

**REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE AFFORESTATION AND
REFORESTATION WORKING GROUP**

UNFCCC Headquarters, Bonn, Germany

01 - 03 September 2008

**RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE A/R WORKING GROUP
TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

A. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. The Chair of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG), Mr. José Domingos Miguez, opened the meeting.
2. The agenda was adopted as proposed.

B. Clarifications and revisions of approved methodologies

3. The A/R WG considered requests for clarifications and requests for revisions related to the application of approved baseline and monitoring methodologies. The requests submitted and the recommendations provided by the A/R WG are made publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/goto/ARclar>> and <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/goto/ARrev>>, respectively.
4. The A/R WG recommended the Board to take note of the responses to requests for clarifications and approve the responses to requests for revisions related to the application of approved baseline and monitoring methodologies as presented below.

Clarification number	Approved Methodology	Title of the request for clarification	A/R WG recommendation
AR-AM_CLA_0005	AR-ACM0001	“Project boundary of CDM A/R projects”	WIP¹ (see paragraph 5.)

Revision number	Approved Methodology	Title of the request for revision	A/R WG recommendation
AR-AM_REV_0002	AR-AM0005	“Amendment of the leakages sections of AR-AM0005 on activity displacement, using the respective sections of AR-AM0004”	To revise (see paragraph 6.)
AR-AM_REV_0003	AR-AM0007	“Allow the AR-AM0007 to consider displacement of grazing activities through leakage, as in AR-AM0003 and not only stop grazing activities when projects start”	To revise (see paragraph 7.)

5. The A/R WG considered the request for clarification AR-AM_CLA_0005 regarding the application of the definition of project boundary to CDM afforestation and reforestation projects that are implemented on lands owned by communities and small or marginal farming households. The A/R WG agreed to continue consideration of the request AR-AM_CLA_0005 in its twenty-second meeting taking

¹ Work in progress implies that the deliberations on these clarifications could not be concluded at the meeting of the A/R WG. These requests for clarification will be further considered before providing a recommendation to the Board.

account of inputs provided following the request for public input on the draft guidance and the issue of flexibility in the application of the definition of project boundary to CDM A/R project activities, as agreed by the Board at its forty-first meeting and the resultant guidance by the Board from its forty-second meeting.

6. **AR-AM_REV_0002:** The A/R WG recommended the Board to approve a revision to the approved methodology **AR-AM0005**. The draft revised methodology, in response to the request for revision AR-AM_REV_0002, applies a methodological approach which makes reference to the approved tool “Estimation of GHG emissions related to displacement of grazing activities in A/R CDM project activity”. The A/R WG further agreed to several editorial changes to correct minor errors and provide further clarity. The draft revised approved methodology is contained in annex 1.

7. **AR-AM_REV_0003:** The A/R WG recommended the Board to approve a revision to the approved methodology **AR-AM0007**. The draft revised methodology, in response to the request for revision AR-AM_REV_0003, applies a methodological approach, which makes reference to the approved tool “Estimation of GHG emissions related to displacement of grazing activities in A/R CDM project activity”. The A/R WG further agreed to improve the section for establishing the baseline scenario and to several editorial changes to correct minor errors and provide further clarity. The draft revised approved methodology is contained in annex 2.

C. Draft revision of "Guidelines for completing the project design document for A/R (CDM-AR-PDD), the proposed new methodology for A/R: baseline and monitoring (CDM-AR-NM)"

8. The A/R WG agreed to recommend a revision of the "Guidelines for completing the Project Design Document for A/R (CDM-AR-PDD), the proposed new methodology for A/R: Baseline and Monitoring (CDM-AR-NM)" as contained in annex 3. The revision simplifies forms for project design document (CDM-AR-PDD) and the proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology for A/R (CDM-AR-NM), and updates references and guidance approved by the Board, and additionally simplifies standard variables and nomenclature. The A/R WG further agreed to change title of the guidance to: “Guidelines for completing CDM A/R forms for: the project design document (CDM-AR-PDD) and the proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology (CDM-AR-NM)”.

D. Draft guidance on significance of GHG emissions from removal of herbaceous vegetation, transportation and use of fertilizers in A/R CDM project activities

9. The A/R WG agreed to recommend guidance that the GHG emissions from removal of herbaceous vegetation, transportation and the use of fertilizers are insignificant in A/R CDM project activities and therefore these emissions can be neglected in A/R baseline and monitoring methodologies. The A/R WG further agreed to recommend that the Board request the secretariat to revise all approved A/R CDM baseline and monitoring methodologies in order to apply the above guidance.

E. Schedule of meetings

10. The A/R WG agreed to hold its twenty-second meeting from 10 - 12 November 2008.

External annexes to the twenty-first meeting of the A/R WG

Annex 1: Draft revised methodology AR-AM0005: “Afforestation and reforestation project activities implemented for industrial and/or commercial uses”

Annex 2: Draft revised methodology AR-AM0007: “Afforestation and Reforestation of Land Currently Under Agricultural or Pastoral Use”

Annex 3: Draft revised "Guidelines for completing the project design document for A/R (CDM-AR-PDD), the proposed new methodology for A/R: baseline and monitoring (CDM-AR-NM)"