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Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. The secretariat welcomed and introduced the new Chair of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (hereinafter referred to as the A/R WG) Mr. Joseph Armathe Amougou, and Vice-Chair Mr. Olivier Kassi.
2. The Chair opened the meeting.
3. The Chair welcomed the members of the A/R WG and, on behalf of the A/R WG, expressed deep appreciation to the outgoing Chair Ms. Diana Harutyunyan and Vice-Chair, Mr. Amjad Abdulla for their work.

Table 1. Attendance list

Chair and Vice-Chair	Members
Mr. Joseph Armathe Amougou (Chair)	Mr. Ederson Augusto Zanetti
Mr. Olivier Kassi (Vice-Chair)	Mr. David Neil Bird
	Mr. Sabin Guendehou
	Ms. Sarah M Walker
	Mr. Xiaoquan Zhang

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

4. The Chair proposed that an agenda item be added to incorporate the substantive content of the methodological clarifications into the relevant regulatory documents.
5. The agenda was adopted with the additional agenda item included.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

6. The A/R WG considered information provided by members with respect to any potential conflict of interest.

Agenda item 2.2. Performance management

7. The A/R WG was informed about the status report on the implementation of the A/R WG 2015 workplan and the recent updates as reported at the eighty-third meeting (EB 83) of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the Board).

Agenda item 2.3. Matters related to the A/R WG

8. The secretariat briefed the A/R WG members on the relevant outcomes from the Board meetings since the last meeting of the group.

Agenda item 2.3.1. Upcoming deadlines of relevance to stakeholders

9. The A/R WG noted that, as a consequence of the Board’s decisions as specified in paragraph 19 of the EB 71 report, stakeholders may submit at any time requests for clarifications and revisions and proposals for new methodologies and that such submissions will be considered continuously. The A/R WG further noted that, if a submission should require substantial consideration it should be received by the secretariat 15 days prior to the next Board meeting, in order to present the issue to the Board and consider scheduling a meeting if needed.

Agenda item 3. Regulatory matters

Agenda item 3.1. Standards/tools

Agenda item 3.1.1. Consideration of methodological standards for CDM project activities and programmes of activities

10. The A/R WG considered a request from the Board to prepare a recommendation on the applicability of the afforestation and reforestation (A/R) modalities and procedures to project activities involving revegetation and agreed on a recommendation as contained in annex 1 to this report.
11. The A/R WG considered a request from the Board to prepare a recommendation on additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land for A/R CDM project activities and agreed on a recommendation as contained in annex 2 to this report.

Agenda item 3.1.2. Requests for clarification

12. The A/R WG recommended that the Board approve the responses to requests for clarification to the approved methodologies and tools as available on the UNFCCC CDM website for cases specified as “clarified” in table 2 below.

Table 2. Requests for clarification

Submission no.	A/R meth./tool	Title of request	Status
AR_CLA_TOOL_0001 (fast track)	AR-TOOL14 ver. 04.1	Clarification on application of paragraph 12 of the A/R Methodological tool ‘Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities’ (AR-TOOL14) version 04.1	Clarified
AR_CLA_TOOL_0002 (fast track)	AR-TOOL12	Request for clarity on equation to calculate carbon stock in lying dead wood of species <i>j</i> in plot <i>p</i>	Clarified

Submission no.	A/R meth./tool	Title of request	Status
SSC_AR_009	AR-TOOL14 ver. 04.1 and AR-AMS 0007 ver. 3	Errors and clarification for small scale A/R methodology and tool for trees and shrubs	Clarified
SSC_AR_010	AR-AMS 0007 ver. 3	Clarification on the guidance to be used to prove 'Barriers due to prevailing practice' as allowed for in Methodology AR- AMS0007 (version 3.0)	Clarified

13. The A/R WG also agreed to recommend that the Board approve the revisions of one methodology and two methodological tools resulting from the incorporation of the substantive content of the clarifications listed in table 2 in these regulatory documents. The revised versions of the methodology and the tools are contained in annexes 3 to 5 to this report.

Agenda item 4. Conclusion of the meeting

Agenda item 4.1. Adoption of the report

14. The A/R WG adopted the report and concluded its 40th meeting. The report and annexes will be made available on the UNFCCC website.

Agenda item 4.2. Closure of the meeting

15. The Chair of the A/R WG closed the meeting.

Annexes to the report

Annexes to the report of the 40th meeting of the Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group

- Annex 1 - Recommendation on applicability of afforestation and reforestation modalities and procedures to project activities involving revegetation.
- Annex 2 - Recommendation on additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land for afforestation and reforestation project activities.
- Annex 3 - Revised version of the A/R methodology AR-AMS 0007 ver. 3 "Afforestation and reforestation project activities implemented on lands other than wetlands".
- Annex 4 - Revised version of the A/R methodological tool AR-TOOL14 ver. 04.1 "Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities".
- Annex 5 - Revised version of the A/R methodological tool: AR-TOOL12 "Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks in dead wood and litter in A/R CDM project activities".

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