



Workshop on Identification of Constraints in Application of Approved A/R CDM Methodologies

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Project outline



- Reforestation project using native species in Maringa-Lopori-Wamba region (**Democratic Republic of Congo**): establishment of the “Bonobo Peace Forest”.
- Proponents:
 - Bonobo Conservation Initiative
 - Foundation AVSI
 - INSER



Project outline



- The approved consolidated afforestation and reforestation baseline and monitoring methodology **ARACM0002 (version 01)** is used. The title of the methodology is “Afforestation or reforestation of degraded land without displacement of pre-project activities”.
- DOE: RINA - Italy



Constraints



- Overall complexity of the methodology
 - 77 pages of ARACM0002 Vs. 12 pages of AM0007 !!!!!!!
 - 3045 CDM registered, only 24 A/R
- Too many data required in Subsaharian Country
 - Center Africa **IS NOT** Center Bonn!!!!!!!!!!
- Need to demonstrate the obvious
 - No income except ICERs, but we must demonstrate financial additionality ?!?!

Constraints



- DOE's lack of skills and expertise on A/R Meth. (italian DOE hires consultants from India!!!!!!!)
- DOE's inefficiency (answers came even after 1 month!!!!)
- Lack of competition between DOEs (de facto monopoly)
- Validation too Expensive (>25,000€)
- On site visit required but useless (Extra costs)
- Where are Executive Board, UNFCCC ????????
 - No quick interpretation can be asked to anyone

Solutions



- Standard and simple methodologies are necessary (also to avoid frauds)
- Abolish on site visit requirement (like in many others methodologies)
 - satellite images are already required to assess eligibility of the land
- Ex ante evaluation of DOE by EB is necessary
- Fixed fees for validations in Least Developed Countries appreciated
- Opportunity to complain required
- EB should be linked to real world somehow

Conclusion



- Market limitations and constraints should be considered when a methodology is proposed
- Competition with Voluntary Carbon Market and its Pre-CDM's VERs
- Is CDM appropriate for forestry?