

Terms of reference for membership of the CDM Executive Board

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Decision 2/CMP.5 (para 14)

- Requests the Board to “recommend terms of reference for membership of the Executive Board that clarify the desired set of skills and expertise as well as the expected time commitment required of members and alternate members, for consideration by the CMP at its sixth session.

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- The Board requested the secretariat to prepare revised draft terms of reference based on the discussions held by the Board in the policy retreat back-to-back to its fifty-sixth meeting.



General

- The proposed draft terms of reference for membership of the Board (annex 1 to the annotations) were prepared based on the discussions held at the retreat.
- The draft terms of reference have tried to be kept on a “high level” avoiding going into detail and include three main parts:
 - Nature of the work;
 - Skills and expertise;
 - Expected time and commitment.



Overview of the draft ToR

- **Nature of the work of the Board:** indicates the Board as a regulatory body that supervises the CDM, under the authority of the CMP, by elaborating a policy framework and ensuring consistency with it
- Specifically responsible for
 - Elaboration of the policy framework
 - Reporting on its activities to the CMP, with recommendations on new or revised guidance for its consideration
 - Conduct of regulatory functions related to the CDM operation
 - Ensure public availability of CDM information
 - Support for specific policy objectives set by the CMP
 - Promotion of awareness of the CDM and the work of the Board among stakeholders
- The Board carries out its work in an executive and supervisory manner



Overview of the draft ToR

- **Skills and expertise:** indicates that the Board members should have experience and/or competence:
 - Developing policy and strategy frameworks within regulatory processes (international or domestic)
 - Understanding of business perspectives
 - Understanding of the intergovernmental process (climate change or other) and appreciation of the nexus of actions to combat climate change and promote sustainable development
 - Preparedness to obtain further knowledge and understanding of CMP decisions and relevant guidance on CDM
 - Professionalism and English skills
- Need perspectives from public/private sectors and NGOs
- Leverage specific expertise (technical, legal, economic)



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- **Expected time and commitment:** reflect the expected time commitments for service the Board:
 - Attendance of meetings, including travel [40–70] and preparation time [15–25];
 - Chairing or vice-chairing meetings of a panel and/or working group [20–50] and preparation time [10–25];
 - Other Board and external activities and events relating to membership of the Board [5–10];
 - The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board are expected to make available further time [10–20] for the purpose of coordinating and preparing the Board's activities.



Key issues for EB decision

- Discussion on specific skills and expertise of members (substance and level, balance across Board)
- Agreement on the time commitment required for a Board member.

