

Agenda item 4.2

Paragraph 58 of the annotated agenda

Procedure for submission and consideration of microscale renewable energy technologies for automatic additionality

CDM EB 65

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BACKGROUND

MANDATES

CMP 5

- The CMP requested the Board to establish “*simplified modalities for demonstrating additionality for project activities up to 5 megawatts that employ renewable energy as their primary technology and for energy efficiency project activities that aim to achieve energy savings at a scale of no more than 20 gigawatt hours per year*”

EB 54

- The Board adopted the “Guidelines for demonstrating additionality of microscale project activities”

EB 60

- The Board revised the guidelines to expand its applicability

EB 63

- The Board further revised the guidelines to specify the conditions for approval of renewable energy technologies being additional, and requested the secretariat to draft a pending procedure to operationalize these guidelines
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SCOPE AND DEFINITION

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- The procedure applies to specific renewable energy technologies proposed by DNAs to qualify them as conferring automatic additionality on microscale CDM project activities implemented in the corresponding countries

DEFINITION

- “*Specific renewable energy technologies/measure*” = Grid-connected renewable energy technologies of installed capacity ≤ 5 MW, excluding those not generating electricity



MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PROCEDURE (1)

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

- Proposal form
- Most recent available data, not older than 3 years, on % of contributions of the proposed specific renewable energy technologies in the total installed grid-connected power generation capacity in the country
- Any additional supporting documentation
- No fee payable



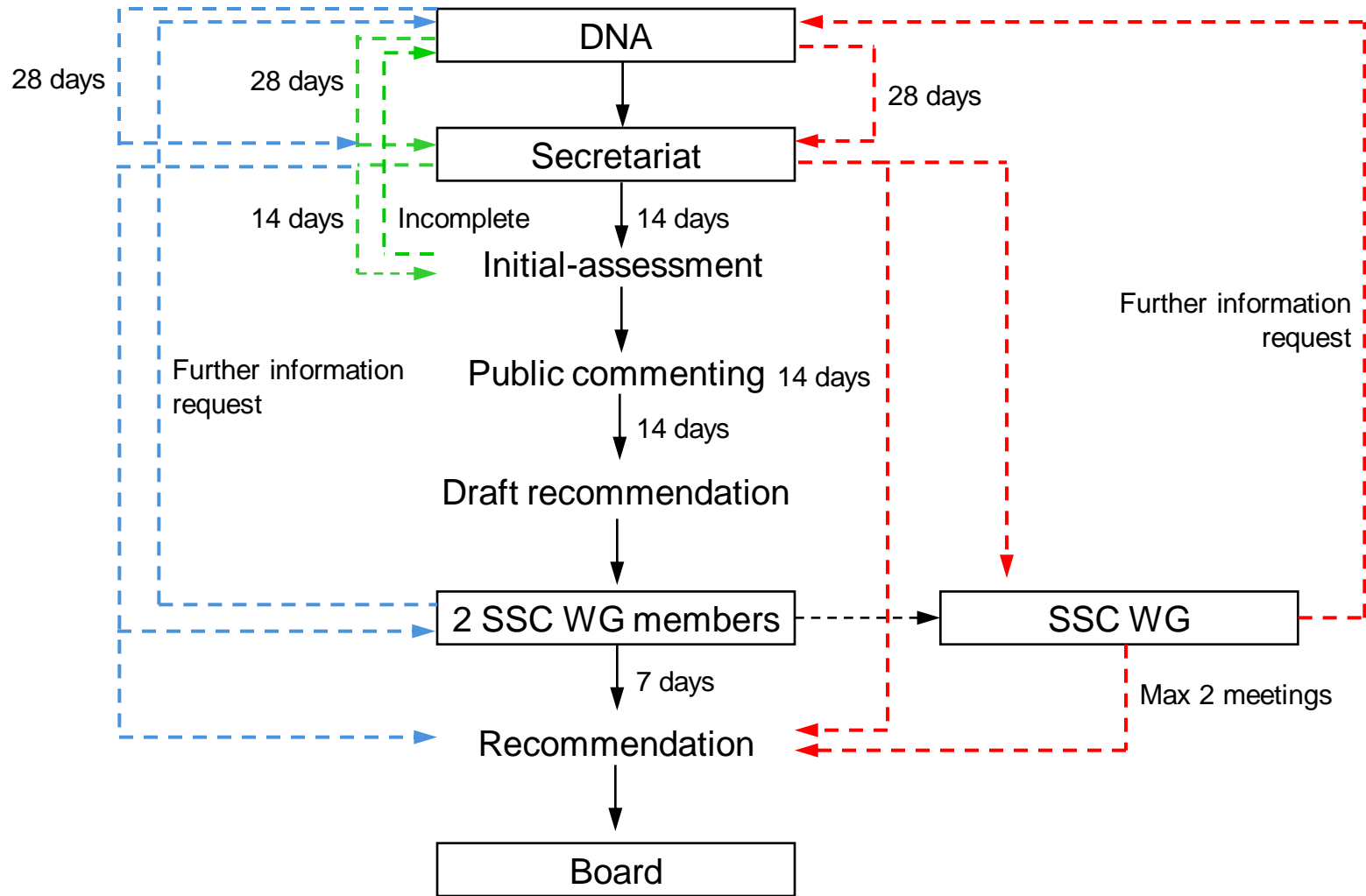
MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PROCEDURE (2)

CONSIDERATION PROCESS

- Secretariat conducts initial assessment
 - Public commenting
 - Secretariat prepares a draft recommendation
 - Consultation with 2 SSC WG members
 - If both members agree with the draft recommendation → Board
 - If at least one member disagrees with the draft recommendation, or requests panel/WG consideration → SSC WG
 - Possible consultation with SSC WG
 - Possible clarification requests to DNA
 - Possible direct communication with DNA in case further clarification needed
 - Recommendations to the Board are always either “approve” or “not to approve” the proposed specific renewable energy technologies
 - “Not to approve” recommendation at any stage will be submitted to the Board for its final decision
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SUBMISSION AND CONSIDERATION CYCLE



PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT PROCEDURE

- Except for specific situation to the host country of submitting DNA is found, the automatic additionality assurance should be applied to any developing countries, at least to any LDCs.
- Urge the Board to require that the whole Small Scale WG assess and approve proposed positive lists (instead of only two members) and that considerably more time is given to each step of the assessment.



KEY AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD

The Board may wish to consider, inter alia

- Whether the steps and timeline are appropriate, including public commenting process
- Whether the roles and involvement of the secretariat and panel/WG (members) in preparing a recommendation are appropriate
- Whether it is appropriate to always pass a negative decision to the Board, even for incomplete submissions or DNA's non-response to clarification requests

The Board may wish to approve the draft procedure, make it effective immediately and

- Request the DNAs that have already submitted the proposals to re-submit the proposals following the new procedure

