

OVERVIEW OF PACM OPERATIONALISATION

The table below distinguishes key components of a fully operationalised PACM and their status of operationalisation. It shows that the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism is now operational, the main outstanding components being related to the operationalisation at host country level, the development of methodologies and methodological tools, as well as the development of the full registry. Focal points are invited to consult the relevant documentation, as appropriate.

Components of a fully operationalised PACM	Element	Status	Comments and key documentation (<i>versions as of March 2026</i>)
Activity Cycle Standards <i>cover overall PACM processes for projects, Programmes of Activities (PoAs) and component projects</i>	Activity standards <i>To register with PACM, projects, PoAs and component projects need to meet the minimum requirements set out in the activity standards.</i>	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activity Standard for Projects - Activity Standard for PoAs, and component projects of PoAs



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	<p>Accreditation</p> <p><i>To validate and seek registration for new activities (or renew existing activities), as well as verify and certify emission reductions of registered activities, Designated Operational Entities (DOE) need to be accredited. Accreditation is the formal recognition by the Supervisory Body of a DOE, confirming they have the institutional capacity, competence, and impartiality needed to perform these activities.</i></p>	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation Standard
	<p>Validation & Verification</p> <p><i>Describes the minimum requirements for validation and verification of an activity, PoA or component project.</i></p>	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Validation and Verification Standard for PoAs - Validation and Verification Standard for Projects
	<p>Appeals & Grievances</p> <p><i>Setting out the requirements and determining the procedural steps for</i></p>	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedure: Appeal and Grievance Process under PACM



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	<i>filing an appeal or submitting a grievance on cases under the Article 6.4 mechanism activity cycle.</i>		
Mechanism Registry for issuing, transferring and cancelling authorised AER and MCUs.	Rules and regulations for the mechanism registry define the key components and requirements for the registry.	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism registry
	Launching the interim mechanism registry (IRM) to operationalize PACM while the Article 6.4 Mechanism is under development	Completed	The interim registry is operational. Once the full registry becomes available, the data will be migrated.
	Launching the full registry to enable issuance, transfer, cancellation and tracking of AER and MCUs.	In progress	The set up of a dedicated PACM registry as part of the UNFCCC Article 6 registry system has started in 2026.
Standards, Tools and Procedures on substantive and operative elements of the PACM	Guidance related to methodologies <i>Several standards, tools and concept notes are developed under the umbrella of "Guidance related to methodologies". All key standards related to methodologies have been</i>	Completed	Key standards are completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard: Application of the requirements of Chapter V.B (Methodologies) for the development and assessment of PACM methodologies - Suppressed demand



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	<p><i>finalised in 2025, enabling the development of methodologies.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies <p>Completed standards for which further work is expected in 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setting the baseline - Additionality demonstration - Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies
	<p>Guidance related to removals</p> <p><i>Several standards, tools and concept notes are developed in relation to activities involving the removal of GHG from the atmosphere. All key standards related to methodologies have been finalised in 2025, enabling the development of methodologies.</i></p>	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard on requirements for activities involving removals - Addressing non-permanence/reversals
	<p>Sustainable Development Tool</p> <p><i>This is a mandatory tool used to identify and demonstrate a contribution to sustainable development.</i></p>	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable Development Tool



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	CDM Transition	In progress	Standard completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDM Transition Standard - Revision of CDM transition standard for Afforestation and Reforestation projects
Host country processes needed to be undertaken to operationalize PACM nationally	Transition approval for CDM activities	In Progress	Host countries have to approve activities for transition before June 30 th 2026.
	Infrastructure	In progress	Host Parties may chose to establish their own registry infrastructure. In this case, interoperability between the international registry and the A6.4 Mechanism registry is mandatory
	Regulatory implementation of PACM	In progress	9 of 16 West African Alliance Member countries have submitted their participation requirements (March 2026)
	Nominating DNA's	In progress	15 of 16 West African Alliance Member Countries have nominated their DNAs (March 2026)

Sources: Kovács, A.; (2025) ['The Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism after COP29'](#) Climate Focus & Perspectives Climate Research.

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