



Annex 4

Clarifications regarding submissions of proposed new baseline and monitoring methodologies for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the CDM

1. The Executive Board agreed on criteria to be used in the screening process to assess proposed new methodologies for afforestation and reforestation (AR) project activities, as contained in Annex 5 to the report of eighteenth meeting of the Board. The Board encourages project participants to take these criteria into account when preparing the submission of new methodologies, synthesized below:

(a) All the relevant forms should use the terminology of the modalities and procedures for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the CDM; project proponents may refer to the glossary of terms included in the guidelines for completing the project design document for afforestation and reforestation project activities;

(b) Proposals should aim to be clear and concise; the understandability of the proposal is essential for its assessment; in addition, proposals should avoid the repetition of information wherever this is not needed;

(c) New methodologies should be accompanied by proper and complete supporting documentation, which increases transparency;

(d) Methodologies should aim to be standalone, i.e. a clear separation should exist between the draft project design document for afforestation and reforestation project activities (CDM-AR-PDD) and proposed the baseline and monitoring methodologies for afforestation and reforestation project activities (CDM-AR-NMB and CDM-AR-NMM);

(e) On additionality, the following elements are of particular relevance:

(i) Additionality tests should include at least either a barriers or an investment analysis (does not include only a common practice analysis);

(ii) Clear stepwise approach is outlined in the CDM-AR-NMB (does not simply quote general guidance by the Board);

(iii) Clear relationship between steps is provided;

(f) Finally, baseline methodologies should provide a substantive justification of the chosen baseline approach.

2. The Board acknowledged the technical guidance included in the Good Practice Guidance for land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that may be relevant for projects. It encouraged project participants to use this guidance (in particular its chapter 4.3) when submitting new methodologies.

3. The Board invited project participants to include methods to demonstrate the eligibility of lands as afforestation or reforestation project activities in section E.2 of the CDM-AR-NMB.

4. As specified by the Board at its seventeenth meeting, project participants proposing new baseline methodologies shall ensure consistency between the determination of additionality of a project activity and the determination of a baseline scenario.



5. The Board noted that the more the assumptions and conditions underlying a new methodology are outlined the less likely is its applicability to other afforestation and reforestation project activities.