

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

UNFCCC Headquarters, Bonn, Germany

11 - 13 February 2008

**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. José Domingos Miguez, opened the meeting.
2. On behalf of the A/R WG, the Chair expressed deep appreciation to Mr. Philip Gwage and Mr. Evgeny Sokolov as the outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the A/R WG for their dedication and excellent support to the working group.
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. The final recommendations, proposed by the A/R WG for the consideration by the Executive Board, are made available on the UNFCCC CDM website at <http://cdm.unfccc.int/goto/ARpropmeth>.
6. 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>.
7. The A/R WG agreed on the following recommendations:

<b>Cases</b>	<b>A/R WG 18 Recommendation<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>ARNM0032-rev:</b> “San Carlos” Land Restoration Through Silvopastoral Systems, as contained in annex 1	A (consolidated with AR-AM0003, see paragraph 8)
<b>ARNM0035:</b> Rubber outgrowing and carbon sequestration in Ghana (ROCS-Ghana)	WIP <sup>2</sup>

8. The A/R WG recommended a draft consolidated afforestation and reforestation baseline and monitoring methodology (“Afforestation and reforestation of degraded land”) based on the proposed new methodology: “ARNM0032-rev: “San Carlos” Land Restoration Through Silvopastoral Systems and the approved methodology AR-AM0003: “Afforestation and reforestation of degraded land through tree

<sup>1</sup> Recommendations to the proposed new methodologies from the meeting of the A/R WG, where: A (recommended for approval) 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 meeting of the A/R WG. These cases will be further considered before providing a recommendation to the Board.

planting, assisted natural regeneration and control of animal grazing". The draft methodology is applicable to afforestation and reforestation CDM project activities that are implemented on degraded lands, which are expected to remain degraded or continue to degrade in the absence of the project. The working group also recommended that the approved methodology AR-AM0003 be withdrawn. The draft consolidated methodology is contained in annex 1 to this report.

### **C. Clarifications and requests for revisions of approved methodologies**

9. The A/R WG considered the request for clarification SSC\_AR\_002, which requested that if in case of a reforestation project activity it is essential for the demonstration of the eligibility of land to demonstrate that the land under the project activity was forested before 31 December 1989. The A/R WG clarified that it is sufficient to demonstrate the eligibility of land as per the most recent version of "Procedures to demonstrate the eligibility of land for afforestation and reforestation CDM project activities" as available at: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/>. The A/R WG further clarified that is not essential to differentiate between afforestation and reforestation A/R CDM project activities in order to demonstrate eligibility of land.

### **D. Issues of general guidance**

10. The Executive Board at its thirty-sixth meeting requested the A/R WG to provide further input on the application of the definition of the project boundary to A/R project activities to allow for more flexibility, in particular for those features of the project boundary that differ from those of non-A/R CDM project activities, for consideration by the Board at its thirty-eighth meeting. The A/R WG agreed to recommend to the Board that if project proponents expect that they may need more flexibility for those features of the project boundary that are specific for A/R CDM project activities, then project participants should consider registering a Programme of Activities (PoA) as a single A/R CDM project activity.

11. The A/R WG considered the need for development of more SSC A/R methodologies within the four types (croplands, grasslands, wetlands and settlements) as contained in appendix B to 6/CMP.1. In considering the potential for SSC A/R CDM project activities, the group agreed to request the Board for a mandate to develop new small-scale methodologies for the (i) conversion of cropland or grassland to forest including agroforestry and (ii) sand-dune fixation by conversion to forest, under the croplands and grasslands types, respectively.

### **E. Schedule of meetings**

12. The A/R WG agreed to hold its nineteenth meeting from 14 - 16 April 2008.

### **F. Roster of experts**

13. The A/R WG noted the satisfactory completion of the desk reviews of proposed new methodologies for A/R project activities submitted at round 15.

**External annexes to the eighteenth meeting of the A/R WG**

Annex 1: Draft consolidated methodology AR-ACM0001: “Afforestation and reforestation of degraded land”