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## Annotations to the proposed agenda

### Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

#### Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. ► **Action:** The Secretary of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) shall ascertain whether (a) the members present constitute a quorum, and (b) the absence of any member or alternate member is without proper justification.

*Background:* Rule 12 of the “Rules of procedure of the JISC” stipulates that the Secretary of the JISC shall preside over the opening of the first JISC meeting of a calendar year and conduct the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. According to the “Rules of procedure of the JISC”, at least two-thirds of the members of the JISC, representing a majority of members from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and a majority of members from Parties not included in Annex I, must be present to constitute a quorum.

#### Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

2. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to adopt the proposed agenda of the thirty-eighth meeting.

*Background:* At its previous meeting, the JISC agreed on items to be included on the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth meeting. The proposed agenda was transmitted to the JISC on 25 February 2016 and thereafter posted on the UNFCCC joint implementation (JI) website in accordance with rule 19 of the “Rules of procedure of the JISC”.

### Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

#### Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

3. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to welcome new members and alternate members elected by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its eleventh session:
  - (a) Ms. Iryna Rudzko as alternate member, nominated by Parties included in Annex I that are undergoing the process of transition to a market economy. A nomination for the member from Parties included in Annex I that are undergoing the process of transition to a market economy has not yet been received. The member on this seat remains in office until the nomination is received;
  - (b) Mr. Konrad Raeschke-Kessler as member and Ms. Vanessa Leonardi as alternate member, nominated by Parties included in Annex I;
  - (c) Ms. Carola Borja as member nominated by Parties not included in Annex I. A nomination for the alternate member from Parties not included in Annex I has not yet been received. The alternate member on this seat remains in office until the nomination is received.

- (d) Mr. Guoqiang Qian as member and Mr. Chebet Maikut as alternate member, nominated by Parties not included in Annex I;
- (e) Mr. Albert Williams as member and Mr. Derrick Oderson as alternate member, nominated by Parties included in small island developing states.

*Background:* The pending nominations of a member and an alternate member will be deemed as elected at the CMP 11 in accordance with established practice.

- 4. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of the resignation of Ms Carola Borja, as member.

*Background:* Rule 8 of the “Rules of procedure of the JISC” stipulates that if a member, or an alternate member, of the JISC resigns, or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office, or to perform the functions of that office, the JISC may decide, bearing in mind the proximity of the next session of the CMP, to appoint another member, or an alternate member, from the same constituency to replace the said member for the remainder of that member’s mandate. In such a case, the JISC shall take into account any views expressed by the group that had nominated the member.

- 5. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to elect its Chair, for 2016, from among the members nominated by Parties included in Annex I, and its Vice-Chair from among the members nominated by Parties not included in Annex I.

*Background:* At the first JISC meeting of each calendar year, i.e. at this thirty-eighth meeting, the JISC shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its members. Rule 12 of the “Rules of procedure of the JISC” stipulates that the secretary of the JISC shall preside over the opening of the first JISC meeting of a calendar year and conduct the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair, with one being from a Party included in Annex I and the other being from a Party not included in Annex I. The positions of Chair and Vice-Chair shall alternate annually between a member nominated by a Party included in Annex I and a member nominated by a Party not included in Annex I.

- 6. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of the oaths of service of new members and alternate members of the JISC.

*Background:* In accordance with rule 10 of the “Rules of procedure of the JISC”, members and alternate members shall take a written oath of service before assuming their duties. The UNFCCC secretariat has received the written oaths of service from all newly elected members and alternate members.

- 7. ► **Action:** Members and alternate members of the JISC may wish to disclose whether they have any conflict of interest relating to the work of the JISC.

*Background:* According to paragraph 10(b) of the JI guidelines, quoted in paragraph 2 of rule 9 of the “Rules of procedure of the JISC”, members, including alternate members, of the JISC shall have no pecuniary or financial interest in any aspect of a JI project. According to paragraph 11 of the JI guidelines, quoted in paragraph 1 of rule 7 of the “Rules of procedure of the JISC”, the JISC may suspend and recommend to the CMP the termination of the membership of a particular member, including an alternate member, on grounds including breach of the conflict of interest provisions.

## Agenda item 3. Workplan

### Agenda item 3.1. Accreditation of independent entities

8. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of an oral report regarding the administrative steps taken to enable the JI accreditation system to fully rely on the clean development mechanism (CDM) accreditation system.

*Background:* The JISC, at its thirty-seventh meeting, agreed to allow DOEs to act voluntarily as AIEs and rely on the CDM accreditation system for all accreditation functions, as of 2 August 2016, while taking measures to safeguard environmental integrity.

9. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to provide guidance on the concept note on “Measures to address issues arising from DOEs acting as AIEs”, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

*Background:* The JISC, at its thirty-seventh meeting, also requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note to address any issues concerning DOEs acting as AIEs, given that neither the JISC nor the CDM Executive Board will actively review DOEs acting as AIEs during JI determination and verification activities. The JISC also requested that options for the continuation of a complaints process and options to enhance the appraisal and review of requests for determination and verification be included in the concept note.

10. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to approve the extension of the term of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP) and of JI-AP members until August 2016.

*Background:* The JISC, at its thirty-seventh meeting, agreed to allow DOEs accredited under the accreditation rules of the CDM to act voluntarily as AIEs under JI and to rely on the CDM accreditation system for all accreditation functions as of August 2016. At its thirty-sixth meeting in March 2015, the JISC elected Mr. Carlos Fuller and Mr. Benoît Leguet to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the JI-AP in 2015, and extended the term of office of the JI-AP members for one year.

### Agenda item 3.2. Matters relating to determination and verification reports

11. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider and discuss the status of: (a) projects submitted under through the verification procedure under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as the JI Track 2 procedure); (b) information provided by Parties in accordance with paragraph 20 of the JI guidelines.

*Background:* On 26 October 2006, during its fifth meeting, the JISC officially launched the JI Track 2 procedure. Since the launch of the procedure, some Parties have not provided the information regarding their designated focal points (DFPs), national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects, in accordance with paragraph 20(a) and (b) of the JI guidelines, and as required for the submission of determination reports regarding project design documents.

### **Agenda item 3.3. Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation**

12. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to adopt the “Draft JISC workplan for 2016”, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

*Background:* Based on the JI two-year business plan and management plan 2016–2017 adopted at the thirty-seventh meeting of the JISC and the mandates provided by the CMP to the JISC at its eleventh session, a draft JISC workplan has been prepared, which includes the products that the JISC may consider in 2016.

## **Agenda item 4. Other matters**

### **Agenda item 4.1. Guidance by the CMP**

13. ► **Action:** Following CMP 11, the JISC may wish to consider and take note of the outcomes of CMP 11 and other related decisions adopted at the UNFCCC sessions in Paris, and discuss their implications.

*Background:* The CMP 11 took note of the annual report of the JISC (2014–2015) and adopted its decision. The decisions adopted by the CMP are available on the UNFCCC website at: <http://unfccc.int/2860.php#decisions>.

14. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to adopt recommendations on the “Review of the joint implementation guidelines – recommendation to the SBI” to be submitted to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) at its forty-fourth session (May 2016), as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

*Background:* The CMP, through its decision 7/CMP.11, paragraph 4, requested the JISC to submit recommendations for consideration by SBI 44 on actions that would be necessary to implement the draft JI modalities and procedures, including changes to the “Rules of procedure of the JISC” as adopted by decision 3/CMP.5 and to provisions under other decisions of the CMP relating to JI.

15. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to adopt the “Proposed further recommendations on the review of the joint implementation guidelines” to be submitted to SBI 44, as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

*Background:* The CMP, through its decision 7/CMP.11, paragraph 5, requested the JISC to submit recommendations for consideration by SBI 44 in the context of the review of the JI guidelines, inter alia, on options to address concerns raised by stakeholders and validation by an AIE of post-registration changes.

16. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to provide guidance on a concept note on “Input from the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee to CMP 12”, as contained in annex 5 to these annotations.

*Background:* The CMP, through its decision 7/CMP.11, paragraph 7, requested the JISC to reflect on synergies between JI and other mitigation mechanisms to ensure the cost-efficient use of resources, the coherence of mitigation instruments and the avoidance of double counting, in particular regarding infrastructure and technical arrangements, tools, governance structures and processes. Through the same decision, paragraph 8, the CMP also requested the JISC to prepare an analysis of the experiences and lessons

from JI for the possible design of mitigation mechanisms and on links and interactions with other tools, taking into account submissions made by Parties and admitted observers on this matter, and any other relevant material.

#### **Agenda item 4.2. Relations with stakeholders, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations**

17. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider inputs, if any, from the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum, invite the Chair of the forum to the meeting and interact with the Chair, as appropriate.

*Background:* The JISC, at its tenth meeting, decided to recognize the DOE/AIE Coordination Forum as a communication channel between the JISC and AIEs and applicant independent entities. The JISC also invited written inputs from the forum for discussion under an agenda item dedicated to interactions between the JISC and the forum.

18. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to consider inputs, if any, received from the Project Developer Forum (PD Forum), and interact with its representative, as appropriate.

*Background:* The JISC, at its nineteenth meeting, decided to recognize the PD Forum as a communication channel between the JISC and project participants. The JISC also invited the PD Forum to send a representative as an observer to every meeting of the JISC, in order to interact with the JISC.

19. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to: (a) agree to make itself available for informal briefings with registered observers; and (b) invite members and alternates to share information on events in which they have participated.

*Background:* The CMP, through paragraph 5(d) of decision 10/CMP.1, encouraged the JISC to collaborate with observers to its meetings through regular question-and-answer sessions held in this context. Since its establishment, the JISC has made itself available to meet with observers for a webcast question-and-answer session at each meeting.

#### **Agenda item 4.3. Other business**

20. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to take note of the oral report on the carbon market and policy developments over the past few months.

*Background:* The JISC, at its thirty-seventh meeting, took note of a report on the carbon market and policy developments over the past few months and requested the secretariat to continue updating the JISC on these developments.

21. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to agree on its calendar of meetings for 2016.

*Background:* The JISC, at its thirty-seventh meeting, only agreed to the date of its first meeting of 2016. In accordance with the "Rules of procedure of the JISC", the JISC shall approve the calendar of meetings for the calendar year at the first meeting of each calendar year.

## Agenda item 5. Conclusion of the meeting

22. ► **Action:** The JISC may wish to approve the report of the thirty-eighth meeting.

*Background:* The Chair will summarize the meeting and adopt the report, including references to any decisions taken.



## Annexes to the annotations

- Annex 1 - Concept note: Measures to address issues arising from DOEs acting as AIEs
- Annex 2 - Draft JISC workplan for 2016
- Annex 3 - Draft recommendation: Review of the joint implementation guidelines – recommendation to the SBI
- Annex 4 - Draft recommendation: Proposed further recommendations on the review of the joint implementation guidelines
- Annex 5 - Concept note: Input from the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee to CMP 12

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