

## Call for public input on

### Draft “Guidelines for establishment of standardized baselines for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism”

#### QUESTIONNAIRE

##### Part I: Overall assessment of the draft document

Is the document:

- (a) well written;
- (b) simple to understand;
- (c) user-friendly;
- (d) well-organized;
- (e) exemplified;
- (f) complete?

Please provide suggestions for improvement of the draft document in respect of the above specifications:

The draft document is the first step in the process of simplifying the baseline and additionality criteria for CDM A/R projects. Hence the document requires further refinement to be considered as complete. Without actual implementation, the utility and practicality of the document cannot be meaningfully assessed.

##### Part II: Input on specific issues

Please provide your assessment, views, comments, suggestions relating to the following specific issues:

A: Setting of criteria (paragraph 8 of the draft)

A.1 Should the criteria be set within the guidelines?

If so, what are the pros and cons of this approach?

No, criteria should not be set as such criteria always lead to confusion on the ground. The present flexibility should be retained.

A.2 Should the developers of proposed standardized baselines be required to set the criteria ?

If so, what are the pros and cons of this approach?

A situation should not be created in the wherein there is a decentralized mechanism of setting criteria. Whereas the basic purpose is to make the process simpler and more adaptive to locally prevalent conditions, but a situation may arise wherein the auditor will be forced to check the veracity of each criterion, thereby delaying the process.

A.3 Should the developers of proposed standardized baselines have the option of setting criteria on their own or selecting the criteria from those provided within the guidelines?

If so, what are the pros and cons of this approach?

The criteria should be set from those provided within the guideline as it will help maintain uniformity of approach. If required, the criteria can be expanded.

B. Assessment of criteria (appendix 1 of the draft)

B.1 Are the criteria contained in the draft document:

- (a) relevant;

- (b) easily applicable;
- (c) usable;
- (e) complete?

Please provide your analysis/assessment here:

Yes these criteria are very important and relevant and an incentive to organisations who are into non-commercial and conservation forestry. These criteria can be more diversified in course of the document preparation.

B.2 Are there any other types of criteria / approaches that you would like to propose under these guidelines?

Please provide your list/analysis/assessment here:

No

B.3 Are the threshold values of the criteria appropriate?

If not, please propose alternative threshold values here:

Threshold values should not be rigid as they can lead to confusion in the project scenario. Rather it should be adaptive to individual countries. Besides, it is not clear why a minimum of 50% of the geographical area has been adopted to apply the standardized baseline.

C. Standardized estimation of baseline stocks and removals (paragraph 13 of the draft)

Should standardized estimation of baseline stocks and removals be made a mandatory part of proposed standardized baselines, or should this be left as an option to be decided by the developers?

Please provide your analysis/assessment here:

It should be left to the developers

D. Land eligibility (paragraph 14 of the draft)

Should the confirmation of land eligibility, or inclusion of one or more approaches for this purpose, be made a mandatory part of proposed standardized baselines, or should this be left as an option to be decided by the developers?

Please provide your analysis/assessment here:

It should be made mandatory part of proposed standardized baselines so as to maintain a uniformity of approach.

### **Part III: Other comments/ inputs**

Please provide other comments/ inputs on aspects not covered by the above questions:

None.

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