

Call for public inputs	Draft manual on “Afforestation and Reforestation Projects under the Clean Development Mechanism”
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Issue No.	Issue to be addressed (including need for change)	Proposed change (including proposed text, if applicable)
1	p.6, top: but also generate local, national, and global environmental and social benefits.	but also generate local, national, and global environmental, economic and social benefits.
2	p.6, bottom: there are too many entities which contributes to confusion: the Annex I Parties, the non-Annex I Parties, the entities authorized by them, the Parties under the Kyoto Protocol, the developing countries, the developed countries	adjust terms
3	p7: one or more Annex I Parties in addition to the entities from the non-Annex I Party	Confusing, use terms that everyone can understand immediately
4	p7 Afforestation and reforestation:	give definition or state that a distinction does not matter in this context
5	p7: earn revenue from carbon credits in lieu of the global environmental service rendered by their resource:	don't understand, reformulate
6	p.7: In many developing countries in large areas of public lands are lying barren or being put under marginal use. These lands are legally classified as forest lands.	Makes no sense, reformulate. What about commercial forests?
7	p.8: the degraded forest lands having vegetation below (?) the national definition of forest under the CDM are eligible to be reforested under the CDM.	Be more specific, give a definition for degraded forests under CDM
8	p.8/9: However, these lands can be reforested by the local communities, or local public service entities, if adequate support in terms of capacity building and initial finance is provided to them.	Under these conditions the private sector would as well be interested
9	p.9: Ownership and implementation of reforestation projects by local communities and local public service entities.	include private sector
10	p.9 Benefits in terms of non-timber forest produce flowing at an early stage in a reforestation project would make the project more interesting to the communities whereas a commercial investor would only be interested in the final harvest.	A very questionable statement. A private investor is precisely interested in early cash-flows (e.g. from thinning, non-timber products)
11	Box 2.1., 1. Opportunities of getting funds under ODA schemes are limited, as there is a great deal of competition for these funds.	Every opportunity of getting funds for something is limited

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12	Box 2.1, 4. Communities can develop projects on their own. They need not depend upon anyone else.	I completely disagree. It will be very difficult or rather impossible for a community to cope with the paperwork and regulatory requirements (validation etc...) of a CDM project. They need help from outside (consultants, researchers, government)
13	p.10/11: Afforestation and reforestation projects under the CDM have already shown their feasibility. There were 88 A/R CDM project activities at various stages of the project cycle on 31 July 2013, out of which 45 were already registered. Of the registered project activities, eight had successfully secured their first issuances amounting to 6.7 million tCERs.	8 of 88 = 9%. This is low. In this context the new guidelines should clarify in how far and to what extent they contribute to simplifying procedures and eventually to increase the approval rate. This manual is supposed to be part of the efforts by the Board to make the CDM rules and regulations more accessible to the stakeholders who are interested in developing afforestation and reforestation CDM projects. The new guidelines should therefore clearly spell out what their comparative advantage is in comparison to the old guidelines.
14	p.19: for the purpose the CDM.	for the purpose of the CDM
15	p.23: the photo is taken from the FAO photo database (photo no FO-7038) and should be duly acknowledged. It does not show a small scale A/R project, but a forestry nursery.	
16	p.29, Box 4.4.: is this language commensurate with the language used by local communities?	