

Agenda item 4.1

Paragraph 22 of the annotated agenda.

Revision of the “Guidelines for the establishment of sector-specific standardized baselines”

CDM EB 101

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Procedural background

At EB89, the Board requested the MP to incorporate clarifying elements into the "Guideline".

At EB96, the Board considered a revised draft and requested the MP to continue the work on this item based on the further guidance provided.

Following a call for inputs that was launched at MP75, the Board considered the revised draft at EB100 and requested the MP to:

- a) Reclassify the document as a standard;
 - b) Improve the clarity and consistency of the document;
 - c) Assess the consistency of approaches used to determine SBs for measures 3 and 4 with existing methodological approaches.
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Purpose

The purpose of the revision is to:

- a) Reclassify the document as a standard (e.g. update to template for standards, consistent use of “*shall*” requirements; rearrangement of the sections);
- b) Improve the clarity and consistency of the document; both internally and in respect to other CDM regulations (e.g. procedure for “Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines”);
- c) Streamline the examples provided;
- d) Ensure the consistency of approaches used to determine SBs for measures 3 (methane destruction) and 4 (methane avoidance) with existing methodological approaches.



Apportioning of emissions – the MP addressed the issue of allocating emissions for multiple outputs by introducing elements from “TOOL25: Apportioning emissions from production processes between main product and co and by-product”

Data collection – the MP introduced reference to the “Standard: Determining coverage of data and validity of standardized baselines”, the “Standard: Sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programmes of activities” and the “Guideline: Quality assurance and quality control of data used in the establishment of standardized baselines”.



Key issues and proposed solutions

The MP, while considering the proposed changes in the revised draft, safeguarded the **consistency of approaches for measures 3 and 4** with existing methodological approaches by:

- a) Covering only the types of measures that are deemed automatically additional in current methodologies (for measure 3);
- b) Determining that only measures that are either not mandatory or not enforced, and face barriers that can be objectively demonstrated or are not financially attractive, can be deemed additional (for measure 4).



Key issues and proposed solutions

The MP discussed alternative provisions for measures 3 and 4, and proposed that the Board incorporate elements of the revision recommended to the Board at EB 81 (Annex 5 to the annotations), with a combination of measures 3 and 4 under one section, covering:

- a) Destruction of methane (via flaring and/or energy generation) in the landfill gas recovered from existing closed landfills;
- b) Methane abatement by treatment of fresh waste, involving the consideration of different baseline treatment alternatives;
- c) Fresh solid waste treatment, covering different baseline technologies;
- d) Wastewater and animal manure treatment, involving the ranking of facilities according to the GHG emissions performance of the different technologies.



Impacts

The new standard will enhance the clarity of the standardized baselines framework and facilitate the establishment of standardized baselines by Designated National Authorities and other developers.



Recommendations to the Board

The MP recommends that the Board adopt this draft standard.

