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## A/R WG Recommendation

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# Applicability of the A/R CDM modalities and procedures to project activities involving revegetation

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## 1. Procedural background

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its tenth session requested the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (the Board) to “assess the applicability of the modalities and procedures contained in decisions 5/CMP.1 and 6/CMP.1 to project activities involving revegetation, based on the definition contained in decision 16/CMP.1 annex, paragraph 1(e), including in areas with agroforestry and silvopastoral practices where the established vegetation is not likely to reach the forest thresholds selected by the host Party under decision 5/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 8, in the event that such project activities would be eligible under the clean development mechanism”.<sup>1</sup>
2. The CMP further requested the Board to report back at CMP 11 on “the outcome of the assessment referred to in paragraph 1 above, including an indication of sections of the modalities and procedures in which modifications would be needed in respect of the project activities referred to in paragraph 1 above”.<sup>2</sup>
3. The Board, at its eighty-third meeting (EB 83) considered a concept note on the assessment of applicability of afforestation and reforestation (A/R) modalities and procedures to project activities involving revegetation and requested the A/R Working Group (A/R WG) to prepare a recommendation on this matter to be considered by the Board at its eighty-sixth meeting.
4. The A/R WG, at its fortieth meeting, considered the request of the Board and agreed to provide its recommendation to the Board as contained in this draft recommendation.

## 2. Purpose

5. This annex contains the recommendation of the A/R WG in response to the request of the Board (EB 83 report, paragraph 33) on the assessment done on the applicability of afforestation and reforestation (A/R) modalities and procedures to project activities involving revegetation.

## 3. Key issues and proposed solutions

6. The key questions that the Board requested the A/R WG to respond to are:
  - (a) Whether the A/R modalities and procedures can be applied mutatis mutandis to project activities involving revegetation, based on the definition contained in decision 16/CMP.1 annex, paragraph 1(e), including in areas with agroforestry and silvopastoral practices where the established vegetation is not likely to reach the forest thresholds selected by the host Party under decision 5/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 8, in the event that such project activities would be eligible under the clean development mechanism;

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2014/9/Add.1, decision 7/CMP.10, paragraph 1.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2014/9/Add.1, decision 7/CMP.10, paragraph 2.

- (b) Which are the sections of the modalities and procedures that would require modifications if revegetation project activities were to be eligible under the clean development mechanism?

7. The assessment and the recommendation agreed by the A/R WG is contained in this annex.

## **4. Impacts**

8. If a decision to include revegetation project activities under the CDM is approved, and subsequently adopted by the CMP, it would expand the types of land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) project activities that project participants may propose under the CDM.
9. The proposed recommendation does not have any cost implications for third-parties/stakeholders.

## **5. Subsequent work and timelines**

10. The outcome of the Board's consideration is expected to be a report to the CMP. This report should be included in its annual report to the CMP.

## **6. Recommendations to the Board**

11. The A/R WG recommends to the Board to consider this recommendation.

## **7. Assessment by the A/R Working Group**

12. The Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group (A/R WG) assessed the applicability of afforestation and reforestation (A/R) modalities and procedures to project activities involving revegetation, including revegetation in areas with agroforestry and silvopastoral practices where the established vegetation does not have the potential to reach the forest thresholds selected by the host Party, and agreed that the A/R modalities and procedures could be applied mutatis mutandis to revegetation project activities under the CDM.
13. However, the A/R WG noted that in comparison to the A/R project activities, no eligibility criteria have been defined for revegetation project activities. The A/R WG agreed that without eligibility criteria, deforestation or other anthropogenic activities causing a decrease in carbon stocks that could have taken place in land subject to revegetation may not be accounted in the baseline of an intended revegetation project activity. In addition, the A/R WG further agreed that in the absence of eligibility criteria revegetation project activities could occur on sites that are ineligible for A/R project activities, without precluding the possibility that, ex post implementation, such activities reach the forest threshold.

### **7.1. Recommendation of the A/R working Group**

14. The A/R WG agreed that the A/R modalities and procedures can be applied mutatis mutandis to revegetation project activities provided that eligibility criteria for revegetation project activities are defined.

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