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**1st meeting of the Methodology Panel to support the work of the
interim Adaptation Benefits Mechanism Executive Committee**

13 July 2021

The meeting will take place remotely from 12:00-14:00 GMT

Agenda

- I. Opening of the meeting.
- II. Tasks of the ABM Methodology Panel.
- III. Organization of work.
- IV. Work plan for 2021.
- V. Consideration of proposed new methodologies.
- VI. Date and place for the next meeting.
- VII. AOB and closure.

Annotations to the agenda

I. Opening of the meeting.

Action: The ABM MP members will be invited to adopt the agenda.

1. The first meeting of the Methodology Panel (ABM MP) to support the work of the interim Adaptation Benefits Mechanism Executive Committee (ABM EC) will be conducted remotely. The meeting will be opened and presided by the ABM MP Chair, Mr. Daouda Ndiaye, and the ABM MP Vice-Chair, Mr. Axel Michaelowa. At the beginning of the meeting, the Chair and the Vice-Chair will outline the objectives for this meeting and invite ABM MP members to adopt the agenda.

II. Tasks of the ABM Methodology Panel.

Action: The ABM MP members will be invited to take note of the presentation by the ABM secretariat and engage in a discussion on the topics identified below.

2. The ABM secretariat will present the key elements of the Terms of Reference for the ABM Methodology Panel and for the members of the Roster of Experts, as well as of the procedure for methodology approval with the view to clarify the organization of work of the ABM MP, the procedures, the tasks of the ABM MP members and the differences between the ABM MP and the Activity-specific Methodology Panel (AMP). After the presentation, the ABM MP Chair and Vice-Chair will invite a discussion on the following topics:

- (a) How to ensure that the ABM MP selects the right people from the roster for an AMP, given the characteristics of a submitted ABM methodology, tool, etc.? How shall we deal with methodology submissions for activity types for which there is no dedicated expertise in the roster?
- (b) What should be the generic criteria for allocation of an MP member to an AMP?
- (c) How to ensure that the process works within the agreed timeline, including through adequate facilitation by the ABM secretariat?
- (d) How to we ensure that we apply robust and stable generic principles to our work given the wide range of possible adaptation benefits for which methodologies may be proposed? This relates both to the methodology-specific work as well as the generic work like the Guideline on Activity Types that is to be developed.

Documents:

- ABM EC/2020/6/4 - Procedure for approval of a new, revision of an existing, or request for clarification concerning an Adaptation Benefit Mechanism Methodology or a Methodological Tool
- ABM EC/2020/7/5 - Terms of Reference for an interim Methodology Panel to support the work of the interim Adaptation Benefits Mechanism Executive Committee
- Terms of Reference for members of the Roster of Experts for the Methodology Panel of the interim Adaptation Benefits Mechanism Executive Committee

III. Organization of work.

Action: The ABM MP members will be invited to take note of the presentations by the ABM secretariat and the ABM MP Chair and Vice-Chair and engage in a discussion on a work plan for the ABM MP, including on the topics identified below.

3. The ABM secretariat will present a summary of the Strategic Plan for the ABM Pilot Phase; the work plan for the ABM EC, the tasks already identified for the ABM MP and the likely inflow of new ABM methodologies submissions in 2021. The ABM MP Chair and Vice-Chair will introduce the generic topics to be dealt with by the ABM MP. After the presentation, the ABM MP Chair and Vice-Chair will invite the ABM MP members to engage in a discussion on a work plan for the ABM MP for 2021, including on:

- (a) Key strategic documents to be developed in the course of 2021. These documents include:
 - (i) A note on principles, criteria and indicators regarding the determination of adaptation benefits, building on the work of international, multilateral and bilateral institutions funding adaptation activities as well as the scientific literature. This note should inform the Guidelines on activity types;
 - (ii) Guidelines on activity types;
 - (iii) Guidelines on demonstrating that an ABM activity is new and not business-as-usual;
 - (iv) Guidelines on environmental and social safeguards, including on gender and youth;
- (b) Allocation of work to ABM MP members in the run-up to next meeting.

Documents:

- ABM EC/2020/7/3 – Adaptation Benefits Mechanism Pilot Phase Strategic Plan (2019-2023)
- ABM EC/2021/11/4 – Monitoring tool for the work plan of the ABM EC for 2021

IV. Consideration of proposed new methodologies.

Action: The ABM MP members will be invited to take note of the presentations by the ABM secretariat and the ABM MP Chair and Vice-Chair and engage in a discussion on a work plan for the ABM MP, including on the topics identified below.

4. The ABM secretariat will present a summary of the first submitted new ABM methodology. After the presentation, the ABM Chair will launch the work of the ABM MP and invite ABM MP members to discuss the establishment of the first ABM AMP. Note: the ABM MP Vice Chair will recuse himself from this discussion given a potential conflict of interest (the methodology has been developed by the consultancy Perspectives Climate Group, of which the Vice Chair is a Senior Founding Partner).

V. Date and place for the next meeting.

Action: The ABM MP members will be invited to agree on the dates for remote meetings in the second half of 2021.

5. The ABM MP Chair and Vice-Chair will invite ABM MP members to agree on the frequency and dates for the next remote meetings of the ABM MP.

VI. AOB and closure.

Action: The ABM MP members will be invited to prioritize items for discussion at the next meetings and share any other relevant information.

6. The ABM MP Chair and Vice-Chair will invite ABM MP members to identify priority items for discussion at the next meeting and exchange any other relevant information. The first meeting of the ABM MP is scheduled to close on Tuesday, 13 July 2021, at 14:00 GMT.

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