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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. The Secretary to the Supervisory Body opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met before proceeding to welcome the new members and congratulate the newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Body, covered under agenda item 2.1 “Membership issues”.
2. The Supervisory Body noted that Mr. Eduardo Calvo and Mr. Imre Bányász were unable to attend this meeting and had provided proper justification for their absence.
3. The table below shows the attendance of members and alternate members at this meeting.¹

Table. Attendance

Members	Presence	Alternates	Presence
Ms. Maria AlJishi ^b	In-person	Mr. Duan Maosheng ^b	Virtual
Mr. Benedict Chia ^b	In-person	Ms. Kristin Qui ^b	In-person
Mr. Felipe De León Denegri ^a	In-person	Mr. Eduardo Calvo ^a	Absent
Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne ^b	In-person	Mr. Tirivanhu Muhwati ^b	In-person
Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki ^a	In-person	Mr. Imre Bányász ^a	Absent
Ms. Olga Gassan-zade ^{b,1}	In-person	VACANT ^{b,1,2}	
Mr. Charles Hamilton ^{b,1}	Virtual	Mr. Derrick Oderson ^{b,1}	In-person
Mr. Martin Hession ^{b,1}	In-person	VACANT ^{b,1,3}	
Mr. Gebru Jember ^a	In-person	Mr. Manjeet Dhakal ^a	In-person
Mr. Satyendra Kumar ^a	Virtual*	Mr. Daegyun Oh ^a	Virtual
Ms. Molly Peters-Stanley ^a	In-person	Ms. Angela Friedrich ^a	In-person
Mr. Mkhuthazi Steleki ^a	In-person	Mr. Alick Muvundika ^a	In-person

* Mr. Satyendra Kumar only attended the opening of the meeting and he provided proper justification for his absence for the remainder of the meeting.

(a) Term: three years, i.e. ending immediately before the first meeting in 2025.

(b) Term: two years, i.e. ending immediately before the first meeting in 2026.

¹ Nomination pending from CMA 5. Current member remains in office until nomination is received.

² Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze resigned effective 1 September 2023.

³ Ms. Emily Mathias resigned effective 27 November 2023.

4. The Supervisory Body adopted the agenda of the meeting, which was published as document A6.4-SB010-AA.²

¹ For detailed information on nominations and agreements made within each Regional Group please refer to the UNFCCC election and membership page [here](#).

² See <https://unfccc-events.azureedge.net/Article64tenthmeeting>.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

5. The Supervisory Body welcomed new members and alternate members and took note that all new members and alternate members signed their oaths of service. The Supervisory Body took note of the composition of its membership in 2024.
6. The Supervisory Body also thanked the outgoing alternate members, Mr. Kazuhisa Koakutsu and Mr. Simon Fellermeier, for the hard work and dedication during their tenure.
7. The Supervisory Body expressed its appreciation to the outgoing Chair, Ms. Olga Gassan-zade, and Vice-Chair, Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne, for their leadership in chairing the meetings last year.
8. The Supervisory Body elected Ms. Maria Al Jishi as the Chair and Mr. Martin Hession as the Vice-Chair, to serve until immediately before the first meeting in 2025.
9. The Supervisory Body elected Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne as the Chair and Ms. Molly Peters-Stanley as the Vice-Chair for the Methodological Expert Panel (MEP) and Ms. Angela Friedrich as the Chair and Mr. Mkhuthazi Steleki as the Vice-Chair for the Accreditation Expert Panel (AEP), to serve until immediately before the first meeting in 2025.
10. Members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body made available statements of actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest with respect to the issues on the agenda of this meeting, as reflected on the UNFCCC website.³

Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction

11. The Supervisory Body took note of the update on the negotiations on matters related to the Article 6.4 mechanism by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fifth session (CMA 5) at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 30 November to 12 December 2023.
12. The Supervisory Body held its strategy session on 26 February 2024 to address issues of operationalization of the Article 6.4 mechanism in 2024.
13. The Supervisory Body intends that, in its work to operationalize the mechanism, it will fulfil all mandates and tasks assigned to it in the rules, modalities and procedures and will forward recommendations to CMA 6 in Baku, Azerbaijan, inform the CMA of its progress and seek further guidance, as needed.
14. The Supervisory Body decided that it will continue the relevant work to operationalize the Article 6.4 mechanism by putting in place the standards, guidelines, and tools as necessary to enable the approval of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies and thus registration of new Article 6.4 mechanism activities without delay.

³ See [10th meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body \(SB 010\)](#).

15. The Supervisory Body approved its workplan for 2024, as contained in [annex 1](#) to this report, and requested the secretariat to include any new mandates arising from meetings in future versions of the workplan, and to provide an update on the status of work on a regular basis. In addition, the Supervisory Body agreed to dedicate focused time to consider interdependent and/or cross-cutting issues as deemed necessary.
16. The Supervisory Body took note of the information on the latest developments in the carbon market.
17. The Supervisory Body considered matters related to communications and outreach for the Article 6.4 mechanism.
18. The Supervisory Body considered applications for the AEP and MEP and selected members for the AEP for a term of two years. Noting the concerns regarding regional balance in the current MEP, its members were selected for a term of one year. The names of the members serving these panels are provided in [annex 2](#) and [annex 3](#) to this report. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to inform the successful candidates regarding their selection.
19. Further, the Supervisory Body agreed to include the shortlisted candidates who applied to the panels to be included in the existing roster of experts and to extend the term of service of experts in the roster until 31 March 2026.
20. The Supervisory Body requested to launch a focused call⁴ for a period of at least six weeks for experts from Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States and Eastern European States with an aim to improving regional balance in the roster of experts and for consideration to serve the MEP in future.
21. In this regard, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to undertake additional efforts to reach out to a wider audience, such as academia and relevant organizations or individuals from the underrepresented regions.
22. The Supervisory Body adopted the procedure “Selection and performance evaluation of experts on the Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation roster of experts”, as contained in [annex 4](#) to this meeting report, and agreed to make it effective from 31 March 2024. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to support the AEP to implement the procedure for selection and performance evaluation of experts on the Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation roster of experts (ARoE) and to report the implementation status to the Supervisory Body at a future meeting.

Agenda item 3. Matters related to the Article 6.4 mechanism

23. The Supervisory Body considered the information note “Roles and responsibilities of host Parties”, as contained in annex 2 to the annotations, and requested the secretariat to update the information note, for consideration at its next meeting, considering the feedback provided at this meeting including but not limited to:
 - (a) Distinguishing elements that are clearly host Party mandatory participation responsibilities, functional roles and roles that are optional choices;

⁴ As per the “Procedure: Selection and performance evaluation of members of the expert panels under the Supervisory Body”, (version 01.0)

- (b) Exploring the possibility of developing a non-intrusive, stand-alone document about the host Party mandatory participation responsibilities, functional roles and roles that are optional choices;
 - (c) Facilitating ease of access for the host Parties with the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body, and for activity participants and/or DOEs seeking information provided by host Parties for purposes of mechanism implementation, by developing necessary communication channels or digital interfaces as appropriate;
 - (d) Possibly developing non-binding documents to assist host Parties in broader conceptual questions regarding implications on Nationally Determined Contributions achievement, long-term low emissions development strategies, and potential net-zero commitments, as appropriate.
24. Additionally, while considering the information note “Roles and responsibilities of host Parties”, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare a user-friendly manual as a part of its capacity-building activity to guide host Parties to navigate through the activity cycle processes, providing clear and comprehensive guidance with the view to enable them to make informed decisions, and also supported by visual representations tools such as flowcharts, diagrams, videos to ensure its accessibility and digestibility to host Parties and stakeholders.
25. The Supervisory Body considered the information note “Compilation of the public inputs on appeal and grievance and additional analysis of issues mandated by SB 008”, as contained in annex 3 to the annotations, and thanked the stakeholders for providing useful inputs to the work of the Supervisory Body on draft procedure “Appeal and grievance processes”.
26. The Supervisory Body considered the draft procedure “Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in annex 4 to the annotations, and requested the secretariat to revise the draft procedure for consideration and adoption at its next meeting, considering the feedback provided including but not limited to:
- (a) Elaborating an option on fees with differentiation of applicable fees depending on the type of an appeal and a grievance, along with analysis to substantiate it;
 - (b) Streamlining the timelines to optimize the appeal and grievance processes;
 - (c) Ensuring confidentiality and protection of identity and personal data upon request by appellants and grievants;
 - (d) Enabling submissions of appeals and grievances in English, but also establishing a process for facilitating access to translation;
 - (e) Providing flexibility to demonstrate standing on grievance by means other than documentary evidence;
 - (f) Providing a clarificatory process on the outcome of the grievance and publishing the rationale for the reconsideration decision on an appeal to increase transparency;
 - (g) Provisions to allow representation by authorized representatives under both appeal and grievance processes.

27. Additionally, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare an expanded cover note with further analysis on scope of an appeal and a grievance, information availability for appeal and grievance processes and their interlinkages with established stakeholders' engagement processes.
28. The Supervisory Body thanked the stakeholders for providing useful inputs to the work of the Supervisory Body on the draft tool "Article 6.4 sustainable development tool", as contained in annex 5 to the annotations.
29. The Supervisory Body considered the draft tool "Article 6.4 sustainable development tool", as contained in annex 5 to the annotations and requested the secretariat to revise the draft tool for its consideration and adoption at its next meeting, considering the feedback provided including but not limited to:
 - (a) Include both positive and negative impacts against the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in the draft tool;
 - (b) Maintain Appendix 1 of the draft tool in the context of Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry activity;
 - (c) Reinforce proposed safeguards criteria and guiding questions in the draft tool to be applied for carbon dioxide removal (CDR) activities, including through continued monitoring and analysis of relevant external safeguard systems and frameworks. The Supervisory Body will request the secretariat to develop new specific annex(es) to the draft Article 6.4 sustainable development tool to include safeguards criteria and guiding questions specific to respective CDR activities at an appropriate stage in its development of regulations for activities involving removals.
30. Additionally, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare an expanded cover note summarizing how the stakeholder comments received during the call for inputs to the annotated agenda of this meeting, are considered in the revised draft tool.
31. The Supervisory Body considered the concept note "Operation of the mechanism registry", as contained in annex 6 to the annotations, and were informed of the expected timing for the delivery of the final mechanism registry and the possible need for an interim solution in case of any administrative delays. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare a procedure for the mechanism registry covering the below elements:
 - (a) Enabling accounts for authorized entities that are not activity participants;
 - (b) Allowing account holders to receive units from activities in which they are not participants;
 - (c) Enabling transfers between holding accounts within the registry;
 - (d) Providing transparency based on best practices in registry reporting while protecting confidential information contained therein;
 - (e) Proposing options for a fee structure that would include entities engaging in secondary transfers to cover the costs of operating the registry.
32. The Supervisory Body took note that all the thirty current Clean Development Mechanism Designated Operational Entities (CDM DOEs) have expressed willingness to conduct

- verification and certification of requests for issuance of transitioned activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism and agreed to publish their names in the UNFCCC A6.4 mechanism website.
33. The Supervisory Body considered the concept note “Further work on the methodological products for the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in annex 8 to the annotations, and provided guidance for further work as contained in the annex 5 to this meeting report, including:
- (a) To carry out further work in relation to documents developed by it, at its ninth meeting (i.e. A6.4-SB009-A01: Requirements for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies and A6.4-SB009-A02: Activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism), including the work to improve the understanding of concerns raised by Parties at CMA.5. In this regard, the Supervisory Body agreed to open a call for inputs for a period of 6 weeks beginning from 4th March 2024. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to provide a compilation of the inputs received, including a high-level analysis for consideration by the Supervisory Body prior to its twelfth meeting.
 - (b) Continue the relevant work to operationalize the mechanism with a view to elaborating and further developing recommendations for consideration and adoption by CMA 6.
 - (c) Aiming to engage with Parties and stakeholders during the UNFCCC sessions in June 2024 in Bonn, with a view to facilitating this work.
34. The Supervisory Body agreed to the following approach to the collection of share of proceeds levied to assist developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to meet the costs of adaptation:
- (a) Reiterate its recommendation to the CMA exempting activities located in least developed countries under Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement from the share of proceeds for adaptation, while recognizing that the least development countries (LDCs) may choose not to use this exemption;
 - (b) Allow the designated national authority for a LDC to notify the Supervisory Body that it would request an exemption from adaptation Share of Proceeds for activities located within its country;
 - (c) In respect of issuances to these activities, the Supervisory Body will retain 5 per cent of A6.4ERs in the pending account of the Article 6.4 mechanism registry and forward them as appropriate, following the decision of CMA 6.
35. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to undertake an initial structured legal and editorial review of the regulations and procedures approved by the Supervisory Body in order to ensure consistency among the regulations, including with regard to its Rules of Procedure, and to undertake the first review in 2024 with a view to prepare relevant proposals for consideration by the Supervisory Body in 2025.
36. In addition, to facilitate subsequent reviews of regulations, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to establish a periodic structured legal and editorial review system of its regulations to, among other, ensure transparency and consistency among the regulations, as well as address any matters brought forward by the Supervisory Body

for consideration in this regard. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note on this structured review system for a future meeting.

Agenda item 4. Relation with stakeholders

37. The Supervisory Body took note that 72 designated national authorities were established as of 1 March 2024.
38. The Supervisory Body agreed to establish a forum of the Article 6.4 designated national authorities to support the implementation of the Article 6.4 mechanism and to facilitate a dialogue with host Parties⁵ and to report to the CMA accordingly. Further, it requested the secretariat to provide support to this forum, including the preparation of a term of reference for the operation of the Forum.
39. The Supervisory Body met with registered observers for an informal interaction on the last day of the meeting. The observers presented views in relation to items on the agenda of this meeting. The Supervisory Body took note of the inputs and thanked the observers for the interaction. The list of registered observers to this meeting is contained in annex 6 to this report.
40. The Supervisory Body considered public comments on the documentation of this meeting, which were made publicly available on the UNFCCC website, and thanked stakeholders for their comments.⁶

Agenda item 5. Other matters

41. The Supervisory Body agreed to its calendar of meetings for 2024, as contained in annex 7 to this report.
42. The Supervisory Body agreed to the provisional agenda for its eleventh meeting, to be held in Bonn, Germany, from 29 April to 2 May 2024, as contained in annex 8 to this report.

Agenda item 6. Conclusion of the meeting

43. The Chair summarized the main conclusions.
44. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting can be accessed via on-demand broadcast.⁷

⁵ Decision 3/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 24(c)(iv).

⁶ See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/calls-for-input>.

⁷ <https://unfccc-events.azureedge.net/Article64tenthmeeting>.

Annexes to the report

- Annex 1 - Information note: Workplan of the Supervisory Body 2024 (version 01.0)
- Annex 2 - Information note: Accreditation expert panel members (version 01.0)
- Annex 3 - Information note: Methodological expert panel members (version 01.0)
- Annex 4 - Procedure: Selection and performance evaluation of experts on the Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation roster of experts (version 01.0)
- Annex 5 - Information note: Further work on the methodological products for the Article 6.4 mechanism (version 01.0)
- Annex 6 - Information note: List of registered observers at the tenth meeting of the Supervisory Body (version 01.0)
- Annex 7 - Information note: Calendar of meetings for 2024 (version 01.0)
- Annex 8 - Provisional agenda: Supervisory Body eleventh meeting (version 01.0)

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