

**CDM-ARWG40-A02**

## A/R WG Recommendation

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# Additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land for A/R CDM project activities

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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 “explore additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land to qualify as a clean development mechanism (CDM) afforestation or reforestation (A/R) project activity”, and to report back on this matter to the CMP at CMP 11 for its consideration.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Board, at its eighty-third meeting (EB 83) considered a concept note on additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land for A/RCDM project activities 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-fifth meeting. The Board also agreed to open a call for public inputs on this matter and requested the A/R WG to take the public inputs into consideration
3. A call for public inputs was launched inviting inputs from interested stakeholders and other members of the public on the specific sampling approach contained in the concept note as well as any other cost-effective approaches for demonstration of land eligibility for A/R CDM project activities. The call was open from 15 May to 14 June 2015.
4. One input was received in response to the call. The input was not relevant to the subject of cost-effective approaches for demonstration of land eligibility for A/R CDM project activities and was therefore not taken into consideration.
5. 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**

6. This annex contains the recommendations of the A/R WG in response to the request of the Board (EB 83 report, paragraph 34) on the assessment done on the additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land for A/R CDM project activities.

## **3. Key issues and proposed solutions**

7. The key issues contained in the Board’s request to the A/R WG are:
  - (a) Consider applicability of the specific approach of allowing the use of sampling methods for estimation of forest and non-forest area within the project boundary of a proposed A/R CDM project activity as described in the concept note “Additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land for A/R CDM project activities (CDM-EB83-AA-A06)”.
  - (b) Propose any other cost-effective approach to demonstration of the eligibility of land for A/R CDM project activities.
8. The assessment and recommendation agreed by the A/R WG is contained in this annex.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2014/9/Add.1, decision 4/CMP.10, paragraph 8.

#### **4. Impacts**

9. The recommendation contained in this annex 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 the Board to consider this recommendation.

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

12. The A/R WG explored additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land for A/R CDM project activities. The A/R WG considered the specific approach of allowing the use of sampling methods for estimation of forest and non-forest area within the *project* boundary of a proposed A/R CDM project activity as mentioned in paragraph 5 of the concept note "Additional cost-effective approaches to demonstrating the eligibility of land for A/R CDM project activities (CDM-EB83-AA-A06)" and elaborated in the appendix of the concept note. The A/R WG analysed the methodological and environmental integrity implications of allowing the use of sampling methods for estimation of forest and non-forest area within the project boundary of a proposed A/R CDM project activity.

13. The A/R WG was of the view that such sampling method in the context of paragraph 8(a) of the A/R methodological tool "Demonstration of eligibility of lands for A/R CDM project activities" would not only require revision of the tool but also require a change in the A/R modalities and procedures due to the definition of project boundary. This would also require development of new methodologies for estimation of net GHG emissions from all activities within the project boundary in order to address environmental integrity concerns. In addition, the A/R WG noted that although the costs of demonstration of eligibility of land may be reduced by allowing a sampling approach, the implementation of such methodologies may result in increased costs for the project proponents.

14. The A/R WG did not identify other additional approaches for cost-effective demonstration of the eligibility of land for A/R CDM project activities.

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

15. The A/R WG agreed to recommend that use of sampling methods for estimation of forest and non-forest area within the project boundary of a proposed A/R CDM project activity could be allowed under paragraph 8(b) of the A/R methodological tool "Demonstration of eligibility of lands for A/R CDM project activities". This would require a revision of the tool and the A/R CDM methodologies.

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