

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

UNFCCC Headquarters, Bonn, Germany
29 - 30 August 2006

A. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. The Chair of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG), Mr. Philip M. Gwage, opened the meeting.
2. The A/R WG expressed its deep appreciation to the outgoing Vice-Chair of the A/R WG Mr. Masaharu Fujitomi and the outgoing representative of the Meth Panel, Mr. Lambert Schneider for their outstanding dedication and support to the working group.
3. The Chair, on behalf of the working group, welcomed Mr. Akihiro Kuroki, as the new Vice-Chair of the A/R WG.
4. The A/R WG adopted the agenda as proposed.

B. Consideration of proposed methodologies

5. The A/R WG considered the proposed new and resubmitted A/R methodologies for the cases listed under paragraph 8, as well as, desk reviews and public inputs received, where applicable.
6. The final recommendations, proposed by the A/R WG for the consideration by the Executive Board at its twenty-sixth meeting, are made available on the UNFCCC CDM website:
<<http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/ARmethodologies/publicview.html>>.
7. In accordance with the procedures for submission and consideration of a proposed new methodology, project participants may submit, via the DOE, technical clarifications to preliminary recommendations. Preliminary recommendations for which project participants have not provided any clarifications within the 4 week consultation period shall be considered as a final recommendation, forwarded to the Executive Board and will be made available at the same website as above (paragraph 6).
8. The A/R WG agreed on the following recommendations:

Case	ARWG 10 Recommendation¹
ARNM0012-rev: "Afforestation or reforestation project activity implemented on unmanaged grassland"	C
ARNM0013-rev: "The Mountain Pine Ridge Reforestation Project"	Preliminary recommendation
ARNM0015: "Reforestation as Renewable Source of Wood Supplies for Industrial Use in Brazil"	B
ARNM0019: "Reforestation around Pico Bonito National Park, Honduras" as contained in annex 1	A
ARNM0020: "Afforestation for Combating Desertification in Aohan County, Northern China"	B

¹ Recommendations to the methodologies: A (recommended for approval), B (recommended for revision) and C (recommended for non-approval), are final recommendations to the Board.

ARNM0021: “Chocó-Manabí Corridor Reforestation and Conservation Carbon Project”	B
ARNM0024: “San Nicolás CDM Reforestation Project”	B
ARNM0026: “Carbon Sequestration in Small and Medium Farms in the Brunca Region, Costa Rica (COOPEAGRI-Project)”	Preliminary recommendation
ARNM0027: “Treinta y Tres afforestation combined with livestock intensification”	C
ARNM0028: “Reforestation on degraded land for sustainable wood production of woodchips in the eastern coast of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar”	Preliminary recommendation

C. Revision of approved methodologies

9. The A/R WG agreed to recommend the revision of the approved A/R methodology AR-AM0003, to further clarify the monitoring of the boundary of proposed A/R CDM project activities to reflect a literal application of the definition of project boundary and to correct the formula for the calculation of leakage due to the displacement of fuel wood collection. The revised version of the methodology is contained in annex 2.

10. The A/R WG agreed to recommend the revision of the approved small-scale A/R methodology AR-AMS0001 to correct the equation for estimation of the below-ground biomass and include some minor editorial changes. The revised version of the methodology is contained in annex 3.

11. The A/R WG recommended that an additional one (1) day fee should be paid to the A/R WG member for this work.

D. Revision of the procedures to define the eligibility of lands for A/R project activities

12. The A/R WG recommended to the Board the revision of the procedures to define the eligibility of lands for afforestation and reforestation project activities and its title, as contained in annex 4. The A/R WG noted that project participants faced difficulties in applying the existing procedures. The revised draft provides more practical guidance to project participants on how to demonstrate the eligibility of lands and further clarifies the application of the definition of forest, consistent with the specifications in the IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF.

E. Revision of the CDM-AR-PDD and CDM-AR-NM forms and their guidelines

13. The A/R WG recommended the revision of the forms: Project Design Document form for Afforestation and Reforestation Project Activities (CDM AR-PDD), Proposed New Baseline and Monitoring Methodologies for A/R (CDM-AR-NM), the Guidelines for Completing the Project Design Document and the Proposed New Methodology for A/R. These revised forms and guidelines are contained in annexes 5, 6 and 7, respectively.

14. The recommended revisions to the forms reflect recent developments in the equivalent forms used by the Methodology Panel, and assist in making more transparent the selecting of an approved methodology for a proposed A/R CDM project activity.

F. Emissions of indirect N₂O from fertilizer application

15. The A/R WG considered a proposal on guidance on emissions of indirect N₂O from fertilizer application consistent with the specifications in the IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF. The A/R WG recommended that only direct, and not indirect, emissions of N₂O from application of fertilizer within the project boundary shall be accounted for in A/R project activities. If the only source of N₂O emissions from leakage activities is due to the application of fertilizer in nurseries supplying seedlings to

the A/R project activity, any leakage emissions of N₂O (either direct or indirect) can be considered negligible.

G. Schedule of meetings

16. The A/R WG agreed to hold its eleventh meeting from **5 to 6 December 2006**. This meeting will be preceded by a one-day informal meeting.

17. The **18 December 2006** was recommended as the deadline for the twelfth round of submissions of proposed new methodologies. The A/R WG reminded project proponents 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 twelfth meeting of the A/R WG.

H. Roster of experts

18. The A/R WG noted the satisfactory completion of the desk reviews of proposed new methodologies for A/R project activities submitted at round 10.

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Draft reformatted baseline and monitoring methodology based on ARNM0019
- Annex 2: Draft revision of the approved baseline and monitoring methodology AR-AM0003
- Annex 3: Draft revision of the simplified baseline and monitoring methodologies for selected small-scale afforestation and reforestation project activities under the CDM AR - AMS0001
- Annex 4: Draft revision of the procedures to define the eligibility of lands for A/R project activities
- Annex 5: Draft revised form: Project Design Document Form for Afforestation and Reforestation Project Activities (CDM AR-PDD)
- Annex 6: Draft revised form: Proposed New Baseline and Monitoring Methodologies for A/R (CDM-AR-NM)
- Annex 7: Draft revised document: Guidelines for Completing the Project Design Document for A/R (CDM-AR-PDD), the Proposed New Methodology for A/R: Baseline and Monitoring (CDM-AR-NM)