



## Annex 25

# INDICATIVE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD'S WORKPLAN FOR 2011

## I. Background

1. At its fifth session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting to the Parties (CMP) requested the Board to continue its efforts to improve the efficiency and impartiality of the operation of the CDM and strengthen its executive and supervisory role by, inter alia, ensuring effective use of its support structure, including its panels, other outside expertise and the secretariat, taking into consideration the increasing caseload, and to make recommendations on further improving and reforming the system and its efficiency and impartiality to the sixth session of the CMP and subsequent sessions (decision 2/CMP.5, paragraph 5).

2. The Board agreed at its fifty-seventh meeting to have a strategic discussion at its next meeting with a view to setting tentative priorities for 2011. This builds upon discussions at its policy retreat held back-to-back with its fifty-sixth meeting, in which several concrete actions relating to strategic priorities for its work were discussed. These included the setting of the strategic direction and planning of annual priorities, within the mandates given by the CMP, for reporting to the CMP and to initiate the preparation of the forthcoming CDM-MAP; stronger, ongoing implementation planning by the secretariat, with regular monitoring and reporting to the Board; and ensuring realistic agendas for meetings.

## II. General Approach

3. In planning its priorities for 2011, the Board agreed on the need for a medium term workplan. To achieve this goal the Board requested the secretariat to prepare a draft workplan for 2011-2012 for consideration at its fifty-ninth meeting. In addition the secretariat will prepare a management plan for 2011 to support the immediate implementation of this workplan. These tools are to include timelines and review points in order to ensure the accountability of the Board to the CMP as well as the accountability of the secretariat to the Board.

## III. Specific Priorities

### A. Consolidating decisions

4. The Board decided that one of the key priorities of its work next year is to consolidate the regulations of the Board and the CMP.

5. In particular, the Board requested the secretariat to implement the workprogramme regarding the Board's regulatory decisions for validation and verification. In undertaking this, the secretariat would:

- (a) Extract all validation and verification standards from the Board's existing regulatory decisions (e.g. standards, procedures, guidelines, clarifications, and forms) and consolidate them into the VVM; and
- (b) Clarify, consolidate and ensure the consistency of all of the existing regulatory decisions of the Board that relate to the validation and verification of project activities;
- (c) Streamline all existing procedures to make the entire validation and verification process less cumbersome, more efficient, and ultimately provide for faster decisions.



6. The Board also agreed that the secretariat may proceed with stakeholder consultation on the outputs of this prior to consideration by the Board.

### **B. Streamlining processes and systems**

7. The Board noted the importance of changes to existing processes and systems in order to improve the overall efficiency of the mechanism and in particular ensuring the long term sustainability of the Board's work. Achieving this task will require the secretariat to enhance the accuracy of its projections of case-specific submissions and ensure the timely deployment of the necessary resources to address such submissions.

8. In particular the draft workplan should contain proposals for the delivery of:

- (a) Analysis of the impacts of minimum limits for the length of a monitoring period and allowing multiple similar requests for issuance to be bundled with proposed revision to related documents;
- (b) Standardized templates for validation and verification reports, and the digitization of project information;
- (c) Analysis of potential approaches to risk-based assessment with a proposed "Procedure for assessment of requests for registration and issuance" incorporating such approaches.

### **C. Enhancing transparency and broadening participation**

9. Fostering transparency and broadening participation in the CDM is an important element for the success of the CDM and one that the Board will continue to view as high priority.

10. In enhancing the transparency of the system, the Board requested the secretariat to make publicly available up-to-date information on all processes of the CDM, taking into account the confidentiality provisions, during the first quarter of 2011.

11. Further the Board agreed to intensify/improve its communication and interaction with stakeholders, in particular with DOEs and RIT members, by organizing trainings and calibration exercises.

## **IV. Other priorities**

12. The secretariat will take into account the guidance and mandates from the sixth session of the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of Parties (CMP6) in the preparation of the draft workplan and the management plan referred to in paragraph 3 above.

13. In addition the workplan will include ongoing work in other priority areas agreed by the Board in the management plan for 2010, including the following ongoing work related to simplifying methodologies and related requirements:

- (a) A new Tool for baseline selection;
- (b) New approaches to the demonstration and assessment of additionality, which place a focus on objective criteria such as common practice analysis; and
- (c) Review of existing methodologies to remove or simplify overly specific requirements, enhance their objectivity and ensure consistency of approaches between methodologies



- (d) Top-down development of methodologies relevant for countries with less than 10 projects.

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