

## Combination of methodologies for PoA

### Background

1 Paragraph 4(f) of the “Procedures for registration of a programme of activities as a single CDM project activity and issuance of certified emission reductions for a programme of activities” provides for application of more than one approved methodology in a CPA included in a programme of activities. Further procedures for approval of the application of multiple methodologies to a programme of activities are provided at:

<[http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/PoA\\_proc03.pdf](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/PoA_proc03.pdf)>.

2 The CDM Executive Board (the Board) at its fifty-third meeting approved the combination of the approved methodologies AMS-III.R with AMS-I.C for application in CPAs of a PoA. The Board further agreed that the combination of AMS-III.R and AMS-I.C can be applied in PoAs without each PoA specifically requesting the approval of the combination of these two methodologies from the Board. Further the Board has tasked the SSC WG through its workprogramme for the SSC WG <[http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Notes/info\\_note06.pdf](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Notes/info_note06.pdf)> to recommend further combinations of methodologies that could be directly applied without specifically requesting the approval of combinations.

### Recommendations

3 The SSC WG agreed the issue of combination of methodologies for PoA application has to be addressed cautiously as multiple baselines in the context of a PoA may pose validation and verification challenges. Yet the SSC WG noted that significant experience has been gained in the context of regular SSC projects with regard to application of combination of methodologies. The group took into account a table (see Table 1 below) reflecting the combinations of the SSC methodologies applied in regular SSC projects. Of the various combinations applied the group agreed that the combinations that allow utilization of methane generated under a Type III activity for generation of heat or electricity under Type I activity poses minimal complexity for establishing the baseline. Standardized methods for the baselines have evolved for these Type I activities (e.g. combined margin method of electricity generation for grid supply). Therefore, the group agreed to recommend a combination of any one of the following Type III methodologies i.e. AMS-III.H, AMS-III.D, AMS-III.F and AMS-III.G with any one of the following Type I methodologies, i.e. AMS-I.A, AMS-I.C, AMS-I.D and AMS-I.F for inclusion in the list of combinations that can be directly applied. The group noted that this recommendation does not mean that other plausible combinations (e.g. combining a Type II and a Type I methodology) are not eligible for application under the PoA, but rather those combinations have to be assessed on a case by case basis in the context of specific PoAs as detailed in the procedures for approval of the application of multiple methodologies to a programme of activities found at <[http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/PoA\\_proc03.pdf](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/PoA_proc03.pdf)>.

**Table 1. No. of project utilizing combination of SSC methodologies**

Primary methodology	Combination of methodologies	No. of registered projects
I.C. + I.D.	I.C. + I.D.	2
I.C. + I.E.	I.C. + I.E.	1
I.C. + II.D.	I.C. + II.D.	1
I.D. + II.B.	I.D. + II.B.	1
I.D. + II.D.	I.D. + II.D.	3
I.C. + II.C. + II.E.	I.C. + II.C. + II.E.	1
I.C. + II.E. + III.B.	I.C. + II.E. + III.B.	2
II.B. + II.D.	II.B. + II.D.	1
II.B. + II.E.	II.B. + II.E.	1
II.C. + II.J.	II.C. + II.J.	1
II.E. + III.B.	II.E. + III.B.	1
III.D.	III.D. + I.A.	1
	III.D. + I.D.	48
	III.D. + I.A.+ I.D.	1
	III.D. + I.C.+ I.D.	1
III.D. + III.H. + III.I.	III.D. + III.H. + III.I. + I.C.	1
III.E.	III.E. + I.A.	1
	III.E. + I.C.	6
	III.E. + I.D.	13
III.E + III.G	III.E + III.G + I.C.	1
	III.E + III.G + I.D.	1
III.G.	III.G. + I.C.	2
	III.G. + I.D.	5
III.H.	III.H. + I.A.	6
	III.H. + I.C.	13
	III.H. + I.D.	24
	III.H. + I.A.+ I.D.	1
	III.H. + I.C.+ I.D.	4
III.H. + III.O.	III.H. + III.O.	1
III.K.	III.K. + I.D.	1
III.R.	III.R. + I.C. (approved by EB53)	1
III.Q.	III.Q. + I.C. + I.D.	1

Source: UNEP-RISOE CDM database (as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010)

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