

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

UNFCCC Headquarters, Bonn, Germany

19 - 21 September 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.
2. The agenda was adopted as proposed.

B. Consideration of proposed new methodologies

3. 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.
4. 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>>.
5. The A/R WG agreed on the following recommendations:

Cases	A/R WG 16 Recommendation¹
ARNM0024-rev: "San Nicolás CDM Reforestation Project", as contained in annex 1.	A
ARNM0032-rev: "San Carlos" Land Restoration Through Silvopastoral Systems	WIP²
ARNM0033: Reforestation of grasslands using fast-growing species in Brazil	WIP
ARNM0034: "AES-Tiete Afforestation/Reforestation Project Activity around the Borders of Hydroelectric Plant Reservoirs", as contained in annex 2.	A

C. Small scale A/R methodology for A/R project activities implemented on "wetlands"

6. As requested by the Board (paragraph 46 of the report of the twenty-ninth meeting of the Board), the A/R WG developed the draft SSC A/R methodology for A/R CDM project activities implemented on wetlands, and agreed to recommend it to the Board for possible recommendation to CMP (in accordance

¹ Recommendations to the proposed new methodologies from the sixteenth 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.

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

with Appendix B of decision 6/CMP.1), as contained in annex 3. The methodology is applicable to lands classified as "wetlands" in the IPCC good practice guidance for LULUCF. The methodology provides guidance for the estimation of actual net GHG removals by sinks, emissions and leakages from sources relevant to small scale A/R CDM project activities on wetlands.

D. Revision of the tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality in A/R CDM project activities

7. In response to the request by the Board at its thirty-third meeting to prioritise the revision of the tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality in A/R CDM project, the A/R WG agreed to recommend the draft revised methodological tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality in A/R CDM project activities (AT-A/R), as contained in annex 4. The revised AT-A/R includes *inter alia*:

- (a) an applicability condition which excludes use of the tool when forestation may lead to non-compliance with any of the applicable laws;
- (b) explicit consideration of lands forested since 31 December 1989; and
- (c) a common practice analysis test.

E. Proposed combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality in A/R CDM project activities

8. In revising the tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality in A/R CDM project activities, the A/R WG in addition agreed to recommend a proposed combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality in A/R CDM project activities (CT-A/R), as contained in annex 5. The CT-A/R provides a stepwise approach for the identification of the baseline land use scenario and contains all essential elements of the tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality in A/R CDM project activities.

9. The CT-A/R applies the same approach used in the combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality as developed by the Meth panel, while including specific guidance for use in the afforestation/reforestation CDM project activities.

F. Revision of the A/R forms and their guidelines

10. The A/R WG agreed to recommend a revision of: (i) Project design document form for afforestation and reforestation project activities (CDM AR-PDD) to align it with the Proposed New Baseline and Monitoring Methodologies for A/R (CDM-AR-NM) form approved by the EB at its thirty-second meeting, and (ii) the Guidelines for Completing the Project Design Document and the Proposed New Methodology for A/R (version 07) as contained in annexes 6 and 7, respectively.

G. Postponed agenda items

11. The A/R WG postponed the following agenda items to the next meeting due to time constraints: (i) Draft "Tool for estimation of leakage from displacement of grazing activities"; and, (ii) Draft "Tool to estimate emissions from oxidation and burning of existing vegetation due to implementation of a CDM A/R project activity".

H. Schedule of meetings

12. The A/R WG agreed to hold its seventeenth meeting from 7 to 9 November 2007.

External annexes to the sixteenth meeting of the A/R WG

- Annex 1: Draft reformatted baseline and monitoring methodology “Afforestation or reforestation on degraded land allowing for silvopastoral activities”, based on ARNM0024-rev: “San Nicolás CDM Reforestation Project”.
- Annex 2: Draft reformatted baseline and monitoring methodology “ Afforestation and reforestation project activities implemented on unmanaged grassland in reserve/protected areas”, based on ARNM0034 “AES-Tiete Afforestation/Reforestation Project Activity around the Borders of Hydroelectric Plant Reservoirs ”.
- Annex 3: Draft simplified baseline and monitoring methodologies for small-scale afforestation and reforestation project activities implemented on wetlands.
- Annex 4: Draft revised methodological tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality in A/R CDM project of activities”.
- Annex 5: Draft methodological tool: "Combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality in A/R CDM project activities".
- Annex 6: Draft revised project design document form for afforestation and reforestation project activities (CDM AR-PDD).
- Annex 7: Draft revised: “Guidelines for Completing the Project Design Document and the Proposed New Methodology for A/R (version 07) ”.