

## Query

For the calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass ( $f_{NRB}$ ), the proposed standardized baseline applies the methodological tool: "Calculation of the fraction of non-renewable biomass" (approved at EB97). However, it was noted that the proposed value of 84% is determined as the average of yearly  $f_{NRB}$  values for the period 2015-2026, calculated based on projected data of biomass consumption and renewable biomass supply (from a study carried out by MINIRENA in 2016), deviating from the procedures contained in sections 4.1 and 4.2 of the tool.

You are kindly requested to provide as soon as possible further information and supporting documentation on:

- (a) Why the procedure has been deviated and, if it was not possible to apply the approach as contained in the tool, elaborate the reasons;
- (b) A copy of the study report conducted by MINIRENA, which is used in the submission.

## Response

As per step 4.1 of the tool, estimation of the overall consumption for woody biomass (H) can be done using one of the following options:

- (a) Official statistics or reports or peer-reviewed literature;
- (b) Based on the number of households and other consumers of woody biomass in the country or region (H) or project area (*Bold, total*) as per the procedure in paragraph 13.

Further, according to step 4.2 of the tool, Renewable biomass (RB) in the country/region/area is estimated using Mean Annual Increment of woody biomass growth per hectare of forest and other wooded land and respective Extent (ha), discounting the non-accessible area.

The tool does not refer to a particular year or vintage to be considered.

For the estimation of the overall consumption for woody biomass (H), a combination of the aforesaid options has been applied, wherein official statistics and reports have also been used to arrive at the woody biomass consumption. Using a one-year historic data-set is unlikely to provide a correct representation of the baseline. This is evident from the historic data and computation presented followed by the projection scenario. Further, it is reasonable to account for the trend (projection) impacting the woody biomass consumption. Apart from temporal aspects, this also takes into account the aspect of suppressed demand. However, the baseline has still been set conservatively be valid for a period of 3 years from the date of approval by the EB.