

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE AFFORESTATION AND REFORESTATION WORKING GROUP

UNFCCC Headquarters, Bonn, Germany

28–30 October 2009

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. Consideration of proposed new methodologies

3. The A/R WG considered the proposed new A/R methodologies for the following cases as well as desk reviews and public inputs received, where applicable.
4. The final recommendations, proposed by the A/R WG for the consideration by the Board, are made available on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/goto/ARpropmeth>>.
5. In accordance with the procedures for submission and consideration of a proposed new methodology, project participants may submit, via the DOE, technical clarifications to preliminary recommendations. Preliminary recommendations for which project participants have not provided any clarifications within the four (4) week consultation period shall be considered as final recommendations and will be forwarded to the Executive Board and made available on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/goto/ARpropmeth>>.
6. The A/R WG agreed on the following recommendations:

Cases	A/R WG Recommendation ¹
ARNM0037: Afforestation/reforestation activities on degraded agricultural land subject to abandonment process	Preliminary recommendation

7. The A/R WG requested the Board to take note that the A/R WG did not conclude its consideration of the case **ARNM0036:** “Rubber outgrowing and carbon sequestration in Ghana (ROCS-Ghana)” due to the request from the project participants to delay the consideration. The project participants informed the secretariat that they were unable to comment on the draft final version of the methodology due to their involvement in the Bangkok Climate Change Talks 2009.

C. Clarifications and revisions of approved methodologies

8. The A/R WG continued its deliberation of a request for clarifications related to the application of the procedures to demonstrate the eligibility of lands for A/R CDM project activities. The A/R WG agreed to request the secretariat to prepare draft guidelines on the application of the procedures to demonstrate the eligibility of lands for A/R CDM project activities for consideration by the group at its twenty-seventh meeting.

¹ Recommendations to the proposed new methodologies from the meeting of the A/R WG, where A (recommended for approval) and C (recommended for non-approval) are final recommendations to the Board.

D. Draft guidelines on conditions under which increase in GHG emissions related to displacement of pre-project grazing activities in A/R CDM project activity is insignificant

9. The A/R WG agreed to recommend draft “Guidelines on conditions under which increase in GHG emissions related to displacement of pre-project grazing activities in A/R CDM project activity is insignificant”. The guidelines provide a list of conditions that allow to conclude whether the increase in GHG emissions attributable to displacement of the pre-project grazing activities in A/R CDM project activity is insignificant and therefore can be accounted as zero. The draft guidelines are contained in annex 1.

E. Draft guidelines on conditions under which increase in GHG emissions related to displacement of pre-project crop cultivation activities in A/R CDM project activity is insignificant

10. The A/R WG agreed to recommend draft “Guidelines on conditions under which increase in GHG emissions related to displacement of pre-project crop cultivation activities in A/R CDM project activity is insignificant”. The guidelines provide a list of conditions that allow to conclude whether the increase in GHG emissions attributable to displacement of the pre-project crop cultivation activities in A/R CDM project activity is insignificant and therefore can be accounted as zero. The draft guidelines are contained in annex 2.

F. Draft tool for estimation of the increase in GHG emissions attributable to displacement of pre-project agricultural activities in A/R CDM project activity

11. The A/R WG agreed to recommend a draft tool “Estimation of the increase in GHG emissions attributable to displacement of pre-project agricultural activities in A/R CDM project activity”. The tool provides a simple stepwise approach for estimation of the increase of GHG emissions due to the displacement. The same approach is applied to the estimation of the increase of GHG emissions due to both the displacement of pre-project crop cultivation activities and the displacement of pre-project grazing activities. The draft tool is contained in annex 3.

G. Draft tool for estimation of changes in soil organic carbon stocks due to the implementation of A/R CDM project activities

12. The A/R WG considered a draft tool “Estimation of changes in soil organic carbon stocks due to the implementation of A/R CDM project activities” as submitted by Carbosur (Uruguay) and agreed to request for additional justification and clarification on the approach applied in the tool. The A/R WG agreed to continue consideration of the draft tool at its twenty-seventh meeting.

H. Schedule of meetings

13. The A/R WG agreed to request the Board to remind project participants that the deadline for the twenty-fifth round of submissions of proposed new A/R methodologies is 01 March 2010. The A/R WG also reminded project participants that new baseline and monitoring methodologies could be submitted at any time prior to this deadline.

14. The A/R WG agreed to hold its twenty-seventh meeting from 17–19 February 2010.

I. Roster of experts

15. The A/R WG noted the satisfactory completion of the desk reviews undertaken for the proposed new methodologies considered at the meeting.

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

- Annex 1: Draft “Guidelines on conditions under which increase in GHG emissions related to displacement of pre-project grazing activities in A/R CDM project activity is insignificant”
- Annex 2: Draft “Guidelines on conditions under which increase in GHG emissions related to displacement of pre-project crop cultivation activities in A/R CDM project activity is insignificant”
- Annex 3: Draft tool “Estimation of the increase in GHG emissions attributable to displacement of pre-project agricultural activities in A/R CDM project activity”