

REPORT OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE AFFORESTATION AND REFORESTATION WORKING GROUP

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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, and the Vice-Chair, Mr. José Miguez, welcomed the new member of the AR WG Mr. Nagmeldin G. Elhassan.
2. The AR WG expressed their appreciation for the excellent work of the outgoing Chair of the ARWG, Mr. Martin Enderlin.

B. Consideration of proposed new methodologies

3. The AR WG considered the following proposed new AR methodologies:

ARNM0007-rev: "Moldova Soil Conservation Project"
ARNM0012: "Afforestation or reforestation project activity implemented on unmanaged grassland"
ARNM0013: "The Mountain Pine Ridge Reforestation Project (MPR Project)"
ARNM0014: "Treinta y Tres' afforestation combined with livestock intensification"
ARNM0015: "Reforestation as Renewable Source of Wood Supplies for Industrial Use in Brazil"
ARNM0016: "Los Eucaliptus Afforestation Project"
ARNM0017: "Mexico Seawater Forestry Project"
ARNM0018: "Assisted Natural Regeneration of Degraded Lands in Albania"

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

(a) Agreed on the **final recommendations** on proposals ARNM0013, ARNM0014, and ARNM0016, for the consideration of the Executive Board at its twenty-third meeting. Final recommendations will be made available on the UNFCCC CDM web site: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/ARmethodologies/publicview.html>. In particular the AR WG:

- (i) Recommended the **revision** of proposal ARNM0013.
- (ii) Recommended **not to approve** proposal ARNM0014 and ARNM0016.

5. The AR WG agreed on the **preliminary recommendation** on proposal ARNM0015, ARNM0017 and ARNM0018. In accordance with the procedures for submission and consideration of a proposed new AR methodology, project participants will have the opportunity to provide technical clarifications on this preliminary recommendation. 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>.

Work in Progress

6. Based on a revised submission by the project participants, the AR WG considered **ARNM0007-rev** with a view to prepare a recommendation for possible approval of the case at its eighth meeting.
7. The ARWG agreed that it would consider the methodology **ARNM0012** at its next meeting (please refer to section J below).

C. Development of forms for small-scale afforestation and reforestation CDM project activities

8. The AR WG considered a **draft small-scale afforestation and reforestation project design document** (CDM-AR-SSC-PDD) and agreed to recommend a draft CDM-AR-SSC-PDD and its guidelines to the Board, as contained in annex 1 and 2 respectively of this report.

D. Revision of forms

9. Taking into consideration the revised version of CDM-AR-NM, agreed by the Board at its twenty-second meeting, the AR WG also agreed to recommend a revision of the **CDM-AR-PDD** and its guidelines for consideration by the Board, as contained in annex 3 and 4 respectively of this report

10. In order to improve the pre-assessment of AR methodologies, the AR WG agreed to recommend the revision of the current pre-assessment form “CDM-AR-NMas”, as contained in annex 5 of this report for consideration by the Board.

E. Treatment of biomass

11. As recommended by the Board at its twenty-second meeting, the AR WG further discussed the treatment of biomass and agreed to recommend the revised **definition of renewable biomass** to the Board, as contained in annex 6 to this report.

12. The AR WG further reviewed its proposal on leakage from biomass from small-scale CDM project activities and agreed to forward its proposal for the consideration of the SSC WG, with a view to provide a joint recommendation to the Board.

F. Treatment of uncertainties

13. The AR WG further considered the treatment of the uncertainties and recognized that additional work would be necessary to finalize its work. The AR WG agreed to request a member to review the documentation with a view to preparing a final recommendation on this issue at its eighth meeting. The member should be paid two (2) working days for the purpose of the additional work.

G. National and / or sectoral policies

14. The AR WG agreed to recommend the draft guidance of national and/or sectoral policies and circumstances particular to afforestation and reforestation project activities, as contained in annex 7 of this report.

H. Additional considerations

15. The AR WG discussed the classification of types of AR project activities, however agreed not to further consider this until required.

16. The AR WG took note of the “baseline selection tool” recommended by the Meth Panel at its last meeting, and agreed to recommend to the Board that the AR WG will develop a “baseline selection tool for afforestation and reforestation project activities”.

I. Consistency in use of parameters and variables

17. In order to maintain consistency of approved methodologies and ease the methodologies process for afforestation and reforestation project activities, the AR WG encouraged project proponents to use nomenclature for parameters and variables, as provided in previously approved AR methodologies, when submitting proposed new methodologies.

J. Issue of afforestation/reforestation in baseline

18. In view of the new methodologies ARNM0012, ARNM0014 and ARNM0015, the AR WG noted that afforestation/reforestation is used as an alternative for the baseline scenario, however at a slower rate than in the project case. The AR WG agreed to undertake an analysis of the issue and prepare an options paper to be discussed at its eighth meeting.

K. Project delineation in multi-parcel AR project activities

19. The AR WG noted that a clarification of project delineation in multi-parcel AR project activities is required and agreed to further work on this issue at its next meeting.

L. Schedule of meetings

20. The AR WG agreed to hold its next meetings on **28 – 29 March 2006** and **13 – 14 June 2006**. These meetings may be preceded by a one-day informal meeting.

21. The next round of submission of proposed new methodologies are recommended to be on 9 March 2006. The AR WG reminded that baseline and monitoring **methodologies can be submitted at any time**. The dates mentioned above reflect only the cut-off date for the submissions to be considered at respective AR WG meeting.

M. Roster of experts

22. 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 round 7.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Draft small-scale afforestation and reforestation project design document (CDM-AR-SSC-PDD)

Annex 2: Draft small-scale afforestation and reforestation guidelines

Annex 3: Draft revision of the CDM-AR-PDD

Annex 4: Draft revision of the guidelines for CDM-AR-PDD

Annex 5: Draft revision of the pre-assessment form CDM-ARNMas

Annex 6: Draft revised definition of renewable biomass

Annex 7: Draft guidance of national and/or sectoral policies