



Annex 6

WORKPLAN OF THE AFFORESTATION AND REFORESTATION WORKING GROUP (2012)

(Version 01.0)

I. Background

1. The Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (hereinafter referred to as the A/R WG) is established under the clean development mechanism (CDM) Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) to assist in the performance of its functions related to methodological issues concerning afforestation and reforestation project activities. The mandate of the A/R WG is determined by its terms of reference, the rules of procedure of the Board, and additional guidance provided by the Board.
2. This workplan of the A/R WG for 2012 outlines the expected tasks of the A/R WG to support the Board and has been developed within the context of the draft CDM Business Plan 2012-2013.¹ It provides details of the activities, expected outputs and timelines associated with each related CDM Business Plan 2012-2013 objective.

¹ EB 66, annex 1 “Clean development mechanism two-year business plan 2012-2013”



II. Workplan

A. Core support activities

| CDM Business Plan objective ¹ | Specific issue | Activities | Expected deliverable |
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| Appendix 1/Core support to CDM: Effective implementation of procedures on consideration of proposed new methodologies (PNM), including request for revision and clarification and Supporting the efficient operations of panels and working groups | New A/R methodology submissions | Consideration of proposed new A/R methodologies (AR-PNM) following priorities as identified by the Board and as per procedures ² | (a) Draft recommendations on AR-PNMs (b) Draft methodologies recommended for approval |
| | Requests for clarification and requests for revision submitted by project participants | Consideration of requests for clarification and requests for revision as per procedures ³ | (a) Draft responses to requests for revision and clarification (b) Draft revised methodologies and tools recommended to be revised |
| | Requests for deviation from an approved methodology | Consideration of requests for deviation from an approved A/R WG methodology as per procedures ⁴ | (a) Recommendations on requests for deviation from an approved methodology |
| | Submissions for standardized baselines | Consideration of recommendations on standardized baselines as per procedure ⁵ | (a) Recommendations on submissions for standardized baselines |

² EB 53, annex 13 “Procedures for the submission and consideration of a proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology for large scale A/R CDM project activities”

³ EB 54, annex 3 “Procedures for the submission and consideration of requests for revision of AMs and tools for A/R CDM project activities” and EB 42, annex 9 “Submission and consideration of queries regarding the application of approved methodologies and methodological tools by DOEs to the Meth Panel”

⁴ EB 49, annex 4 “Procedures for requests to the Executive Board for deviation from an approved methodology” (version 01.0)

⁵ EB 63, annex 28 “Procedure for submission and consideration of standardized baselines”



| CDM Business Plan objective ¹ | Specific issue | Activities | Expected deliverable |
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| <p>Appendix 1/Core support to CDM:</p> <p>Effective implementation of procedures on consideration of PNM, including request for revision and clarification</p> <p>and</p> <p>Supporting the efficient operations of panels and working groups</p> | <p>Top-down revisions to improve and simplify methodologies and tools</p> | <p>Consideration of draft top-down revisions of methodologies tools to improve the usability, the accuracy of emission reduction estimation methods or modular application of the methodologies as referred to in paragraph 11 of the methodologies revision procedures⁶</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation for approval of at least two draft revised/consolidated methodologies Recommendation for approval of three revised tools, of which one is related to additionality Feedback on inputs from a public call on further improvements on A/R WG methodologies, tools guidelines and practical application of A/R procedures |
| | <p>Improvement of A/R guidelines</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of options for improvement based on potential for simplification, strengthening the usability, applicability and consistency of guidelines Consideration of the identified options available Preparation of draft revised A/R guidelines incorporating improvements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on options for determination of land eligibility and project boundaries Recommendation for approval of draft revised “Guidelines for demonstrating additionality in A/R CDM project activities” Recommendation for approval of draft revised “Guidelines on conservative choice and application of default data in estimation of the net anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks” |

⁶ EB 54, annex 3 “Procedure for the submission and consideration of requests for revision of approved baseline and monitoring methodologies and tools for A/R CDM project activities”



| CDM Business Plan objective ¹ | Specific issue | Activities | Expected deliverable |
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| Appendix 1/Core support to CDM: Effective implementation of procedures on consideration of PNM, including request for revision and clarification | Request for approval of changes to project design documents (PDDs) | Provide inputs to request for approval of changes to PDDs upon request by the secretariat ⁷ | Recommendation on request for approval of changes to PDDs |
| and Supporting the efficient operations of panels and working groups | Direct communication with stakeholders | Consideration of stakeholder communications directly referred to the working group by the secretariat ⁸ | Recommendation on responses to stakeholders' communications |

⁷ EB 65, annex 32 “Clean Development Mechanism Project Cycle Procedure”

⁸ EB 62, annex 15 “Modalities and procedures for Direct communication with stakeholders”

**B. Deliverables CDM Business Plan 2012-2013**

| CDM Business Plan objective¹ | Specific issue | Activities | Expected deliverable | Status | Planned finish (Board meeting to consider the output) |
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| B.(ii) - Enhanced promotion and further development of the mechanism | Standardized baselines | Consultation on the draft guidelines with expanded applicability to afforestation and reforestation projects | Feedback to the secretariat on the draft guidelines | | EB 68 (A/R WG 35) |

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