

Agenda item 4.1

Paragraph 30 of the annotated agenda

Mandate to revise definition of biomass and biomass residue as contained in “Glossary: CDM terms”

CDM EB 106

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Background: CLA_SSC_769

- Requested clarification whether biofuel produced as by-product from agro-industry i.e. cashew net shell liquid (CSNL) in this case, is considered as a renewable biomass and methodology AMS-I.C can be applied to displace fossil fuel in a PoA for heat generation.
- MP 81 clarified CNSL produced through a process involving heating, cooling and catalytic reactions using cashew nut shell is not a renewable biomass and AMS-I.C. is not applicable. Submitter may explore other methodologies e.g., “AMS-I.G” or “AMS-I.H” and if required submit a request for revision of these methodologies.
- MP was of the opinion there is scope to improve/clarify the definition of biomass and biomass residues as contained in “Glossary: CDM terms”.



Key issues: Definition of Biomass and Biomass residues in Glossary

- **Biomass** - Non-fossilized and biodegradable organic material originating from plants, animals and micro-organisms including:
 - (a) Biomass residue;
 - (b) The non-fossilized and biodegradable organic fractions of industrial and municipal wastes;
 - (c) The gases and liquids recovered from the decomposition of non-fossilized and biodegradable organic material.
- **Biomass residues** - Non-fossilized and biodegradable organic material originating from plants, animals and micro-organisms which is a by-product, residue or waste stream from agriculture, forestry and related industries.



Recommendations to the Board

- MP noted that the **definitions of biomass and biomass residues** as contained in the "Glossary: CDM terms" may **need to be revised to clarify the limitations** with regard to processing (e.g. mechanical versus chemical processing) before its use in the project activity, to avoid considering biomass and biomass residue that are produced using chemical process as biofuel.
- **MP recommended that Board may wish to provide a mandate** to the MP to propose revision to the definitions of biomass and biomass residues as contained in the "Glossary: CDM terms".

