

**REPORT OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE AFFORESTATION AND REFORESTATION  
WORKING GROUP**

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**A. Consideration of proposed new methodologies**

1. The Afforestation and reforestation working group (AR WG) considered the following proposed new AR methodologies:

ARNM0001: The Mountain Pine Ridge Reforestation Project
ARNM0002: Reforestation Project Using Native Species Around AES-Tiete Reservoirs

2. After considering the proposed new AR methodologies as well as desk reviews and public inputs received, the AR WG agreed to recommend to the EB not to approve proposals ARNM0001 and ARNM0002.

3. The AR WG, however, acknowledges the effort put in the elaboration and submission of these first two proposals and encourages project participants to take into consideration the comments made by the group in order to increase the quality of future submissions.

**B. CDM: Proposed new AR methodology assessment form and recommendations regarding further submissions of AR methodologies**

4. The Afforestation and reforestation working group (AR WG) agreed on criteria, as contained in Annex 1 to this report, to be used in the screening process to assess proposed new methodologies in accordance with paragraph 5 of the procedures for submission and consideration of proposed new methodologies for afforestation and reforestation project activities.

5. The AR WG discussed the need for proposals for new baseline and monitoring methodologies to address the eligibility of lands as afforestation and reforestation project activities. With the aim of facilitating this exercise, the AR WG discussed the possible need of developing a tool for assessing the eligibility of land/projects as afforestation or reforestation project activities under the CDM. The group recommends that the CDM Executive Board discusses the need for developing such a tool.

6. Additional recommendations regarding the submission of new methodologies are contained in Annex II to this report.

**C. Tool to assess and determine additionality of AR project activities**

7. The AR WG started discussions on a tool to assess and determine additionality of AR project activities, and agreed to continue this discussion at its next meeting in order to make a recommendation to the Board. Discussions were based on the need for a tool for demonstrating additionality, agreed by the EB at its sixteenth meeting.

**D. Biomass from non-sustainable sources**

8. The Meth Panel at its twelfth meeting started considering the issue of use of biomass from non-sustainable sources as applicable category of small-scale project activity/CDM project activities and agreed to request the SSC WG and the AR WG to further assess the relation to eligibility of such activities under the CDM modalities and procedures before a recommendation is elaborated to the Board (see meeting report of Meth 12, section B).

9. Due to time constraints the AR WG had no time to finalize its discussions and agreed to continue the discussions at its next meeting. The AR WG recommends the need for developing a common

recommendation from the AR WG and Meth Panel to the Board regarding the definition of renewable biomass. It suggests that the AR WG and Meth Panel meet once jointly in order to discuss this issue.

**E. Schedule of meetings**

10. The working group agreed on to hold its fourth meeting tentatively on 14 to 15 April 2005.

**F. Roster of experts**

11. The AR WG noted the satisfactory completion of the desk reviews undertaken for proposed new methodologies for afforestation and reforestation project activities considered at the meeting and the desk reviews considered for submissions submitted at rounds 1 and 2.

12. The AR WG note the need to repeat the announcement of the open call for experts for the afforestation and reforestation roster of experts and to encourage experts to apply.

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