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Annotations to the proposed agenda

Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. ► **Action:** The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG).

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

2. ► **Action:** The A/R WG Chair may wish to adopt the proposed agenda for the thirty-eighth meeting.

Background: A two and a half day physical meeting of the A/R WG has been organized in accordance with the provisions contained in paragraph 19(c) of the EB 71 report and paragraph 12(b) of the EB 72 meeting report. The agenda is based on a request for issuance submitted to the secretariat, top-down work initiated by the secretariat, the A/R WG and the Executive Board (hereafter referred to as the Board) of the clean development mechanism (CDM), the 2013 workplans of the working groups and panels, and other mandates from the Board.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

3. ► **Action:** Members of the A/R WG will may wish to provide statements on any potential conflict of interest concerning the issues on the agenda for the meeting, and take action, as appropriate.

Background: In accordance with paragraph 25 of the “Terms of reference of the support structure of the CDM Executive Board” (version 04.0), “members of a panel or working group shall abide by the code of conduct of the Board, as well as by the provisions related to conflict of interest and transparency of the Board, taking into account specific confidentiality requirements. They shall declare whether they have a pecuniary or financial interest in an issue presented to them as a member of the panel or working group and refrain from participating in any discussion or decision on the issue.”. Such issues include accreditation of operational entities, consideration and approval of methodologies, registration of CDM project activities and/or the issuance of related certified emission reductions.

Agenda item 2.2. Performance management

4. ► **Action:** The A/R WG may wish to take note of the update on the annual workplan as presented to the Board at EB 74.

Background: The 2013 workplans of the panels and working groups under the Board were approved at EB 72 based on the approved CDM-MAP 2013–2014. The workplan specifies products and routine operations that each of the panels and working groups are requested to consider during the year and is as such applicable to the CDM

Accreditation Panel (CDM-AP), the Methodologies Panel (Meth Panel), the Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG), the Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Working Group (CCS WG), and the A/R WG. In accordance with the Board's workplan for 2013, changes to the annual workplans for panels and working groups were approved during the midyear review at EB 74.

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

5. ► **Action:** The A/R WG may want to take note of the update on the relevant outcomes of the recent EB meetings.

Background: There have been four Board meetings since the A/R WG 37th meeting (29–31 October 2012).

6. ► **Action:** The A/R WG may want to take note of the updates on relevant regulatory matters in preparation of the consideration of agenda items for this meeting.

Background: There has been one Meth Panel meeting (MP 59 held 22–25 April 2013) and one SSC WG meeting (SSC WG 40 held 16–19 April 2013). The secretariat will further brief the A/R WG on relevant editorial revisions and fast track clarifications finalized since the last meeting of the A/R WG in accordance with the relevant procedures. The procedures for items received prior to 1 April 2013 are available at: <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/meth_consol/index.html> on the UNFCCC CDM website and for items processed after 1 April 2013, the Procedure for “Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools” is available at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/index.html#meth>>.

7. ► **Action:** The AR WG may wish to take note of upcoming deadlines for project participants, designated national authorities (DNAs) and other stakeholders for submission of requests for clarifications, requests for revisions and proposed new methodologies for the A/R WG's consideration.

Background: Following the Board's decisions as specified in paragraph 19(c) and 23 of the seventy-first meeting report of the Board, an A/R WG meeting may be triggered by a submission. Such submissions should consequently be received prior to the next Board meeting in order to obtain approval from the Board and ensure consideration by the A/R WG in accordance with the relevant steps in the procedure “Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools.”

Agenda item 3. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 3.1. Standards/tools

Agenda item 3.1.1. Consultation on issues related to standards/tools

8. ► **Action:** The A/R WG may wish to provide comments on issues related to inclusion of A/R CDM component project activities (CPAs) in A/R CDM Programme of Activities (POAs).

Background: Based on a request by the Board (EB 74), and in line with the approved workplan for panel and working groups for 2013, the A/R WG is consulted and invited to provide feedback on project deliverables according to the CDM business plan.

Agenda item 3.1.2. Consideration of revisions of methodological standards

9. **►Action:** The AR WG may wish to consider revising the following A/R methodological standards:
- (a) Tool for “Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities”;
 - (b) Tool for “Estimation of the increase in GHG emissions attributable to displacement of pre-project agricultural activities in A/R CDM project activity”;
 - (c) Tool for “Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks in dead wood and litter in A/R CDM project activities”;
 - (d) AR-AM0014: “Afforestation and reforestation of degraded mangrove habitats”;
 - (e) AR-ACM0003: “Afforestation and reforestation of lands except wetlands”;
 - (f) AR-AMS0003: “Simplified baseline and monitoring methodology for small scale CDM afforestation and reforestation project activities implemented on wetlands”;
 - (g) AR-AMS0007: “Simplified baseline and monitoring methodology for small scale CDM afforestation and reforestation project activities implemented on lands other than wetlands”.

Background: The consideration of requests for revisions submitted by proponents (bottom-up process) or initiated by the Board (top-down process) is included in the approved workplan for panel and working groups for 2013. Revisions of approved methodologies and tools are considered in accordance with the procedure “Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools”.

10. **►Action:** The AR WG may wish to consider withdrawal of a range of approved A/R methodological standards and clarifications which have been fully incorporated into approved methodological standards due to improvement in A/R methodological standards.

Background: The consolidation process started in 2011 and is almost complete. In the process a number of methodological standards, guidelines and clarifications have become redundant.

Agenda item 3.1.3. Global stakeholder consultation

11. **►Action:** The A/R WG may wish to take note of the draft recommendations for approval of methodological standards under consideration at the meeting which will result in calls for public input.

Background: In accordance with the procedure for “Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools” the secretariat shall make the draft recommendations to the Board publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website for global stakeholder consultation for a duration of 15 days.

Agenda item 3.2. Procedures

Agenda item 3.2.1. Consideration of revision of methodological procedures

12. ► **Action:** The A/R WG may wish to consider revising the “Procedures to demonstrate the eligibility of lands for afforestation and reforestation CDM project activities”.

Background: The procedure may be considered revised with a view to consolidate methodological standards. The A/R WG may consider revising the title to reflect the nature of the content as a methodological tool instead of a procedure.

Agenda item 3.2.2. Consultation on issues related to procedures

13. ► **Action:** The A/R WG may wish to provide comments on the draft "Proposed amendments in Modalities and procedures for A/R CDM project activities to allow flexibility in timing of verification and certification".

Background: Based on the approved workplan for panel and working groups for 2013, the A/R WG is consulted and invited to provide feedback on project deliverables according to the CDM business plan.

Agenda item 3.3. Guidelines

Agenda item 3.3.1. Consultation on issues related to guidelines

14. ► **Action:** The A/R WG may wish to provide comments on the draft "Manual for development of A/R CDM project activities".

Background: Based on the approved workplan for panel and working groups for 2013, the A/R WG is consulted and invited to provide feedback on project deliverables according to the CDM business plan.

Agenda item 4. Conclusion of the meeting

15. ► **Action:** The A/R WG may wish to approve the internal and external reports of the thirty-eighth meeting.
16. ► **Action:** The Chair may wish to close to meeting.

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