Sixth meeting of the interim Adaptation Benefits Mechanism Executive Committee

14 October 2020
The meeting took place remotely from 13:00-16:15 GMT

Report

Attendance

Ms. Fatima Zahra TAIBI (Co-Chair)
Mr. Luc GNACADJA (Co-Chair)
Ms. Evelyne BATAMULIZA
Mr. Daouda Ben Oumar NDIAYE
Mr. Axel MICHAELOWA
Mr. Assefa Tofu CHOFORE

I. Opening of the meeting.

1. The sixth meeting of the interim Adaptation Benefits Mechanism Executive Committee (ABM EC) was conducted remotely. The ABM EC Co-Chairs, Ms. Fatima Zahra Taibi and Mr. Luc Gnacadja, opened and presided the meeting. The meeting started at 13:00 GMT.

2. The ABM Co-Chairs proposed at the next ABM EC meeting to provide feedback on their participation in the Africa Global Center for Adaptation, which took place on 16 September 2020. With this notion, the ABM EC adopted the agenda, as contained in document ABM EC/2020/6.2.

II. Discussion of documents for the meeting:

3. The ABM EC discussed the “Draft Guidelines on the approval of a new, revision of an existing, or request for clarification concerning an Adaptation Benefits Mechanism Methodology” and the proposed revisions, and adopted a revised document.1 “Guidelines on the approval of a new, revision of an existing, or request for clarification concerning an Adaptation Benefits Mechanism

1 ABM EC/2020/6.4
Methodology”. The revised document proposes a flexible and fast process with interactive elements.

4. The ABM EC discussed also the draft “Methodology for activity type clustering of ABM methodologies”\(^2\) and the proposed revisions and agreed to discuss a revised document at a next meeting. While building upon exiting approaches, the proposed clustering is innovative, in particular regarding linking of the ABM activities, for which the ABM methodologies are being designed, to the negative climatic events addressed by the ABM activity, rather than to sectors or areas for adaptation. Such an approach is deemed more practical for determining the adaptation benefits of an ABM activity.

III. Date and place for the next meeting.

5. The ABM EC Co-Chairs will invite ABM EC members to discuss the options and format for a next meeting. The ABM EC requested the ABM Secretariat to prepare a survey on the availability of ABM EC members, with the view to choosing the dates for the next meeting in the first week of November 2020. The ABM EC Co-Chairs will consider the documents and propose a draft agenda.

IV. Any other business and closure of the meeting.

6. The ABM Co-Chairs invited discussion on priority items for the next ABM EC meeting. Due to insufficient time at this meeting, it was agreed, to forward the discussions on agenda item III. (c) Concept note on the ABM activity cycle to the next meeting on the basis of a revised document. The ABM EC requested the ABM secretariat to prepare a draft Terms of Reference for an ABM Methodology Panel. The ABM EC also requested the ABM secretariat to launch the approval process for the Terms of Reference of the ABM secretariat electronically on the basis of “no-objection” and approve the document automatically, unless any objections are received within one week of launching of the process.

7. The ABM secretariat provided an update on available budgets to support the work of the ABM EC and its support structure, including the ABM secretariat and a yet to be established Methodology Panel. The ABM secretariat also informed the ABM EC about on-going and new activities, including launching a call for conducting a new market study on the potential demand for adaptation benefits. The ABM EC appreciated the update and requested the ABM secretariat to circulate the Terms of Reference for the market study for comments by the ABM EC.

8. The ABM secretariat also informed the ABM EC of a number of webinars in the planning for the next months, which will also allow for interaction with ABM EC members. The date of the first webinar is 5 November 2020. The

\(^2\) ABM EC/2020/5/7
webinar will be for the Climate Section of the Commonwealth Secretariat, including its Climate Finance Access Hub, national climate finance advisers deployed in African member states and their respective Government Focal Points. ABM EC members were invited to play a role or attend. The ABM EC was appreciative of such opportunities for engagement and requested the ABM secretariat to circulate the information on this webinar and communicate the dates of other webinars as soon as known.

9. The ABM EC Co-Chairs commended the ABM EC members for the very productive meeting and the ABM secretariat for their support, and closed the sixth meeting of the ABM EC at 16:15 GMT.