

Agenda item 1

Paragraph 4 of the annotated agenda

Terms of Reference for Panels and Working Groups

CDM EB 60

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- EB retreat in 2010 highlighted the need for clarification on the roles of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of panels and WGs aiming at leaving a more executive role for the Board
- Panels and Working Groups have been established to support the work of the Executive Board in specific processes. The nature of this support has evolved over the 10 years of the Board's work
- Evolving role of the secretariat in these CDM processes over the years
- Increased caseload for panels and WGs to handle over the years
- Tasks are mandated to and carried out by different parts of the support structure: i) panels/WGs; ii) the secretariat (with or without consultation with panels/WGs); iii) both
- Need for clear definition of the nature and role of different parts of the support structure

	Established	No of Members		No of meetings 2011	
		Ext	EB		
Accreditation Panel	At EB 04 (June 2002)	8	2	6	
Methodology Panel	At EB 03 (Apr 2002)	16	4	6	
SSC Working Group	At EB 15 (September 2004)	7	2	6	
AR Working Group	At EB 14 (June 2004)	7	2	4	
RIT	At EB 24 (May 2006)	25			



1. What are the Board's expectations from its panels and working groups and how have these changed from the time when they were established a few years ago?

2. How does the Board view the desired purpose of such bodies in supporting a scaled-up mechanism?

3. How would the Board expect that such bodies conduct their work?

4. What does the Board consider to be the function of a Chair/Vice Chair?

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5. What are the key elements or aspects of the ToRs for panels and working groups that should be considered in order to ensure that they are revised comprehensively?
6. How do we ensure that there is no unnecessary duplication but that the Board consistently receives value-added inputs from its support structure?
7. How can the technical support function of the secretariat be improved in light of the growth of the CDM?

- To agree on the scope and objectives for the revision of ToRs
- To agree on the nature and structure of the revised ToRs
- To agree on the roles and responsibilities of Panels/WGs and their Chairs/Vice-Chairs taking into account the role of the secretariat
- To request the secretariat to prepare draft ToRs for EB 61
- Launch a survey for all members of Panels and Working Groups on their experiences in supporting the work of the Board