested the MEP to prepare a single recommendation, identifying options where necessary. The Supervisory Body underlined that, while the MEP is invited to explore the full range of potential approaches to operationalize the requirements of the removals standard for the consideration of the Supervisory Body, it shall stay within the mandate set by the previous decisions of the Supervisory Body including the removals standard. The recommendation of the MEP is contained in paragraph 13 and 14 of the MEP 008 meeting report. The work was carried out following the mandate from the Supervisory Body as mentioned in the MEP work plan.

15. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and adopt the draft “Tool: Common practice analysis”, as contained in annex 2 to the MEP 008 meeting report.

*Background:* The recommendation of the MEP is contained in paragraph 9 of the MEP 008 meeting report. The work was carried out following the mandate from the Supervisory Body as mentioned in the MEP work plan.

#### **Agenda item 3.5. Registry**

16. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and adopt the revision to the draft “Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism registry”, as contained in annex 13 to these annotations.

*Background:* The Supervisory Body, at SBM 015, adopted the “Procedure: Article 6.4 Registry” and requested the secretariat to update it further, taking into account the guidance provided by the CMA, in order to enable effective operations of the mechanism registry.

### **Agenda item 3.6. Policy matters**

17. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note that no policy matters are to be considered at this meeting.

## **Agenda item 4. Rulings**

### **Agenda item 4.1. Accreditation**

18. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider recommendations from the AEP on initial accreditation of applicant entities.

*Background:* The recommendation of the AEP is contained in paragraph 7 of the AEP 005 meeting report, and the supporting documentation was sent to the Supervisory Body in confidence. The work was carried out following the mandate from the Supervisory Body as mentioned in the AEP workplan.

### **Agenda item 4.2. Registration**

19. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider recommendations on the requests for transition received.

*Background:* In accordance with the “Procedure: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism”, if a review of the request for transition is requested by the host Party or any member or alternate member of the Supervisory Body, the case shall be considered by the Supervisory Body at its next meeting or electronically.

### **Agenda item 4.3. Issuance**

20. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note that no issuance rulings are to be considered at this meeting.

### **Agenda item 4.4. Other Rulings**

21. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note that no other rulings are to be considered at this meeting.

## **Agenda item 5. Relations with forums and other stakeholders**

22. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note of the update on work on the capacity-building programme.

*Background:* Under decision 3/CMA.3, the secretariat was requested to design and implement capacity-building programmes to assist Parties in voluntarily participating in the cooperative mechanisms under Article 6. This capacity-building programme is being implemented, including through the secretariat's Regional Collaboration Centres and other partners, in consultation with the Supervisory Body.

23. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note of preparations for the side-event planned for the next Conference of the Parties (COP).

*Background:* The Supervisory Body will confirm side event topics for future COPs and Subsidiary Body sessions at the meeting preceding the meeting taking place in conjunction with the COP or Subsidiary Body sessions.

24. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to interact with the Designated Operational Entities/Applicant Entities Coordination Forum (DOE/AE Coordination Forum).

*Background:* In accordance with paragraph 31 of the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, the Supervisory Body shall allocate time for interaction with the DOE/AE Coordination Forum through its Chair on issues of interest to DOEs/AEs.

25. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to interact with registered observers.

*Background:* As per paragraph 58 of the RoP, observers may, upon invitation by the Supervisory Body, make presentations relating to matters under consideration by the Supervisory Body.

26. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider letters received from stakeholders, if any, and agree on any actions, as appropriate.

*Background:* In accordance with the “Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders”, any letters addressed to the Supervisor Body that the Chair and the Vice-Chair have jointly decided to forward for consideration by the Supervisory Body at its next meeting will be considered if the letter is received more than 28 days prior to the meeting. Otherwise, the letter shall be placed on the agenda of the subsequent meeting unless otherwise decided by the Chair of the Supervisory Body.

27. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider public comments on documentation of this meeting.

*Background:* The Supervisory Body shall receive public comments, including from stakeholders, on meeting documentation until one week prior to the meeting, unless otherwise decided by the Chair.

## Agenda item 6. Other matters

28. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to agree on its tentative calendar of meetings for 2026.

*Background:* In the context of its workplan, the Supervisory Body is to consider a tentative calendar of meetings for 2026.

## Agenda item 7. Conclusion of the meeting

29. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to approve the report of its eighteenth meeting.

*Background:* The Chair will summarize the meeting and adopt the report, including references to any decisions taken, as per the rules, modalities and procedures for the Article 6.4 mechanism.

## Annexes to the annotations

- Annex 1 - Information note: Workplan of the Supervisory Body 2025
- Annex 2 - Information note: Preliminary workplan of the Supervisory Body 2026
- Annex 3 - Draft Standard: Article 6.4 accreditation
- Annex 4 - Draft Procedure: Article 6.4 accreditation
- Annex 5 - Information note: Revision of activity standards and validation and verification standards for projects and programmes of activities (version 01.0)
- Annex 6 - Draft Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects
- Annex 7 - Draft Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for projects
- Annex 8 - Draft Standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for programmes of activities
- Annex 9 - Draft Standard: Article 6.4 validation and verification standard for programmes of activities
- Annex 10 - Information note: Revision of regulatory documents for Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism (version 01.0)
- Annex 11 - Draft Procedure: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism
- Annex 12 - Draft Standard: Transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism
- Annex 13 - Draft Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism registry

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