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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. The Chair of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (hereinafter referred to as the A/R WG) Mr. Eduardo Calvo opened the meeting.
2. The Chair noted that all members attended the meeting.

Table 1. Attendance list

Chair and Vice-chair	Members
Mr. Eduardo Calvo (Chair)	Mr. Neil Bird
Ms. Diana Harutyunyan (Vice-chair)	Mr. Shailendra Kumar Singh
	Mr. Larwanou Mahamane
	Mr. Raul Ponce-Hernandez
	Mr. Marcelo Rocha
	Mr. Xiaoquan Zhang
	Ms. Sarah Walker

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The agenda was adopted with the removal of the agenda item 3.1.1 (a) “CarbonFix A/R baseline and monitoring methodology for multiple baselines land uses and leakage settings”, as this submission had been deemed not qualified for consideration following the “Procedure for the submission and consideration of a proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology for large scale afforestation and reforestation CDM project activities” (version 01).

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

4. The A/R WG considered information provided by members with respect to any potential conflict of interest.

Agenda item 2.2. Performance management

5. The A/R WG considered a status report on the implementation of the A/R WG 2012 workplan and provided input to the secretariat on possible future tasks to be considered for inclusion in the 2013 workplan of the A/R WG.

Agenda item 2.3. Matters related to the A/R WG

6. The chair briefed the A/R WG on the outcomes of the sixty-eighth and sixty-ninth meetings of the Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) of the clean development mechanism (CDM)

7. The A/R WG received an up-date on the outcomes of the 38th and 39th meetings of the Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG) and the 57th and 58th meetings of the Methodologies Panel (Meth Panel) outlining the main actions and recommendations of relevance to the A/R WG.

Agenda item 2.3.1. Up-coming deadlines of relevance to stakeholders

8. The A/R WG noted that its 38th meeting is tentatively scheduled for 11–13 February 2013.
9. Project participants, designated national authorities (DNAs) and other stakeholders may note the following deadlines pending approval of the 2013 schedule by the Board at its seventieth meeting:
 - (a) The deadline for the submission of proposed new methodologies (PNMs) to be considered at the 38th meeting of the A/R WG is 3 December 2012 at 24:00 GMT (10 weeks prior to the next meeting);
 - (b) The deadline for the submission of requests for revision to be considered at the 38th meeting of the A/R WG is 3 December 2012 at 24:00 GMT (10 weeks prior to the next meeting);
 - (c) The deadline for the submission of requests for clarification to be considered at the 38th meeting of the A/R WG is 14 January 2013 at 24:00 GMT (4 weeks prior to the next meeting).

Agenda item 3. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 3.1. Standards/tools

Agenda item 3.1.1. Consideration of proposed new afforestation and reforestation methodological standards

10. The status, case history and final recommendations proposed by the A/R WG for consideration by the Board are made available on the UNFCCC CDM website at <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/ARmethodologies/pnm>.
11. The relevant procedure "Procedure for the submission and consideration of a proposed new baseline and monitoring methodology for large scale afforestation and reforestation CDM project activities" (version 01) is available on the UNFCCC CDM website at: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/index.html#meth>.
12. The A/R WG considered the proposed new methodological standard listed in table 2, as well as desk reviews and public inputs received, where applicable.

Table 2 Status of consideration of proposed new methodological standards

Issue	Title	Status/ recommendation	Paragraph
New consolidated methodology	AR-ACM00XX "Afforestation and reforestation of lands except wetlands"	To approve	13

13. The A/R WG recommended that the Board approve the new proposed consolidated baseline and monitoring methodology AR-ACM00XX "Afforestation and reforestation of lands except wetlands" mainly based on the methodology AR-AM0013 "Afforestation and reforestation of lands other than wetlands". The new consolidated methodology as contained in annex 1:
- (a) Incorporates relevant decisions and clarifications issued by the Board up to the date of publication of the EB 69 report;
 - (b) Is applicable to A/R project activities implemented on land that does not fall in the wetland category;
 - (c) Fully consolidates eleven A/R methodologies into this methodology, which will no longer be required and are recommended for withdrawal in paragraph 18 of the report.

Agenda item 3.1.2. Revisions of methodological standards

14. The relevant procedure "Procedure for the submission and consideration of requests for revision of approved baseline and monitoring methodologies and tools for A/R CDM project activities" (version 01) is available on the UNFCCC CDM website at: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/index.html#meth>.
15. The A/R WG noted that no external requests for revisions were received within the deadline specified on the UNFCCC website for consideration at the A/R WG 37th meeting.
16. The A/R WG considered revisions of approved methodologies (AM) and approved tools (AT) listed in Table 3 as well as desk reviews and public inputs received, where applicable.

Table 3 Status of consideration of revisions to methodological standards

Issue	AM/AT	Mandate	Status/ recommendation	Paragraph
Consolidation	AR-AM0002 "Restoration of degraded lands through afforestation/reforestation"	2012 Workplan	To withdraw	18(a)
Consolidation	AR-AM0004 "Reforestation or afforestation of land currently under agricultural use";	2012 Workplan	To withdraw	18(b)

Issue	AM/AT	Mandate	Status/ recommendation	Paragraph
Consolidation	AR-AM0005 "Afforestation and reforestation project activities implemented for industrial and/or commercial uses"	2012 Workplan	To withdraw	18(c)
Consolidation	AR-AM0007 "Afforestation and Reforestation of Land Currently Under Agricultural or Pastoral Use"	2012 Workplan	To withdraw	18(d)
Consolidation	AR-AM0009 "Afforestation or reforestation on degraded land allowing for silvopastoral activities"	2012 Workplan	To withdraw	18(e)
Consolidation	AR-AM0010 "Afforestation and reforestation project activities implemented on unmanaged grassland in reserve/protected areas"	2012 Workplan	To withdraw	18(f)
Consolidation	AR-AM0011 "Afforestation and reforestation of land subject to polyculture farming"	2012 Workplan	To withdraw	18(g)
Consolidation	AR-AM0012 "Afforestation or reforestation of degraded or abandoned agricultural lands"	2012 Workplan	To withdraw	18(h)
Consolidation	AR-AM0013 "Afforestation and reforestation of lands other than wetlands"	2012 Workplan	To withdraw	18(i)
Revision	AR-AM0014 "Afforestation and reforestation of degraded mangrove habitats"	2012 Workplan	To approve the revision	17(a)
Consolidation	AR-ACM0001 "Afforestation and reforestation of degraded land"	2012 Workplan	To withdraw	18(j)
Consolidation	AR-ACM0002 "Afforestation or reforestation of degraded land without displacement of pre-project activities"	2012 Workplan	To withdraw	18(k)
Revision	Tool "Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities"	2012 Workplan	To approve the revision	17(b)

17. In consideration of the top-down work undertaken to improve methodological standards, the A/R WG recommended that the Board approve the following revised methodologies and tool:

- (a) AR-AM0014 "Afforestation and reforestation of degraded mangrove habitats". The methodology was adopted at EB 61 and the draft revision as contained in annex 2:
 - (i) Incorporates relevant decisions and clarifications issued by the Board up to the date of publication of the EB 69 report;
 - (ii) Is applicable to A/R project activities implemented on land that constitutes degraded mangrove habitat;
 - (iii) Simplifies the requirements for accounting for leakage by removing the reference to fuel wood collection, and by using the approved tool "Tool for calculation of GHG emissions due to leakage from increased use of non-renewable woody biomass attributable to an A/R CDM project activity";
 - (b) Tool "Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities". The tool was last revised at EB 60. The draft revised tool as contained in annex 3 takes into account the inputs received in response to the call for public inputs (open 23 July – 1 August). The draft revised tool:
 - (i) Provides clearer guidance on when to use which method for estimation of tree biomass or change in tree biomass;
 - (ii) Provides guidance in cases where the uncertainty in estimation exceeds allowable maximum uncertainty.
18. The A/R WG recommended that the Board approve the recommendation for withdrawal of the following 11 methodologies as these have been fully incorporated into the consolidated methodology AR-ACM00XX "Afforestation and reforestation of lands except wetlands" recommend for approval:
- (a) AR-AM0002 "Restoration of degraded lands through afforestation/reforestation;"
 - (b) AR-AM0004 "Reforestation or afforestation of land currently under agricultural use";
 - (c) AR-AM0005 "Afforestation and reforestation project activities implemented for industrial and/or commercial uses;"
 - (d) AR-AM0007 "Afforestation and Reforestation of Land Currently Under Agricultural or Pastoral Use";
 - (e) AR-AM0009 "Afforestation or reforestation on degraded land allowing for silvopastoral activities";
 - (f) AR-AM0010 "Afforestation and reforestation project activities implemented on unmanaged grassland in reserve/protected areas;"
 - (g) AR-AM0011 "Afforestation and reforestation of land subject to polyculture farming";
 - (h) AR-AM0012 "Afforestation or reforestation of degraded or abandoned agricultural lands;"

- (i) AR-AM0013 "Afforestation and reforestation of lands other than wetlands;"
 - (j) AR-ACM0001 "Afforestation and reforestation of degraded land;"
 - (k) AR-ACM0002 "Afforestation or reforestation of degraded land without displacement of pre-project activities."
19. If approved by the Board, the revised large-scale methodological standards will become effective from day of publication of the Board meeting report.⁴

Agenda item 3.1.2.1. Consideration of cross-cutting issues related to revisions of methodological standards

20. The A/R WG considered a concept note prepared by the secretariat on options and impacts of consolidating A/R methodological tools, procedures, guidances, guidelines, clarifications issued by the Board and clarifications issued by the A/R WG. The A/R WG agreed on the way forward and recommended that the Board take note of the following:
- (a) The A/R WG, in line with the A/R WG 2012 workplan mandate for improvement of methodological standards, will continue its work toward consolidating the existing A/R methodological standards, guidance, guidelines, clarifications and tools into a set of A/R methodological standards consisting of:
 - (i) Two small-scale AR methodologies;
 - (ii) Two large-scale AR methodologies;
 - (iii) 11 methodological tools.
 - (b) The A/R WG is of the opinion that the majority of the possible baseline scenarios and A/R project activities will be covered by these methodological standards and that while proposals for new A/R methodologies continue to be welcome, the A/R WG would like to encourage stakeholders to consider awaiting the consolidation process and alternatively to propose revisions of these methodologies and tools prior to submitting new A/R methodologies.

¹ "Procedure for the submission and consideration of requests for revision of approved baseline and monitoring methodologies and tools for A/R CDM project activities" (version 01). Paragraph 36.

Agenda item 4. Consultation

Agenda item 4.1. Calls for public input

21. The A/R WG considered the responses to the call for public inputs, and the clarifications provided by the World Bank and Det Norske Veritas (DNV) upon the request from the secretariat as a follow-up to the inputs, submitted in response to the call for public inputs (open 23 July to 22 August 2012) on the draft revised tool "Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities".

Agenda item 5. Conclusion of the meeting

22. The A/R WG dealt with methodology and case specific issues, including submissions of methodologies received by the deadlines specified in the last report, and made recommendations to the Board, in line with the 2012 workplan of the A/R WG.
23. The A/R WG adopted the report and concluded its 37th meeting. The report and annexes will be available on the UNFCCC website.

Annexes to the report

Annexes to the external report of the thirty-seventh meeting of the A/R WG

- Annex 1 - AR-ACM00XX "Afforestation and reforestation of lands other than wetlands"
- Annex 2 - Draft revision of AR-AM0014
"Afforestation and reforestation of degraded mangrove habitats"
- Annex 3 - Draft revision of the tool
"Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in
A/R CDM project activities"

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