

## REPORT OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE AFFORESTATION AND REFORESTATION WORKING GROUP

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13-14 June 2005

### **A. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

1. The Chair of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (AR WG), Mr. Martin Enderlin, expressed their deep appreciation to the outgoing members, Mr. Michael Dutschke and Mr. Walter Oyhantcabal, for their outstanding work and encouraged them to continue to share their expertise as desk reviewers.
2. The Chair of the AR WG welcomed the new members of the working group, Ms. Carmenza Robledo, who was selected by the Executive Board at its nineteenth meeting, and Mr. Frank Werner, who was selected by the Board through electronic decision after one of the members selected at the nineteenth meeting resigned.

### **B. Consideration of proposed new methodologies**

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

ARNM0003 "The International Small Group & Tree Planting Program (TIST)"
ARNM0004 "Treinta y Tres afforestation combined with livestock intensification"
ARNM0005 "The Mountain Pine Ridge Reforestation Project (MPR Project)"
ARNM0006 "Bagepalli CDM Afforestation Programme"
ARNM0007 "Moldova Soil Conservation Project"

4. After considering the proposed new AR methodologies as well as desk reviews and public inputs received, the AR WG:

(a) Agreed on the final recommendations on proposals for the consideration of the Executive Board at its twentieth meeting. Final recommendations will be made available in the UNFCCC CDM web site: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/ARmethodologies/publicview.html>. In particular the ARWG:

- (i) Recommended to **not approve** ARNM0003, ARNM0004 and ARNM0005.

(b) Agreed on the **preliminary recommendations** on proposals ARNM0006 and ARNM0007. In accordance with the procedures for submission and consideration of a proposed new AR methodology, project participants would have the opportunity to provide technical clarifications on these preliminary recommendations. Preliminary recommendations for which project participants do not provide any clarification within the ten-day consultation period will be made available in the UNFCCC CDM web site: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/ARmethodologies/publicview.html>.

5. The ARWG acknowledges the effort put in the elaboration and submission of the above proposals. In particular, the group commended the work done by the proponents of ARNM0007.

### **C. Development of simplified methodologies for small scale afforestation and reforestation CDM project activities**

6. The working group started the development of simplified methodologies for small-scale afforestation and reforestation CDM project activities. It agreed to launch a call for public inputs to be posted on the UNFCCC CDM web site tentatively from 5 July to 8 August 2005.

**D. Draft tool to assess and determine additionality of AR project activities**

7. The working group agreed to recommend to the Board a draft tool for assessing the additionality of A/R projects, as contained in annex 1 of this report.

8. The working group discussed the possibility of elaborating a tool for assessing the eligibility of lands for afforestation and reforestation project activities. The mentioned tool could either be incorporated in the additionality tool (see annex 1, step 0a, Preliminary screening based on the specific features of AR project activities), or be developed separately. It requests guidance from the Board on this matter.

**E. Biomass from non-renewable sources**

9. The working group had a joint session with the Meth Panel on non-renewable biomass in the context of small-scale energy project activities. The group noted that discussions should further proceed and expected further guidance from the Meth Panel.

**F. Reasons for non-approval of proposed new AR methodologies**

10. The working group considered the reasons for non-approval of proposed new AR methodologies and agreed on the need to continue to work on this matter at its next meeting.

**G. Additional considerations**

11. The working group discussed the displacement of pre-project activities that emit non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In particular, the group considered the implications of these emissions being accounted under leakage while not in the baseline. The working group agreed to further consider this issue at its fifth meeting.

12. The group noted that the Board is currently discussing issues relating the deadline for registering those project activities that may request the crediting period to start before the date of registration. It requests guidance from the Executive Board on the need to address the implications resulting from the starting date of the project being the same as the starting of the crediting period in the specific context of the modalities and procedures for CDM afforestation and reforestation project activities.

13. The ARWG noted that the form for submitting new monitoring methodologies (CDM-AR-NMM) does not provide for the incorporation of any information relating to the monitoring of environmental and social impacts. It requests guidance from the Executive Board on this matter, in particular, whether a revision of the forms (CDM-AR-NMB and CDM-AR-NMM) is needed to incorporate such information, and whether such revision can start as of the fifth meeting of the working group.

14. The working group discussed the development of type of AR projects and agreed to continue its deliberations at its fifth meeting.

15. The working group acknowledged the two submissions received from Mr. Craig Trotter on "Establishing A/R CDM Projects Comprising Multiple Parcels in Areas with Proven On-going Deforestation: the Issue of Trees Existing at the Time of Parcel Establishment" and Mr. Frank Werner on "Error Analysis in CDM Forestry Methodologies". Due to lack of time, the working group could not consider these submissions and agreed to consider them at its next meeting.

**H. Schedule of meetings**

16. The working group agreed on to hold its fifth meeting tentatively on 31 August to 2 September 2005 and its sixth meeting tentatively on 5 to 7 October 2005.

**I. Roster of experts**

17. The AR WG noted the satisfactory completion of the desk reviews undertaken for proposed new methodologies for afforestation and reforestation project activities for submissions submitted at rounds 3 and 4.