

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

UNFCCC Headquarters, Bonn, Germany  
28 - 29 March 2006

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

1. The Chair of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (AR WG), Mr. Philip M. Gwage, opened the meeting.
2. The Chair thanked, on behalf of the working group, the outgoing Chair, Mr. Martin Enderlin, and the outgoing Vice-Chair, Mr. José Domingos Miguez, for their outstanding work and dedication during the last year. The Chair further welcomed Mr. Masaharu Fujitomi, as the Vice-Chair of the AR WG.
3. The Chair presented the agenda as proposed. The meeting adopted the proposed agenda.

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

4. The AR WG considered the following proposed AR methodologies:

ARNM0007-rev: "Moldova Soil Conservation Project"
ARNM0012: "Afforestation or reforestation project activity implemented on unmanaged grassland"
ARNM0015: "Reforestation as Renewable Source of Wood Supplies for Industrial Use in Brazil"
ARNM0017: "Mexico Seawater Forestry Project"
ARNM0018: "Assisted Natural Regeneration of Degraded Lands in Albania"
ARNM0019: "Reforestation around Pico Bonito National Park, Honduras"
ARNM0020: "Afforestation for Combating Desertification in Aohan County, Northern China"

5. After considering the proposed AR methodologies as well as the desk reviews and public inputs received, the AR WG agreed to:

(a) the **final recommendations** on proposals **ARNM0007-rev**, **ARNM0012**, **ARNM0017** and **ARNM0018**, for the consideration of the Executive Board at its twenty-fourth meeting. The final recommendations will be made available on the UNFCCC CDM web site: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/ARmethodologies/publicview.html>. The AR WG made the following specific recommendations to:

- (i) the **approval** of proposals ARNM0007-rev and ARNM0018. The re-formatted versions of ARNM0007-rev and ARNM0018 are contained in annex 1 and 2 respectively to this report;
- (ii) the **revision** of proposals **ARNM0012** and **ARNM0017**.

(b) the **preliminary recommendations** of proposals **ARNM0019** and **ARNM0020**. 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 have not provided any clarifications within the 4 week consultation period will be posted as is on the UNFCCC CDM web site: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/ARmethodologies/publicview.html>.

### *Work in Progress*

6. The A/R WG agreed to continue considering **ARNM0015** in order to address outstanding issues with a view to prepare a recommendation for possible approval of the case at its ninth meeting.

### **C. Revision to AR-AM0001**

7. The A/R WG agreed to recommend the revision of AR-AM0001 with minor editorial changes, as contained in annex 3 .

### **D. Proposal on leakage management**

8. The A/R WG considered a proposal on leakage in A/R project activities in order to provide clarifications to project participants on options to address this issue. The A/R WG agreed to continue work on the proposal at its ninth meeting with a view to preparing a recommendation to the Board.

### **E. Issue of afforestation/reforestation in baseline**

9. The A/R WG identified that certain proposed new methodologies have proposed afforestation/reforestation at a slower rate than in the project scenario, as a plausible baseline scenario. The A/R WG recommended a proposal to address the issue, as contained in annex 4 to this report.

### **F. Definition and monitoring of the project boundary**

10. The A/R WG considered the issue of defining project boundary for possible situations where all the areas to be afforested/reforested are not identified at registration of the project and agreed to continue work on it at its ninth meeting with a view to preparing a recommendation to the Board.

### **G. Treatment of uncertainties**

11. The A/R WG considered proposal on accounting for uncertainty in data measurement and parameters for estimating the net anthropogenic greenhouse gas removals by sinks and agreed to identify further areas of uncertainty and ways of address them. The A/R WG agreed to further work on the proposal at its ninth meeting with a view to preparing a recommendation to the Board.

### **H. Estimation of emissions and carbon stock losses from road construction**

12. The A/R WG considered a technical paper on the losses of carbon in carbon pools due to the construction of access roads within the project boundary. The A/R WG agreed to recommend to the Board that these emissions are negligible compared to net anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks over the crediting period.

### **I. Procedures for Clarifications of A/R methodologies**

13. The A/R WG recommended that the procedures for clarifications of approved methodology for non-A/R CDM project activities, as agreed by the Board at its twentieth meetings, apply *mutatis mutandis* to approved methodologies for A/R CDM project activities.

### **J. Schedule of meetings**

14. The A/R WG agreed to hold its next meetings on **13 - 14 June 2006** and **1 - 2 September 2006**. These meetings may be preceded by a one-day informal meeting.

15. The **6 June 2006** was recommended as the deadline for the tenth round of submissions of proposed new methodologies. The A/R WG reminds project participants that baseline and monitoring **methodologies can be submitted at any time**. The above deadline reflects the cut-off date for submissions to be considered at the tenth meeting of the A/R WG.

### **K. Roster of experts**

16. The AR WG noted the satisfactory completion of the desk reviews of proposed new methodologies for A/R project activities submitted at round 8.