

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

UNFCCC Headquarters, Bonn, Germany  
4 - 6 June 2007

**RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE A/R WORKING GROUP  
TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**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 Gwage, opened the meeting and welcomed the new members of the A/R WG Mr. Neil Bird, Mr. Willy Makundi (*in absentia*) and Mr. Raul Ponce-Hernandez, who were appointed by the Board at its thirty-first meeting.
2. The A/R WG expressed their appreciation for the excellent work of the outgoing Vice-Chair of the A/R WG, Ms. Marie-Jose Sanz Sanchez and the outgoing members Mr. Sergio Jauregui and Mr. Frank Werner.
3. The agenda was adopted as proposed.

**B. Consideration of proposed new methodologies**

4. The A/R WG considered the proposed new A/R methodologies for the following cases as well as desk reviews and public inputs received, where applicable.
5. 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 four (4) week consultation period shall be considered as final recommendations and will be forwarded to the Executive Board and made available on the UNFCCC CDM website at <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/goto/ARpropmeth>>.
6. The A/R WG agreed on the following recommendations:

<b>Cases</b>	<b>A/R WG 14 Recommendation<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>ARNM0024-rev:</b> "San Nicolás CDM Reforestation Project"	<b>WIP<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>ARNM0026-rev:</b> "Carbon Sequestration in Small and Medium Farms in the Brunca Region, Costa Rica (COOPEAGRI- Project)"	<b>C</b>
<b>ARNM0028-rev:</b> "Reforestation on degraded land for sustainable wood production of woodchips in the eastern coast of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar"	<b>WIP</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Recommendations to the proposed new methodologies from the fourteenth meeting of the A/R WG, where: A (recommended for approval), B (recommended for revision) and C (recommended for non-approval), are final recommendations to the Board.

<sup>2</sup> Work in progress implies that the deliberations on these methodologies could not be concluded at the fourteenth meeting of the A/R WG. These cases will be further considered before providing a recommendation to the Board.

Cases	A/R WG 14 Recommendation <sup>1</sup>
ARNM0033: "Reforestation of grasslands using fast-growing species in Brazil"	Preliminary recommendation
ARNM0034: "AES-Tiete Afforestation/Reforestation Project Activity around the Borders of Hydroelectric Plant Reservoirs"	Preliminary recommendation

### **C. Clarification of the bundling of small scale A/R project activities for validation**

7. In response to the request by the Board at its thirtieth meeting for clarification regarding validation of the bundles of several small-scale A/R CDM project activities which may exceed the limit for net anthropogenic greenhouse gas removals by sinks for small-scale A/R CDM project activities, the A/R WG analyzed the application of the guidance contained in paragraphs 1(a) and 11 of the Annex to the Decision 6/CMP.1. The A/R WG agreed to recommend that:

- (a) The provisions of paragraph 11 of Annex to 6/CMP.1 shall apply to bundles of small scale A/R project activities, created for the purpose of validation only. Hence, the limit for net anthropogenic greenhouse gas removals by sinks as provided in paragraph 1(a) of Annex to 6/CMP.1 shall not apply to paragraph 11.
- (b) The "General principles for bundling" (EB 21, Annex 21) are therefore not applicable *mutatis mutandis*, in the context of validation of bundles of A/R-SSC CDM project activities.

### **D. Review of the leakage provisions in SSC A/R CDM methodology in the context of PoA**

8. As requested by the Board, the A/R WG reviewed the approved SSC A/R methodology (AR-AMS0001 - Version 03) and recommended that no specific revision of the leakage provisions is required for the purpose of application of the methodology to CDM project activity under a programme of activities (PoA).

### **E. Guidance on leakage and leakage management areas**

9. The A/R WG agreed not to continue work on guidance on leakage and leakage management areas. The work completed will be applied to develop a set of tools for the estimation of leakage.

### **F. Guidelines for treatment of uncertainties in A/R CDM project activities**

10. The A/R WG considered draft proposal for "Guidelines for treatment of uncertainties in A/R CDM project activities" and agreed not to continue work on the issue. The work was already applied to the approved tools: "Calculation of the number of sample plots for measurements within A/R CDM project activities" and "Tool for testing significance of GHG emissions in A/R CDM project activities".

### **G. Further guidance on application of the A/R CDM definition of forest in stands with several storeys**

11. Further to the Board guidance on application of the A/R CDM definition of forest to stands with several storeys (paragraph 45 of the thirty first report), the A/R WG agreed to further clarify that in such situations those trees selected from any storey to satisfy the crown cover threshold (or equivalent stocking level) must also be trees that have the potential to reach the height threshold at maturity in situ, where the crown cover and height thresholds referred to are those selected by the host party and reported to the Executive Board through its designated national authority for the CDM.

#### **H. Revision of the A/R forms and their guidelines**

12. The A/R WG agreed to recommend a revision of the forms: Proposed New Baseline and Monitoring Methodologies for A/R (CDM-AR-NM), and the Guidelines for Completing the Project Design Document and the Proposed New Methodology for A/R as included in the “Technical guidelines for the development of new afforestation/reforestation baseline and monitoring methodologies”. The revised forms and guidelines are contained in annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

#### **I. Schedule of meetings**

13. The A/R WG agreed to hold its fifteenth meeting from 4 to 6 July 2007.

#### **J. Roster of experts**

14. The A/R WG noted the satisfactory completion of the desk reviews of proposed new methodologies for A/R project activities submitted at round 13.

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**Annexes to the report of the fourteenth meeting of A/R WG**

Annex 1: Draft form: Proposed New Baseline and Monitoring Methodologies for A/R (CDM-AR-NM)

Annex 2: Draft Guidelines for Completing the Project Design Document and the Proposed New Methodology for A/R as included in the “Technical guidelines for the development of new afforestation/reforestation baseline and monitoring methodologies”