



Annex 5
CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM PROJECT STANDARD
(Version 01.0)



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I. Introduction

A. Background

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (hereinafter referred to as the CMP), at its first session, established the basis of the regulatory framework for the clean development mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the CDM) to implement Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol through the following:
 - (a) Annex to decision 3/CMP.1: Modalities and procedures for a clean development mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the CDM M&Ps);
 - (b) Annexes to decision 4/CMP.1, including annex II: Simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale clean development mechanism project activities (hereinafter referred to as the CDM SSC M&Ps);
 - (c) Annex to decision 5/CMP.1: Modalities and procedures for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the CDM A/R M&Ps);
 - (d) Annex to decision 6/CMP.1: Simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale afforestation and reforestation project activities under the clean development mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the CDM SSC A/R M&Ps);
 - (e) Decision 7/CMP.1.
2. The CMP revised some of the provisions in these decisions through new decisions in subsequent sessions.
3. Pursuant to its mandate from the CMP to operationalize the CDM, the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the Board) has adopted various standards (including methodologies and tools), procedures, guidelines, clarifications and forms, and revised them, as appropriate, with a view to improving the CDM process.
4. At its fifty-ninth meeting, the Board adopted the “CDM management plan 2011” whose objective 3(b) is: “Clarification, consolidation and enhancement of the consistencies of all the existing regulatory decisions of the board that relate to validation and verification of project activities”. One deliverable under this objective is to “develop a standard for project participants, i.e. obligations on project participants during validation, operation and verification of project activities”.

B. Objectives

5. The objectives of the “Clean development mechanism project standard” (hereinafter referred to as this Standard) are to:
 - (a) Enhance consistency and clarity of requirements applicable to any type of CDM project activities and CDM programmes of activities (PoA), and facilitate and promote a clear and common understanding by all parties involved in the CDM;
 - (b) Improve the quality of project design documents (PDDs), PoA design documents (PoA-DDs), component project activity (CPA) design documents (CPA-DDs) and monitoring reports prepared by project participants and submitted in the CDM project cycle;



- (c) Enhance the overall efficiency and integrity in the CDM.

II. Scope and applicability

A. General

6. This Standard provides project participants and coordinating/managing entities with a starting point for those wishing to design and implement a CDM project activity or PoA and seeking issuance of certified emission reductions (CERs). It specifies requirements for project participants and coordinating/managing entities to comply with in designing as well as implementing any type of CDM project activities or PoAs and monitoring greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions by sources or GHG removals by sinks.

B. Application

7. Principles in chapter V. and requirements in chapters VI. and VII. of this Standard apply to any type of CDM project activities and PoA.

8. In addition to requirements in chapters VI. and VII., requirements in chapters VIII., IX., X. and XI. specifically apply to small-scale project activities, large-scale afforestation and reforestation (A/R) project activities, small-scale A/R project activities and PoAs, respectively.

9. Therefore, requirements in chapters VI., VII., VIII., IX. and X. applicable to project participants for CDM project activities apply, where applicable, to coordinating/managing entities for CDM PoAs.

10. Requirements in chapter XII. apply to any type of CDM project activities and, as applicable, to CDM PoA. However, as experience with PoA is evolving, the applicability of certain requirements to PoA are yet to be defined and will be addressed in the future.

11. The history box at the end of this Standard lists all documents that will be superseded and replaced by this Standard, the “Clean development mechanism validation and verification standard” and the “Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure” on the date when these three documents enter into force.

III. Normative references

12. The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this Standard:

- (a) “Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure” (hereinafter referred to as the Project cycle procedure);
- (b) “Glossary of CDM terms”.

IV. Terms and definitions

13. In addition to the definitions contained in the “Glossary of CDM terms”, the following terms apply in this Standard:

- (a) “Shall” is used to indicate requirements to be followed;
- (b) “Should” is used to indicate that among several possibilities, one course of action is recommended as particularly suitable;



- (c) “May” is used to indicate what is permitted.

V. Principles

A. General

14. The following principles¹ guide project design as well as project implementation and monitoring of GHG emission reductions by sources or GHG removals by sinks, and contribute to enhancing the environmental integrity of CDM project activities and PoAs.

B. Relevance

15. Select the GHG sources, GHG sinks, GHG reservoirs, data and methodologies and all other information appropriate to the needs of the intended user².

C. Completeness

16. Include all relevant GHG sources and sinks, and information to support compliance with all requirements.

D. Consistency

17. Enable meaningful comparisons in project-related information.

E. Accuracy and conservativeness

18. Reduce bias and uncertainties as far as is practical/cost-effective, or otherwise use conservative assumptions, values and procedures to ensure that GHG emission reductions by sources or GHG removals by sinks are not over-estimated.

F. Transparency

19. Disclose sufficient and appropriate project-related information in a truthful manner to allow intended users to make decisions with reasonable confidence.

VI. General requirements

A. Use of and compliance with applicable standards

20. While designing as well as implementing and monitoring a CDM project activity or PoA, project participants shall consider and use, in addition to this Standard, all applicable methodologies, tools and documents adopted by the CMP or the Board.³

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² Intended users may include designated operational entities (DOEs), the Executive Board of the CDM, the UNFCCC secretariat, designated national authorities (DNAs) and local and other stakeholders.

³ These documents are available on the UNFCCC CDM website.



21. Project participants shall ensure that the proposed CDM project activity or PoA complies with all requirements in the CDM M&Ps applicable to the project activity or PoA, as presented in paragraph 1 above, all applicable requirements in this Standard and all other applicable CDM rules and requirements.

B. Identification of project type and selection of methodology

22. Project participants shall determine the type of CDM project activity or PoA they want to design and implement:

- (a) Large-scale project activity;
- (b) Small-scale project activity;
- (c) Large-scale afforestation or reforestation project activity;
- (d) Small-scale afforestation or reforestation project activity; or
- (e) Programme of activities, either large-scale, small-scale, large-scale A/R or small-scale A/R.

23. Project participants shall select a baseline and monitoring methodology that has been approved by the Board and that is applicable to the proposed CDM project activity or PoA (hereinafter referred to as selected methodology).

24. In their consideration of baseline and monitoring methodologies applicable to the proposed CDM project activity or PoA, project participants may:

- (a) Submit a request for revision to an approved methodology, through a designated operational entity (DOE) for large scale project activities, or directly to the UNFCCC secretariat (hereinafter referred to as the secretariat) for small-scale project activities, in accordance with the applicable procedure;
- (b) Develop and propose a new methodology, in accordance with the applicable guidelines and procedure.

25. Project participants wishing to seek clarification on the applicability of a baseline and monitoring methodology or methodological tool approved by the Board may submit a request for clarification through a DOE, or directly to the secretariat in the case of small-scale project activities, in accordance with the applicable procedure.

C. Demonstration of prior consideration of the clean development mechanism

26. If the start date of a proposed CDM project activity, as determined in paragraph 57 below, is prior to the date of publication of the PDD for the global stakeholder consultation, project participants shall demonstrate that the CDM benefits were considered necessary in the decision to undertake the project as a proposed CDM project activity.

27. For a proposed CDM project activity with a start date on or after 2 August 2008, project participants shall inform the host Party's designated national authority (DNA) and the secretariat of their intention to seek CDM status in accordance with the Project cycle procedure.

28. For a proposed CDM project activity with a start date before 2 August 2008 and prior to the date of publication of the PDD for global stakeholder consultation, project participants shall demonstrate that



the CDM was seriously considered in the decision to implement the proposed project activity. Such demonstration requires the following elements to be satisfied:

- (a) Project participants shall provide evidence of their awareness of the CDM prior to the start date of the proposed project activity, and that the benefits of the CDM were a decisive factor in the decision to proceed with the project;⁴
- (b) Project participants shall provide evidence that continuing and real actions were taken to secure CDM status for the proposed project activity in parallel with its implementation;⁵
- (c) Project participants shall provide an implementation timeline of the proposed CDM project activity. The timeline should include, where applicable, the date when the investment decision was made, the date when construction works started, the date when commissioning started and the date of start-up (e.g. the date when commercial production started). Project participants shall provide a timeline of events and actions, which have been taken to achieve CDM registration, with description of the evidence used to support these actions.

29. The requirements in paragraphs 26–28 above do not apply to CDM PoAs.

VII. Design requirements for all project types

A. Description of project activity or programme of activities

30. Project participants shall provide a description of the proposed CDM project activity or PoA that provides an understanding of the nature of the project and its implementation.

31. When describing the proposed CDM project activity or PoA, project participants shall:

- (a) Provide a title for the project activity or PoA;
- (b) Describe the purpose of the project activity, including a summary of the scope of activities/measures that are to be implemented within the project activity;
- (c) Explain how the project activity or PoA will reduce GHG emissions or increase GHG removals;
- (d) Identify the location of the project activity, including information allowing the unique identification of the project activity;

⁴ Evidence to support this could include, inter alia, minutes and/or notes related to the consideration of the decision by the Board of Directors, or equivalent, of the project participants, to undertake the project as a CDM project activity.

⁵ Evidence to support this should include one or more of the following: contracts with consultants for CDM/PDD/methodology services; draft versions of PDDs and underlying documents such as letters of authorization, and if available, letters of intent; emission reduction purchase agreement (ERPA) term sheets, ERPAs, or other documentation related to the sale of the potential CERs (including correspondence with multilateral financial institutions or carbon funds); evidence of agreements or negotiations with a DOE for validation services; submission of a new methodology or requests for clarification or revision of existing methodologies to the Board; publication in a newspaper; interviews with DNA; earlier correspondence on the project with the DNA or the secretariat.



- (e) Describe the technology to be employed by the project activity to enable the identification of the project's scale and type, demonstration of additionality, application of the selected methodology and calculations of GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals, including a description of how environmentally safe and sound technology(ies) applied in the project activity and know-how to be used are transferred to the host Party(ies);
 - (f) Indicate the sectoral scope(s) and type of the project activity or PoA;
 - (g) Explain the contribution of the project activity or PoA to sustainable development.
32. Project participants shall describe the scenario prior to the implementation of the proposed CDM project activity or CPA, including the technology(ies) employed.
33. Project participants shall identify:
- (a) Parties involved in the proposed CDM project activity;
 - (b) Project participants of the proposed CDM project activity.
34. Project participants shall provide information on sources of public funding for the proposed CDM project activity or PoA. In cases where public funding from Parties included in Annex 1 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as the Convention) is involved, project participants shall provide an affirmation obtained from Parties included in Annex 1 that such funding does not result in a diversion of official development assistance, is separate from, and is not counted towards the financial obligations of those Parties.

B. Application of selected approved baseline and monitoring methodology

1. General

35. Project participants shall use the version of the selected methodology(ies) that is valid at the time of submission of the CDM project activity or CPA for registration, taking into account the grace period of the methodology(ies) if it has been revised.
36. Project participants shall apply the selected methodology(ies) to the proposed CDM project activity or CPA including any tools, standards or guidelines required by the methodology(ies).

2. Reference of methodology

37. Project participants shall specify the reference (number, title and version) of the selected methodology(ies) applied to the proposed CDM project activity or CPA, including any other methodologies or tools to which the selected methodology(ies) refers.

3. Applicability of methodology

38. Project participants shall demonstrate why the selected methodology(ies) is applicable to the proposed CDM project activity or CPA by showing that all applicability conditions of the methodology(ies) are met.



4. Project boundary

39. Project participants shall define the boundary of the proposed CDM project activity or PoA, including the physical delineation of the project activity, and which sources and GHGs are included in the project or CPA boundary, in accordance with the selected methodology(ies).

40. In cases where the selected methodology(ies) allows project participants to choose whether a source or gas is to be included in the project or CPA boundary, project participants shall explain and justify the choice.

5. Establishment and description of baseline scenario

41. Project participants shall establish the baseline scenario for the proposed CDM project activity or CPA in accordance with the selected methodology(ies).

42. When establishing the baseline scenario, and where “future anthropogenic emissions by sources are projected to rise above current levels due to the specific circumstances of the host Party”, project participants should follow the “Guidelines on the consideration of suppressed demand in CDM methodologies”.

43. As a general principle, national and/or sectoral policies and circumstances shall be taken into account in the establishment of a baseline scenario, without creating perverse incentives that may impact host Parties’ contributions to the ultimate objective of the Convention.

44. When establishing the baseline scenario, project participants shall take into account the following two types of national and/or sectoral policies:

- (a) National and/or sectoral policies or regulations that give comparative advantages to more emissions-intensive technologies or fuels over less emissions-intensive technologies or fuels;⁶
- (b) National and/or sectoral policies or regulations that give comparative advantages to less emissions-intensive technologies over more emissions-intensive technologies (e.g. public subsidies to promote the diffusion of renewable energy or to finance energy efficiency programmes).⁷

⁶ Such policies, which increase GHG emissions, are called type E+.

⁷ Such policies, which decrease GHG emissions, are called type E-.



45. Project participants shall address the two types of policies described in paragraph 44 above as follows:

- (a) Only national and/or sectoral policies or regulations described in paragraph 44(a) above that have been implemented before adoption of the Kyoto Protocol by the Conference of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as the COP) (decision 1/CP.3, 11 December 1997) shall be taken into account when establishing a baseline scenario. If such national and/or sectoral policies were implemented since the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol, the baseline scenario should refer to a hypothetical situation without the national and/or sectoral policies or regulations being in place;
- (b) National and/or sectoral policies or regulations described in paragraph 44(b) above that have been implemented since the adoption by the COP of the CDM M&P (decision 17/CP.7, 11 November 2001) need not be taken into account in establishing a baseline scenario (i.e. the baseline scenario could refer to a hypothetical situation without the national and/or sectoral policies or regulations being in place).

46. Project participants shall describe the established baseline scenario for the proposed CDM project activity or CPA, including the technology(ies) that would be employed and/or the activities that would take place in the absence of the project activity or CPA.

6. Demonstration of additionality

47. Project participants shall demonstrate, in accordance with the selected methodology and the requirements relating to prior consideration of the CDM contained in section VI. C. above, that the anthropogenic emissions of GHG by sources are reduced below those that would have occurred in the absence of the proposed CDM project activity.

48. For demonstration of additionality of the proposed CDM project activity, and if it is required by the selected methodology and/or any tool referenced in the methodology, project participants shall follow:

- (a) “Guidelines on the assessment of investment analysis”;
- (b) “Guidelines for objective demonstration and assessment of barriers”.

49. In the demonstration of additionality of the proposed CDM project activity, project participants should also consider the following:

- (a) “Guidelines on additionality of first-of-its-kind project activities”;
- (b) “Guidelines on common practice”.

7. Emission reductions

50. Project participants shall provide ex ante calculations of baseline, project and leakage GHG emissions as well as GHG emission reductions of the proposed CDM project activity or CPA for each year of the crediting period, in accordance with the selected methodology(ies). Project participants shall describe all steps undertaken for these calculations and provide all results.

51. If the selected methodology(ies) includes different scenarios or cases or provides different options and/or default values to choose, project participants shall justify which ones are applied to and/or chosen for the proposed CDM project activity or CPA.



52. Project participants shall provide the data and parameters that are not monitored throughout the crediting period but are determined only once and remain fixed throughout the crediting period. These data and parameters shall be available at the time of validation.

53. In cases where the selected methodology(ies) allows the use of sampling for the determination of parameter values for calculating GHG emission reductions, project participants may use sampling. In such cases, project participants shall develop and describe the sampling plan in accordance with the “Standard for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programme of activities”.

8. Monitoring plan

i. General

54. Project participants shall develop and describe the monitoring plan for the proposed CDM project activity or CPA in accordance with the selected methodology(ies) and all other applicable CDM rules and requirements.

ii. Data and parameters monitored

55. The monitoring plan shall include all data, parameters and related information required by the selected methodology(ies).

iii. Other elements of monitoring plan

56. The monitoring plan shall include the following:

- (a) The operational and management structure to be put in place to implement the monitoring plan;
- (b) Provisions to ensure that data monitored and required for verification and issuance be kept and archived electronically for two years after the end of the crediting period or the last issuance of CERs, whichever occurs later;
- (c) Definition of responsibilities and institutional arrangements for data collection and archiving;
- (d) Quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) procedures;
- (e) Uncertainty levels, methods and the associated accuracy level of measuring instruments to be used for various parameters and variables;



- (f) Specifications of the calibration frequency for the measuring equipments. In cases where neither the selected methodology, nor the Board's guidance specify any requirements for calibration frequency for measuring equipments, project participants shall ensure that the equipments are calibrated either in accordance with the local/national standards, or as per the manufacturer's specifications. If local/national standards or the manufacturer's specifications are not available, international standards may be used.

C. Duration and crediting period

1. Duration of project activity

57. Project participants shall determine the start date of the proposed CDM project activity and provide a description of how this start date has been determined.
58. Project participants shall define the expected operational lifetime of the proposed CDM project activity.

2. Crediting period

59. Project participants shall select the type (fixed or renewable) and duration of the crediting period for the proposed CDM project activity considering that:
- (a) Each renewable crediting period shall be at most seven years and may be renewed at most two times, for a maximum total length of 21 years;
 - (b) A fixed crediting period shall be at most 10 years.
60. Project participants shall determine the start date⁸ of the crediting period of the proposed CDM project activity considering that the crediting period shall only start after the date of registration of the proposed project activity as a CDM project activity.
61. Project participants shall determine only one start date for the crediting period, even in cases of phased implementation of the proposed CDM project activity.
62. Project participants shall state the start date of the crediting period in the format dd/mm/yyyy, and shall not use any qualifications to the start date, such as "expected".

D. Environmental impacts

63. Project participants shall carry out an analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed CDM project activity or PoA, including transboundary impacts. Project participants shall provide a summary of the analysis and references to all related documentation.

⁸ The start date of the crediting period provided in the CDM-PDD by the project participants is an indicative date and if it is prior to the date of registration of the project activity, it will be updated by the secretariat as the effective date of registration in accordance with the Project cycle procedure. This update will not affect the specified length of the crediting period nor does this affect the rights of the project participants to subsequently request a change of the start date in accordance with the same procedure.



64. If project participants or the host Party considers the environmental impacts of the proposed CDM project activity or PoA significant, project participants shall carry out an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the host Party's procedures. Project participants shall provide all conclusions and references to all related documentation.

E. Local stakeholder consultation

65. Project participants shall invite local stakeholders to provide comments on the proposed CDM project activity or PoA and shall demonstrate how due steps/actions were taken to appropriately engage stakeholders and solicit comments.

66. Project participants shall invite comments from local stakeholders in an open and transparent manner, in a way that facilitates comments to be received from local stakeholders and allows for a reasonable time for comments to be submitted. Project participants shall describe the proposed CDM project activity or PoA in a manner that allows the local stakeholders to understand the project activity or PoA, taking into account confidentiality provisions of the applicable CDM M&Ps.

67. Project participants shall prepare a summary of the comments provided by local stakeholders.

68. Project participants shall demonstrate that they considered all comments received for the proposed CDM project activity or PoA.

69. Project participants shall complete the local stakeholder consultation process before submitting the proposed CDM project activity or PoA to a DOE for validation.

F. Approval and authorization

70. Project participants shall obtain a letter of approval⁹ from the DNA of each Party involved in the proposed CDM project activity confirming that:¹⁰

- (a) The Party is a Party to the Kyoto Protocol;
- (b) Participation in the proposed CDM project activity is voluntary;
- (c) Project participants are authorized to participate in the proposed CDM project activity.

71. In addition to the requirement in paragraph 70 above, for project participants from the host Party, the letter of approval shall also confirm that the proposed CDM project activity assists the host Party in achieving sustainable development.

⁹ Project activities from multilateral funds involving many host Parties do not necessarily require letters of approval from the DNA of each Party. However, those not providing a letter may be giving up some of their rights and privileges in terms of being a Party involved in the proposed project activity. A letter of approval from a Party may cover more than one proposed CDM project activity, provided that projects are clearly listed in the letter.

¹⁰ At the time of making the PDD public at the stage of validation, a Party involved may or may not have provided its approval of the proposed CDM project activity, but by the time of requesting registration, approval from all Parties involved shall be obtained.



G. Modalities of communications

72. Project participants shall define for the proposed CDM project activity or PoA their modalities of communication with the Board and present them in a Modalities of communication statement (MoC statement), with the following content:

- (a) The title of the proposed CDM project activity or PoA (and UNFCCC reference number if available);
- (b) The date of submission of the MoC statement (to a DOE for inclusion in the request for registration or to the secretariat for changes after registration);
- (c) The designation of a focal point for each scope of authority, contact details and specimen signatures of the authorized signatories of each focal point entity;
- (d) A list of all project participants, contact details and specimen signatures of their authorized signatories;
- (e) The signature of an authorized signatory (electronic if available) of all project participants confirming their agreement with the MoC statement.

H. Validation

73. Project participants wishing to submit a CDM project activity for validation shall prepare a PDD using the latest version of the CDM-PDD form applicable to the project activity, taking into account the grace period of the form if it has been revised.¹¹

74. When completing the PDD, project participants shall provide all necessary information and documentation to demonstrate compliance of the proposed CDM project activity with all applicable requirements in this Standard and other CDM rules and requirements.

75. When completing the PDD, project participants should follow the applicable guidelines for completing CDM-PDD forms.

76. Project participants shall select a DOE for the validation of the proposed CDM project activity that is accredited for the validation function and sectoral scopes(s)¹² of the project activity. Project participants shall have a contractual arrangement with the DOE for the validation.

77. Project participants shall submit the completed PDD of the proposed CDM project activity, together with supporting documentation, to the selected DOE for validation.

78. Information used to demonstrate additionality, describe the application of the selected methodology, and support an environmental impact assessment shall not be considered proprietary or confidential.

¹¹ All various PDD forms and related guidelines are available on the UNFCCC CDM website.

¹² The list of all 15 sectoral scopes, the DOEs accredited in each scope as well as the approved baseline and monitoring methodologies linked with these sectoral scopes are given on the UNFCCC CDM website.



79. Before publishing the PDD for the proposed CDM project activity or CPA for global stakeholder consultation, project participants may request the DOE to seek guidance from the Board on the acceptability of a deviation from the selected methodology(ies), in accordance with the Project cycle procedure.

VIII. Specific design requirements for small-scale project activities

A. General requirements

80. Project participants designing a small-scale CDM project activity following the CDM SSC M&Ps shall only use small-scale methodologies. However, project participants may use a large-scale methodology for a project activity that is within the small-scale project activity thresholds if the project activity follows the CDM M&Ps.

B. Project activity eligibility

81. Project participants shall indicate, from among the following below, the project type of the proposed small-scale CDM project activity, and shall demonstrate that the project activity qualifies as this type:

- (a) Type I: Renewable energy project activities with a maximum output capacity of 15 MW (or an appropriate equivalent);
- (b) Type II: Energy efficiency improvement project activities that reduce energy consumption, on the supply and/or demand side, with a maximum output of 60 GWh per year (or an appropriate equivalent) in any year of the crediting period; or
- (c) Type III: Other project activities not included in Type I or Type II that result in GHG emission reductions not exceeding 60 ktCO₂e per year in any year of the crediting period.

82. In connection with paragraph 81 above and the scope of the maximum output capacity of 15 MW, project participants shall consider the following:

- (a) Regarding “maximum output”, “output” is the installed/rated capacity as indicated by the manufacturer of the equipment or plant, irrespective of the actual load factor of the plant. The installed/rated capacity for renewable electricity generating units that involve turbine-generator systems shall be based on the installed/rated capacity of the generator;
- (b) Regarding the “appropriate equivalent” of 15 MW, decision 17/CP.7, paragraph 6(c)(i), refers to MW, but project participants may refer to MW(p)¹³, MW(e) or MW(th). As MW(e) is the most common denomination, MW is defined as MW(e), and otherwise an appropriate conversion factor is to be applied;

¹³ For solar photovoltaic applications, 15 MW(p) may be defined by manufacturers’ specifications under testing conditions of 1000 W/m² and 25 deg C or 600 W/m² and 35 deg C.



- (c) For biomass, biofuel and biogas project activities, the maximal limit of 15 MW(e) is equivalent to a 45 MW thermal output of the equipment or the plant (e.g. boilers). For thermal applications of biomass, biofuels or biogas (e.g. cook stoves), the limit of 45 MWth is the installed/rated capacity of the thermal application equipment or device(s) (e.g. biogas stoves). For electrical or mechanical applications, the limit of a 15 MW installed/rated output shall be used. In the case of co-firing renewable and fossil fuels, the rated capacity of the system when using fossil fuel shall apply;
- (d) For thermal applications of solar energy projects,¹⁴ “maximum output” shall be calculated using a conversion factor of 700 Wth/m² of aperture area of glazed flat plate or evacuated tubular collector, i.e. the eligibility limit in terms of aperture area is 64,000 m² of the collector. Project participants may also use other conversion factors determined as per the requirements in paragraph 91 below, but shall then justify why the chosen conversion factor is more appropriate to the project activity.

83. Project participants shall ensure that the proposed small-scale CDM project activity remains, for every year during the crediting period, within the limits of the type of project activity defined in paragraph 81 above. If during its implementation and monitoring the project activity goes beyond the limit of its type in any year of the crediting period, the GHG emission reductions that can be claimed during this particular year shall be capped at the maximum GHG emission reductions estimated in the registered PDD for that year during the crediting period.

84. Project participants shall consider that:

- (a) The three types of small-scale CDM project activities defined in paragraph 81 above are mutually exclusive. In a small-scale project activity with more than one component following the CDM SSC M&Ps, each component shall meet the threshold criterion of each applicable type;
- (b) The sum of the size of components of a small-scale CDM project activity belonging to the same type shall not exceed the limits for small-scale project activities.

C. Bundling of project activity

85. If project participants bring together more than one small-scale CDM project activities as a bundle, project participants shall follow the “General principles for bundling”.

86. Project participants shall also ensure that the sum of the output capacity of the proposed CDM project activities within a sub-bundle does not exceed the maximum output capacity limit for its type.

D. Debundling for project activity

87. Project participants shall demonstrate that the proposed small-scale CDM project activity is not a debundled component of a large-scale project activity.

88. Project participants shall follow the applicable provisions in the “Guidelines on assessment of debundling for SSC project activities”.

¹⁴ This conversion is not applicable for solar thermal parabolic and trough type collectors used for high grade solar thermal energy applications.



E. Description of project activity

89. In describing the proposed small-scale CDM project activity, project participants shall indicate the type of project activity, as defined in paragraph 81 above.

F. Application of selected baseline and monitoring methodology

1. General

90. If the proposed small-scale CDM project activity involves more than one component, project participants shall provide ex ante calculations of baseline, project and leakage GHG emissions as well as GHG emission reductions for each year of the crediting period and for each component separately.

91. To determine the performance of equipment used in the proposed small-scale CDM project activity, project participants shall use:

- (a) The appropriate value specified in the selected methodology;
- (b) The national standard for the performance of the equipment type (project participants shall identify the standard used) if the value specified in subparagraph (a) is not available;
- (c) An international standard for the performance of the equipment type, such as International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards (project participants shall identify the standard used) if the value specified in subparagraph (b) is not available;
- (d) The manufacturer's specifications, provided that they are tested and certified by national or international certifiers, if the value specified in subparagraph (c) is not available;
- (e) Performance data from test results conducted by an independent entity for equipment installed under the project activity if the value specified in subparagraph (d) is not available.

92. In cases where leakage is to be considered in the proposed small-scale CDM project activity, project participants shall consider leakage only within the boundaries of non-Annex I Parties.

93. In case of replacement of existing equipments, project participants shall estimate the point in time where the existing equipments would be replaced in the absence of the proposed small-scale CDM project activity in accordance with the "Tool to determine the remaining lifetime of equipment".

94. For household devices/appliances, project participants may disregard the remaining lifetime.

95. Project participants shall consider that norms, specifications, standards and test procedures cited in the selected methodology refer to the latest version of the documentation available at the time of submission of the PDD to the DOE for validation.

2. Demonstration of additionality

96. For demonstration of additionality of a proposed small-scale CDM project activity, project participants shall apply or use one of the following:



- (a) “Attachment A of Appendix B”. In such cases, project participants should also follow the “Non-binding practice examples to demonstrate additionality for SSC project activities”;
- (b) Any applicable additionality tool; or
- (c) “Guidelines for demonstrating additionality of microscale project activities”, if the proposed project activity meets one of the following criteria:
 - (i) Type I: Project activities up to 5 MW that employ renewable energy as their primary technology;
 - (ii) Type II: Energy efficiency project activities that aim to achieve energy savings at a scale of no more than 20 GWh per year; or
 - (iii) Type III: Other project activities not included in Type I or Type II that aim to achieve GHG emissions reductions at a scale of no more than 20 ktCO₂e per year.

3. Monitoring plan

97. In developing the monitoring plan for the proposed small-scale CDM project activity, project participants shall consider the following:

- (a) Data variables that impact the GHG emission reductions continuously (e.g. quantity of the fuel inputs, amount of heat or electricity produced, gas captured) shall be measured continuously and recorded at appropriate intervals. Data elements that are generally constant (e.g. emission factors, calorific value, system efficiencies) shall be measured or calculated at least once a year, unless other specifications are provided in the selected methodology;
- (b) Measuring equipments shall be certified to national or IEC standards;
- (c) The calibration of measuring equipments shall be carried out by an accredited person or institution;
- (d) Measured data with high levels of uncertainty or without adequate calibration shall be compared with location/national data and commercial data to ensure consistency.

98. For parameters to be measured in accordance with the selected methodology, project participants shall include in the monitoring plan the following:

- (a) The measurement methods and procedures, including accepted industry standards or national or international standards that will be applied; the measuring equipments that will be used; how the measurements will be undertaken; the accuracy of the measurement methods; the measurement intervals and the responsible person/entity who will undertake the measurements;
- (b) The calibration procedures to be applied and the responsible person/entity who will perform the calibration.



G. Environmental impacts

99. The following applies instead of paragraphs 63–64 above: If required by the host Party, project participants shall carry out an analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed small-scale CDM project activity, and provide a summary of the analysis and the reference to all related documentation.

H. Validation

100. If project participants wish to present a small-scale CDM project activity with more than one component in the same PDD, project participants shall provide the information regarding the sections covering the type and technology/measure of the project activity and application of the selected methodology separately for each component.

IX. Specific design requirements for afforestation and reforestation project activities

A. Description of project activity

101. When describing the proposed A/R CDM project activity, project participants shall:
- (a) Describe the present environmental conditions of the area planned for the project activity, including the climate, hydrology, soils and ecosystems;
 - (b) Describe the presence, if any, of rare and endangered species and their habitats;
 - (c) Describe the species and varieties selected for the project activity;
 - (d) Describe the technologies and know-how that will be transferred to the host Party(ies), if applicable;
 - (e) Describe or list the legal title(s) to the land, current land tenure and rights enabling determination of the owner of the temporary CERs (tCERs) or long-term CERs (ICERs) to be issued for the project activity.

B. Project boundary

102. Project participants shall define the project boundary that geographically delineates the proposed A/R CDM project activity under the control of the project participants, including information allowing the unique identification(s) of the project activity. If the proposed A/R CDM project activity contains more than one discrete area of land, each discrete area of land shall have a unique identification.

103. Project participants shall demonstrate that, for all areas of land planned for the proposed A/R CDM project activity, the control over afforestation or reforestation as required by the CDM A/R M&Ps is already established or is expected to be established. The control of the project participants over afforestation or reforestation shall be considered as established if the project participants have the exclusive right to perform the proposed A/R CDM project activity, defined in a way that is acceptable under the legal system of the host country.

104. When submitting the PDD for validation, project participants shall have established the control over afforestation or reforestation for at least two-thirds of the total area of land planned for proposed A/R CDM project activity.



105. When submitting the PDD for validation, project participants shall demonstrate that all areas of land planned for the proposed A/R CDM project activity comply with all requirements, except those related to the control.

106. If the control over afforestation or reforestation is not established for all areas of land planned for the proposed A/R CDM project activities when submitting the PDD for validation, project participants shall:

- (a) Demonstrate additionality separately for:
 - (i) The area of land for which control over the project activity is already established by the project participants;
 - (ii) The entire area of land.
- (b) Estimate the baseline net GHG removals by sinks separately for:
 - (i) The area of land for which control over the project activity is already established by the project participants;
 - (ii) The entire area of land.

107. Project participants shall express each of the estimates of baseline net GHG removals by sinks on a per hectare basis. The larger of these estimates shall be used to determine the baseline net GHG removals by sinks for the proposed A/R CDM project activity.

108. For all areas of land for which control over the registered A/R CDM project activity has not yet been established when the PDD is submitted for validation, project participants shall provide evidence of control at the latest by the time of submitting the first monitoring report for verification.

109. When submitting the first monitoring report for verification, the project boundary shall be fixed in such a way that it geographically delineates exclusively the registered CDM A/R project activity under the control of the project participants.

C. Eligibility of land

110. Project participants shall demonstrate that each discrete area of land to be included in the project boundary is eligible for an A/R CDM project activity, in accordance with the selected methodology and the “Procedure to demonstrate the eligibility of lands for afforestation and reforestation CDM project activities”. For such demonstration, for both large- and small-scale A/R CDM project activities, it is sufficient to follow this procedure and it is not essential to differentiate between afforestation and reforestation project activities.

D. Addressing non-permanence

111. Project participants shall specify which of the following approaches to address non-permanence has been selected for the proposed A/R CDM project activity, considering that this approach shall remain fixed for the crediting period including any renewals:

- (a) Issuance of tCERs; or
- (b) Issuance of ICERs.



E. Application of selected baseline and monitoring methodology

1. General

112. Project participants shall select the carbon pools and GHGs to account for the proposed A/R CDM project activity in accordance with the selected methodology.

113. If the selected methodology allows the exclusion of certain carbon pools and project participants do so, they shall justify the exclusion.

114. Project participants shall ensure that the application of default data in estimation of the net anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks for the proposed A/R CDM project activity results in conservative estimates. In this estimation, project participants should follow the “Guidelines on conservative choice and application of default data in estimation of the net anthropogenic GHG removal by sinks”.

115. The following applies instead of paragraphs 43–45 above: In establishing a baseline scenario, project participants shall take into account relevant national and/or sectoral policies and circumstances, such as historical land use practices, without creating perverse incentives that may impact host Parties’ contributions to the ultimate objective of the Convention, in the following manner:

- (a) National and/or sectoral land-use policies or regulations, which give comparative advantages to afforestation/reforestation activities and have been implemented since the adoption by the COP of the CDM M&P (decision 17/CP.7, 11 November 2001), need not be taken into account in developing a baseline scenario (i.e. the baseline scenario could refer to a hypothetical situation without the national and/or sectoral policies or regulations being in place).

116. Project participants shall establish the baseline scenario separately for each stratum of the proposed A/R CDM project activity in accordance with the selected methodology.

117. The following applies instead of paragraph 46 above: Project participants shall describe the baseline scenario established for each stratum of the proposed A/R CDM project activity, including the land-use that would occur in the absence of the project activity.

118. The following applies instead of paragraph 50 above: Project participants shall calculate and provide an estimate of the ex ante baseline net GHG removals by sinks, ex ante actual net GHG removals by sinks, leakage, and net anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks for the proposed A/R CDM project activity for each year of the crediting period, in accordance with the selected methodology.

119. The following applies instead of paragraph 53 above: In cases where the selected methodology allows the use of sampling for the determination of parameter values for calculating net GHG removals, project participants may use sampling, in accordance with the requirements of the methodology and any applicable tool referenced in the methodology.

2. Demonstration of additionality

120. The following applies instead of paragraph 47 above: Project participants shall demonstrate, in accordance with the selected methodology and the requirements relating to prior consideration of the CDM contained in section VI. C. above, that the actual net GHG removals by sinks are increased above the sum of the changes in carbon stocks in the carbon pools within the project boundary that would have occurred in the absence of the proposed A/R CDM project activity.



3. Monitoring

121. Project participants shall plan management activities, including harvesting cycles, and verifications such that a systematic coincidence of verification and peaks in carbon stocks would be avoided.
122. Project participants shall monitor forest establishment and management, if required for the compliance with the applicability conditions of the selected methodology.
123. Project participants shall describe how the geographic coordinates of the project boundary, including boundaries of strata if any, are determined and recorded.
124. Project participants shall describe, or provide reference to, standard operating procedures (SOPs) and quality control (QC) and quality assurance (QA) procedures implemented for data monitoring, as required by the selected methodology.
125. Project participants shall identify measures to minimize potential leakage and describe how these will be implemented.
126. Project participants shall specify the procedures for the periodic review of implementation of activities and measures to minimize leakage, if required by the selected methodology.

F. Duration and crediting period

127. Paragraph 58 above does not apply to A/R CDM project activities.
128. The following applies instead of paragraph 59 above: Project participants shall select a crediting period for the proposed A/R CDM project activity, either renewable or fixed, considering that:
- (a) Each renewable crediting period shall be a maximum of 20 years and may be renewed at most two times, for a maximum total length of 60 years;
 - (b) A fixed crediting period shall be at most 30 years;
 - (c) The provisions of paragraphs 12 and 13 of decision 17/CP.7 do not apply to A/R CDM project activities. An A/R project activity starting after 1 January 2000 can also be validated and registered after 31 December 2005 as long as the first verification of the project activity occurs after the date of registration of this project activity. Given that the crediting period starts at the same date as the starting date of the project activity, projects starting in 2000 onwards can accrue tCERs/ICERs as of the starting date.

G. Environmental impacts

129. Paragraphs 130–132 below apply instead of paragraphs 63–64 above.
130. Project participants shall carry out an analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed CDM A/R project activity, including impacts on biodiversity and natural ecosystems and impacts outside the project boundary. Project participants shall provide a summary of the analysis and references to all related documentation.



131. If project participants or the host Party consider the environmental impacts of the proposed A/R CDM project activity significant, project participants shall carry out an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the host Party's procedures. Project participants shall provide all conclusions and references to all related documentation.

132. If the environmental impacts of the proposed A/R CDM project activity are considered significant, project participants shall provide a description of the planned monitoring and remedial measures to address these significant impacts.

H. Socio-economic impacts

133. Project participants shall carry out an analysis of the major socio-economic impacts of the proposed A/R CDM project activity, including impacts outside the project boundary. Project participants shall provide a summary of the analysis and references to all related documentation.

134. If project participants or the host Party consider any negative impact as significant, project participants shall carry out a socio-economic impact assessment, in accordance with the host Party's procedures. Project participants shall provide all conclusions and references to all related documentation.

135. If the socio-economic impacts of the proposed A/R CDM project activity are considered significant, project participants shall provide a description of the planned monitoring and remedial measures to address these significant impacts.

X. Specific design requirements for small-scale afforestation and reforestation project activities

136. Project participants shall demonstrate that the proposed small-scale A/R CDM project activity:

- (a) Complies with the thresholds for the small-scale A/R CDM project activities;
- (b) Complies with one of the types of small-scale A/R CDM project activities defined in appendix B of the annex to decision 6/CMP.1 and qualifies to apply one of the simplified baseline and monitoring methodologies for small-scale A/R CDM project activities;
- (c) Is not part of a debundled large-scale A/R CDM project activity, in accordance with the rules defined in appendix C of the annex to decision 6/CMP.1.

137. Project participants shall provide a written declaration that the proposed small-scale A/R CDM project activity is developed or implemented by low-income communities and individuals as determined by the host Party.

XI. Specific design requirements for programme of activities

A. Description of programme of activities

138. The coordinating/managing entity shall develop a framework for the implementation of the proposed CDM PoA and inclusion of CPAs under the PoA.

139. The coordinating/managing entity shall describe the policy/measure or stated goal that the proposed CDM PoA seeks to promote.

140. The coordinating/managing entity shall confirm that the proposed CDM PoA is a voluntary action by the coordinating/managing entity.



141. The coordinating/managing entity shall provide the identification of:

- (a) Coordinating/managing entity of the proposed CDM PoA;
- (b) Party(ies) involved in the proposed CDM PoA;
- (c) Project participants involved in the proposed CDM PoA.

142. The coordinating/managing entity shall define the boundary for the proposed CDM PoA in terms of a geographical area (e.g. municipality, region within a country, country or several countries) within which all CPAs to be included in the PoA will be implemented, taking into consideration that all applicable national and/or sectoral policies and regulations within the chosen boundary are reflected in the establishment of the baseline.

143. As part of the proposed CDM PoA, the coordinating/managing entity shall describe a typical CPA with generic information applicable to all CPAs that will be included in the PoA.

144. Also as part of the proposed CDM PoA, the coordinating/managing entity shall define an actual CPA under the PoA.

145. The coordinating/managing entity shall establish and implement, and provide a description of, the operational and management arrangements for the implementation of the proposed CDM PoA. These arrangements may be integrated with the management system required in the “Standard for demonstration of additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for programme of activities”.

B. Description of component project activities

146. The coordinating/managing entity shall provide the geographic reference or other means of identification¹⁵ of the CPAs.

147. The coordinating/managing entity shall describe the CPAs, including the technology(ies) and/or measures to be used, to enable the identification of the project’s scale and type, demonstration of additionality, application of the selected methodology(ies) and calculations of GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals.

148. The coordinating/managing entity shall identify:

- (a) The entity/individual responsible for the operation of the CPAs (name and contact details);
- (b) The host Party of the CPAs.

149. The coordinating/managing entity shall confirm that the CPA is neither registered as a CDM project activity nor included in another registered PoA.

C. Eligibility criteria

150. The coordinating/managing entity shall define in the proposed CDM PoA the eligibility criteria for inclusion of a CPA under the PoA, in accordance with the “Standard for demonstration of

¹⁵ For example: the geographic reference for stationary CPAs; the registration number or GPS devices for mobile CPAs.



additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for programme of activities”.

D. Application of selected baseline and monitoring methodologies

1. General requirements

151. The coordinating/managing entity shall consider that methodologies are approved for application to both CDM project activities and CPAs under a PoA. Proposed new methodologies submitted for consideration by the Board should clearly define the activity to which the proposed methodology is applicable.

152. The coordinating/managing entity applying combinations of technologies/measures and/or approved CDM methodologies among CPAs of a PoA shall apply the combinations in accordance with the “Standard for demonstration of additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for programme of activities” and the Project cycle procedure.

2. Demonstration of additionality

153. The following applies instead of paragraph 47 above: The coordinating/managing entity shall demonstrate that the proposed CDM PoA is additional in accordance with the “Standard for demonstration of additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for programme of activities”.

154. The coordinating/managing entity shall consider that a full additionality assessment is not required in the context of CPA. Instead, the confirmation of additionality for CPAs should be conducted by means of the eligibility criteria.

3. Sampling

155. If the coordinating/managing entity utilizes sampling for the determination of parameter values for calculating GHG emission reductions, the coordinating/managing entity shall develop and describe the sampling plan in accordance with the “Standard for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programme of activities”.

4. Monitoring plan

156. The coordinating/managing entity shall develop and provide a description of the monitoring plan for a CPA and identify the monitoring provisions and data parameters that a CPA has to apply/monitor in accordance with the selected methodology.

E. Debundling of small-scale component project activities

157. The coordinating/managing entity shall demonstrate that the proposed small-scale CPA is not a debundled component of a large-scale activity, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the “Guidelines on assessment of debundling for SSC project activities”.



F. Duration and crediting period

1. Duration of programme of activities and component project activities

158. The following applies instead of paragraphs 57–58 above: The coordinating/managing entity shall determine the start date and length of the proposed CDM PoA and provide a description of how the start date has been determined.

159. The coordinating/managing entity shall determine the start date and expected operational lifetime of any proposed CDM CPA and provide a description of how the start date has been determined.

160. The coordinating/managing entity shall confirm that the start date of any proposed CDM CPA is not, or will not be, prior to the commencement of the validation of the proposed CDM PoA, i.e. the date on which the PoA-DD is first published for global stakeholder consultation.

2. Crediting period

161. The following applies instead of paragraphs 59–62 above: The coordinating/managing entity shall select the type (fixed or renewable) and duration of crediting period of the proposed CDM CPA considering that:

- (a) Each renewable crediting period shall be at most seven years and may be renewed at most three times, for a maximum total length of 28 years (60 years for A/R);
- (b) A fixed crediting period shall be at most 10 years.

162. The coordinating/managing entity shall determine the start date of the crediting period of the proposed CDM CPA considering that:

- (a) The start date of the crediting period shall be the date of inclusion of the CPA in the registered PoA or any date thereafter;
- (b) The duration of the crediting period shall not exceed the end date of the registered PoA.

163. The coordinating/managing entity shall determine only one start date for the crediting period of the proposed CDM CPA, even in cases of phased implementation of the CPA.

164. The coordinating/managing entity shall state the start date of the crediting period of the proposed CDM CPA in the format dd/mm/yyyy, and shall not use any qualifications to the start date, such as “expected”.

G. Environmental impacts

165. The analysis of the environmental impacts and the environmental impact assessment, as per sections VII. D., VIII. G. and/or IX. G. above, may be carried out for the whole PoA or at the CPA level. The coordinating/managing entity shall reflect and describe the level applied.



H. Local stakeholder consultation

166. The local stakeholder consultation, as per section VII. E. above, may be carried out for the whole PoA or at the CPA level. The coordinating/managing entity shall specify the level of consultation applied.

167. For the actual CPA part of the proposed CDM PoA, the local stakeholder consultation shall be completed before submission of the PoA for validation. For CPAs to be included in the registered PoA, the local stakeholder consultation shall be completed before inclusion in the PoA.

I. Approval and authorization

168. Paragraphs 169–173 below apply instead of paragraphs 70–71 above.

169. The coordinating/managing entity shall obtain a letter of approval from the DNA of each Party involved in the proposed CDM PoA confirming that:

- (a) The Party is a Party to the Kyoto Protocol; and
- (b) Participation in the proposed CDM PoA is voluntary.

170. In addition to the requirement in paragraph 169 above, for the coordinating/managing entity from the host Party, the letter of approval shall also confirm that the proposed CDM PoA assists the host Party in achieving sustainable development.

171. The coordinating/managing entity shall obtain from each host Party a letter of authorization of its coordination of the proposed CDM PoA.

172. Each project participant shall be authorized to participate in the proposed CDM PoA by at least one Party involved in the proposed PoA.

173. The operators of individual CPAs are not required to be project participants. CDM project participation is only recorded at the PoA level.

J. Modalities of communications

174. The following applies instead of paragraph 72(e) above: For a proposed CDM PoA, the MoC statement shall be signed only by an authorized signatory of the coordinating/managing entity.

K. Validation

175. Paragraphs 176–180 below apply instead of paragraphs 73–77 above.

176. A coordinating/managing entity wishing to submit a CDM PoA for validation shall complete a PoA-DD using the latest version of the CDM-PoA-DD form applicable to the PoA, taking into account the grace period of the form if it has been revised.

177. Along with the preparation of a PoA-DD for the proposed CDM PoA, the coordinating/managing entity shall complete, using the latest version of the CDM-CPA-DD form applicable to the CPA, and taking into account the grace period of the form if it has been revised, the following:

- (a) A generic CPA-DD, which specifies the generic information relevant to all CPAs that may be included in the PoA;



- (b) A completed CPA-DD, which is to be based on the application of the PoA to one actual CPA.

178. When completing a PoA-DD and a CPA-DD, the coordinating/managing entity shall provide all necessary information and documentation to demonstrate the compliance of the proposed CDM PoA and CPA with all applicable requirements in this Standard and other CDM rules and requirements.

179. The coordinating/managing entity and/or project participants shall select a DOE for the validation of the proposed CDM PoA and CPA that is accredited for the validation function and sectoral scopes(s) of the PoA. The coordinating/managing entity and/or project participants shall have a contractual arrangement with the DOE for the validation.

180. The coordinating/managing entity shall submit to the selected DOE for validation the completed PoA-DD, the generic CPA-DD and the completed CPA-DD.

L. Inclusion of component project activities in programme of activities

181. A coordinating/managing entity may include a CPA in a registered CDM PoA at any time during the duration of the PoA provided that the requirements in paragraphs 182–183 below are met.

182. To include a CPA in a registered CDM PoA, the coordinating/managing entity shall ensure that the proposed CPA meets all applicable requirements, including the eligibility criteria for inclusion of a CPA under the PoA.

183. The coordinating/managing entity shall then submit to a DOE a completed CPA-DD specific to the proposed CPA demonstrating compliance of the CPA with all applicable requirements.

XII. Implementation and monitoring requirements for all project types

A. General requirements

184. Project participants shall implement the registered CDM project activity in accordance with the description in the registered PDD including all physical features.

185. Project participants shall operate the registered CDM project activity in accordance with the description in the registered PDD.

186. Project participants shall monitor the registered CDM project activity and its GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals in accordance with the monitoring plan as described in the registered PDD (hereinafter referred to as the registered monitoring plan).

B. General description

187. Project participants shall provide the following information regarding the implemented registered CDM project activity:

- (a) Title and number;
- (b) Project participants involved;
- (c) Location;
- (d) Reference of methodology(ies) and tool(s) applied;



- (e) Type, duration and start date of the crediting period;
- (f) Number and date of the monitoring period.

C. Description of implemented registered project activity

188. Project participants shall provide a description of the implemented registered CDM project activity as follows:

- (a) Description of the installed technology, technical processes and equipments;
- (b) Information on the implementation and actual operation of the project activity, including relevant dates (e.g. construction, commissioning, continued operation periods, etc.). For project activities that consist of more than one site, project participants shall describe the status of implementation and start date of operation for each site. For project activities with phased implementation, project participants shall indicate the progress of the project activity achieved in each phase;
- (c) Description of:
 - (i) The events or situations that occurred during the monitoring period that may impact the applicability of the applied methodology;
 - (ii) How the issues resulting from these events or situations have been addressed.

189. Project participants shall indicate whether any request for prior approval by the Board of changes to the registered CDM project activity has been submitted, in accordance with the Project cycle procedure, and, if applicable, the date of approval.

D. Description of monitoring system

190. Project participants shall describe the monitoring system and provide line diagrams (graphical schemes) showing all relevant monitoring points. This description may include data collection procedures (information flow including data generation, aggregation, recording, calculations and reporting), organizational structure, roles and responsibilities of personnel, and emergency procedures for the monitoring system.

E. Data and parameters

191. Project participants shall provide all parameters used to calculate baseline, project, and leakage GHG emissions by sources or GHG removals by sinks as well as other relevant parameters required by the applied methodology and the registered monitoring plan for the monitoring period. Project participants shall provide information on how data and parameters have been monitored.

192. For each parameter, project participants shall:

- (a) Provide the values of the monitored parameter for the purpose of calculating GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals. Where data are measured continuously, they shall be presented using an appropriate time interval (e.g. monthly for a monitoring period of six months or more; weekly if the monitoring period is less than six months; daily if the monitoring period is one month or less). For default values (such as an IPCC value), where it is ex post confirmed, the most recent value shall be applied;



- (b) Describe the equipment used to monitor each parameter, including details on accuracy class, and calibration information (frequency, date of calibration and validity), if applicable as per monitoring plan;
- (c) Describe how the parameters are measured/calculated and the measurement and recording frequency;
- (d) Provide and/or identify the source of data (e.g. logbooks, daily records, surveys, etc.);
- (e) Provide the calculation method of the parameter, where relevant;
- (f) Describe the QA/QC procedures applied (if applicable per monitoring plan);
- (g) Provide information about appropriate emission factors, IPCC default values and any other reference values that have been used in the calculation of GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals.

193. Project participants shall indicate whether any request for temporary deviations or permanent changes from the registered monitoring plan or applied methodology has been submitted, in accordance with the Project cycle procedure, and, if applicable, include the date of approval.

F. Calculation of emission reductions or net removals

194. Project participants shall identify the formulae used and provide the calculations of the following for the monitoring period of the registered CDM project activity:

- (a) Baseline GHG emissions or baseline net GHG removals;
- (b) Project GHG emissions or actual net GHG removals;
- (c) Leakage GHG emissions;
- (d) GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic GHG removals.

195. Project participants shall provide a comparison of actual GHG emission reductions or net anthropogenic removal of the registered CDM project activity with estimates in the registered PDD.

196. For any registered CDM project activity, except A/R project activities, project participants shall explain the cause of any increase in the actual GHG emission reductions achieved during the current monitoring period (e.g. higher water availability, higher plant load factor, etc.), including all information (i.e. data and/or parameters) that is different from that stated in the registered PDD.

G. Verification of implemented registered project activity and monitored emission reductions or net removals

197. Project participants wishing to report, for verification and certification, on the GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals of the implemented registered CDM project activity shall prepare a monitoring report for the relevant monitoring period using the latest version of the monitoring report form applicable to the project activity, taking into account the grace period of the form if it has been revised.



198. When completing a monitoring report form, project participants shall provide all necessary information and documentation to demonstrate compliance of the implemented registered CDM project activity and monitored GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals with all applicable requirements in this Standard and other applicable CDM rules and requirements.
199. When completing a monitoring report form, project participants should follow the “Guidelines for completing the monitoring report form (CDM-MR)”.
200. Project participants shall select a DOE for the verification of the implemented registered CDM project activity and monitored GHG emission reductions or net GHG removals for the relevant monitoring period that is accredited for the verification function and sectoral scope(s) of the project activity. Project participants shall have a contractual arrangement with the DOE for the verification.
201. Project participants shall submit the completed monitoring report of the implemented registered CDM project activity for the relevant monitoring period, together with supporting documentation, to the selected DOE for verification.
202. If the DOE’s verification of the implemented registered CDM project activity’s monitoring report has been selected by the secretariat as a performance assessment under the “Procedure for accrediting operational entities by the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM)”, project participants shall facilitate access to the project site for the CDM assessment team.

H. Post registration changes

1. General requirements

203. Project participants shall identify and document any actual or proposed changes to the operation, implementation and/or monitoring of the registered CDM project activity taking into account the types of changes described in appendix 1, which describes the types of changes that do not require prior approval by the Board.
204. If there is any change regarding the modalities or information in the MoC statement or its annexes after a request for registration has been submitted, project participants shall revise the MoC statement in accordance with the Project cycle procedure.
205. Project participants shall ensure that any DOE referred to in paragraphs 207, 210, 214, 216 and 222 below is accredited for the validation function and sectoral scope(s) of the registered CDM project activity.

2. Temporary deviations from the registered monitoring plan or applied methodology

206. If project participants are temporarily unable to monitor the registered CDM project activity in accordance with the registered monitoring plan or the applied methodology, project participants shall describe the nature, extent and duration of the non-conforming monitoring and the proposed alternative monitoring of the project activity in the monitoring report.
207. In such cases, project participants shall either:
- (a) Inform the DOE contracted to perform a verification for the monitoring period during which they were unable to monitor the registered CDM project activity in accordance with the registered monitoring plan or the applied methodology; or



- (b) Request any DOE at any time prior to the commencement of verification of a monitoring period to assess the proposed alternative monitoring of the project activity.

208. Project participants shall apply conservative assumptions or discount factors to the calculations to the extent required to ensure that GHG emission reductions will not be over-estimated as a result of the deviation.

3. Permanent changes

i. Corrections

209. If project participants make any corrections to project information or parameters fixed at validation as described in the registered PDD, project participants shall document these corrections in a revised PDD.

210. In such cases project participants shall either:

- (a) Inform the DOE contracted to perform a verification regarding the corrections; or
- (b) Request any DOE at any time prior to the commencement of verification to assess the corrections.

ii. Changes to the start date of the crediting period

211. Project participants of a registered CDM project activity for which the start date of the crediting period was prior to the date of registration may not request any changes in the start date of the crediting period.

212. Project participants of a registered CDM project activity may not request any changes to the start date of the crediting period of more than two years – not more than four years for project activities hosted by a Least Developed Country.

213. Project participants of a registered CDM project activity are not required to request prior approval by the Board for the following changes of the start date of the crediting period, but shall notify the secretariat of the changes in accordance with the Project cycle procedure:

- (a) Bringing forward the start date up to one year earlier than the one indicated in the registered PDD, taking into account that the start date shall not be earlier than the effective date of registration of the project activity;
- (b) Postponing the start date by up to one year – or by up to two years for project activities hosted by a Least Developed Country – later than the one indicated in the registered PDD.

214. Where the proposed change of the start date of the crediting period of a registered CDM project activity constitutes a difference of more than one year but less than two years – more than two years but less than four years for project activities hosted by a Least Developed Country –, project participants shall:

- (a) Demonstrate that no changes have occurred to the project activity that would result in a less conservative baseline, and that substantive progress has been made by the project participants to start the project activity;



- (b) Submit this demonstration to a DOE for assessment prior to making a request for approval by the Board in accordance with the Project cycle procedure.

- iii. Permanent changes from the registered monitoring plan or applied methodology

215. If project participants are unable to implement the registered monitoring plan and it will not be possible to monitor the registered CDM project activity in accordance with a monitoring plan that would comply with the applied methodology and any applicable tools, project participants shall describe the nature and extent of the non-conforming monitoring in a revised PDD and the proposed alternative monitoring of the project activity (unless the registered PDD already contains this description).

216. In such cases, project participants shall either:

- (a) Inform the DOE contracted to perform a verification for the monitoring period during which it was identified that the project participants are unable to implement the registered monitoring plan and it will not be possible to monitor the project activity in accordance with a monitoring plan that would comply with the applied methodology; or
- (b) Request any DOE at any time prior to the commencement of verification of a monitoring period to assess the proposed alternative monitoring of the project activity.

217. Project participants shall apply conservative assumptions or discount factors to the calculations to the extent required to ensure that GHG emission reductions will not be over-estimated as a result of the change.

- iv. Changes to the project design of a registered project activity

218. Where there are changes to the project design of a registered CDM project activity, project participants shall prepare a revised PDD which describes the nature and extent of the proposed or actual changes, including:

- (a) Changes in the effective output capacity due to increased installed capacity or increased number of units, or installation of units with lower capacity or units with a technology which is less advanced than that described in the PDD;
- (b) Addition of component or extension of technology;
- (c) Removal or addition of one site (or more) of a project activity registered with multiple-sites;
- (d) Actual operational parameters which are within the control of project participants differing from the expected parameters;
- (e) Any consequential changes to the baseline methodology, including changing or adding another baseline methodology or applying a baseline scenario that is more appropriate as a result of the proposed or actual modifications to the project activity.

219. Project participants shall report in the revised PDD the impacts of the proposed or actual changes to the registered CDM project activity on the following:

- (a) The applicability and application of the applied methodology under which the project activity has been registered;



- (b) Compliance of the monitoring plan with the applied methodology;
- (c) The level of accuracy and completeness in the monitoring of the project activity;
- (d) The additionality of the project activity;
- (e) The scale of the project activity.

220. In cases where the proposed or actual changes affect the additionality of the registered CDM project activity, as referred to in paragraph 219(d) above, the demonstration of the impacts of changes shall be based on all original input data. In addition:

- (a) In the case of investment analysis, project participants shall only modify the key parameters in the original spreadsheet calculations affected by the proposed or actual modifications to the project activity;
- (b) In cases where only barriers have been claimed to demonstrate additionality, project participants shall demonstrate that the barriers are still valid under the new circumstances.¹⁶

221. Where project participants cannot demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the applied methodology under which the CDM project activity has been registered, project participants shall revise the PDD applying the latest version of the methodology or another methodology that is applicable to the project activity and shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the selected methodology.

222. In such cases, project participants shall either:

- (a) Submit the revised PDD, together with the monitoring report, for verification to the DOE contracted to perform a verification for a monitoring period of the relevant project activity; or
- (b) Request any DOE at any time prior to the commencement of verification of a monitoring period to validate the revised PDD.

I. Renewal of crediting period

223. Project participants wishing to renew the crediting period of a registered CDM project activity or PoA shall notify the secretariat of their intention in accordance with the Project cycle procedure.

1. Renewal of crediting period of project activities

224. To support a request for renewal of the crediting period of a registered CDM project activity, project participants shall update the sections of the PDD of the project activity relating to the baseline, estimated GHG emission reductions and the monitoring plan using a baseline and monitoring methodology as follows:

- (a) Project participants shall use the latest approved version of the methodology applied in the original PDD, i.e. the version that is valid at the time of submission of the revised PDD for the renewal of the crediting period;

¹⁶ If a proposed or actual modification adversely impacts the additionality of the project activity, subsequent requests for issuance based on such modifications will be rejected.



- (b) If the methodology applied in the original PDD was withdrawn after the registration of the project activity and replaced by a consolidated methodology, project participants shall use the latest approved version of the respective consolidated methodology, i.e. the version that is valid at the time of submission of the revised PDD for the renewal of the crediting period; or
- (c) If the registered project activity does not meet the applicability criteria of the options provided for in subparagraphs (a) or (b) above, due to their revision or due to the update of the baseline, project participants shall either:
 - (i) Select another applicable methodology; or
 - (ii) Request, through the DOE, a deviation from a methodology for the purpose of renewal of the crediting period.

225. To demonstrate the validity of the original baseline or its update, project participants are not required to re-assess the baseline scenario. Instead, project participants shall assess the GHG emission reductions that would have resulted from that scenario.

226. Project participants shall assess and incorporate the impact of national and/or sectoral policies and circumstances existing at the time of requesting renewal of the crediting period on the current baseline GHG emissions, without reassessing the baseline scenario.

227. Where data and parameters used for determining GHG emission reductions that are determined ex ante (and not monitored during the crediting period) are no longer valid, project participants shall update such data and parameters in accordance with the “Tool to assess the validity of the original/current baseline and to update the baseline at the renewal of a crediting period”.

228. Project participants shall engage a DOE to undertake a validation of the updated PDD of the registered CDM project activity.

2. Renewal of crediting period of programme of activities

229. To support a request for renewal of the crediting period of a registered CDM PoA, the coordinating/managing entity shall comply with the requirements in paragraphs 224–228 above, with the following exceptions:

- (a) Update the eligibility criteria for inclusion of CPAs in the PoA as per the latest applicable version of methodology(ies) and include them in new versions of PoA-DD and generic CPA-DD;
- (b) Instead of preparing a revised version of the PDD, the coordinating/managing entity shall prepare:
 - (i) A new completed PoA-DD;
 - (ii) A new version of the generic CPA-DD;
- (c) If the version of the PoA has been revised in accordance with the Project cycle procedure, because the applied methodology has been revised or replaced after having been placed on hold or withdrawn, the renewal shall occur seven years (or 20 years for A/R project activities) after the approval of the revised version of the methodology.



230. The result of the process presented in paragraph 229 above defines a new version of the PoA-DD and the generic CPA-DD.

231. The coordinating/managing entity shall engage a DOE to undertake a validation of the new version of the PoA-DD and the generic CPA-DD.

232. To renew the crediting period of a CPA, the coordinating/managing entity shall submit to a DOE, after having ensured that the CPA meets all requirements and eligibility criteria, the completed latest version of the generic CPA-DD.

J. Specific requirements for programme of activities

1. Monitoring reports

233. The coordinating/managing entity shall:

- (a) Maintain all monitoring reports of all CPAs in accordance with the record keeping system identified in the registered PoA-DD;
- (b) Make available all monitoring reports requested by a DOE for verification purposes.

2. Changes in boundary of programme of activities

234. The coordinating/managing entity may request changes to the boundary of a registered CDM PoA to include an additional host Party, in accordance with the Project cycle procedure. In such cases, the coordinating/managing entity shall:

- (a) Revise the registered PoA-DD and reflect the changes, in particular, the eligibility criteria for inclusion of CPAs;
- (b) Obtain from the DNA of the new host Party a letter of approval for the PoA and a letter of authorization for the coordinating/managing entity;
- (c) Submit the revised registered PoA-DD and the letters of approval and authorization to a DOE for validation.

3. Changes of coordinating/managing entity

235. If the coordinating/managing entity of a registered CDM PoA changes after the registration of the PoA, the new coordinating/managing entity shall:

- (a) Obtain a new letter of authorization from each host Party stating the change and confirming the authorization of coordination of the new coordinating/managing entity of the PoA;
- (b) Provide a confirmation that the registered PoA will be developed and implemented with the same framework as described in the registered PoA-DD;
- (c) Demonstrate compliance with requirements related to the operational and management arrangements described in paragraph 145 above;



236. The new coordinating/managing entity shall submit the documentation referred to in paragraph 235 above to a DOE for validation.



Appendix 1: Changes that do not require prior approval by the board

I. Corrections

1. Any corrections to project information¹ of a registered CDM project activity that do not affect the design of the project activity do not require prior approval by the Board.

II. Temporary deviations from the registered monitoring plan or applied methodology

2. If project participants have temporarily not monitored parameters related to baseline GHG emissions or are unable to produce evidence related to such monitoring, prior approval by the Board is not required if project participants report these parameters as zero.

3. If project participants have temporarily not monitored parameters related to project GHG emissions or are unable to produce evidence related to such monitoring, prior approval by the Board is not required if project participants estimate these parameters assuming that the source of the GHG emissions operated at maximum capacity for the full period of the missing data. In the case of project GHG emissions related to the consumption of electricity, the estimate shall include an addition of 10% to account for transmission and distribution losses.

III. Permanent changes from the registered monitoring plan or applied methodology

4. If the monitoring equipment actually installed has a lower accuracy level than the one stipulated in the applied methodology and/or in the registered monitoring plan, and the monitoring equipment is under the control of the project participants, prior approval by the Board is not required if project participants adjust the value measured with the equipment as follows:

- (a) If the parameter is used for calculating baseline GHG emissions, the difference between the accuracy level of the installed monitoring equipment and the accuracy prescribed by the applied methodology and/or the registered monitoring plan is deducted from the measured value;²
- (b) If the parameter is used for calculating project GHG emissions, the difference between the accuracy level of the installed monitoring equipment and the accuracy prescribed by the applied methodology and/or the registered monitoring plan is added to the measured value.³

5. Changes to the monitoring of the registered CDM project activity of a type listed below do not require prior approval by the Board:

- (a) Change of calibration frequency or practice for monitoring equipment not within the control of project participants;

¹ Such corrections may include typographical errors, location, names and numbers of components, etc.

² For example, if the accuracy level required by the monitoring plan is 0.2s and the accuracy level of the installed equipment is 0.5s, the measured value shall be adjusted as follows: adjusted value = measured value - measured value * 0.003.

³ For example, if the accuracy level required by the monitoring plan is 0.2s and the accuracy level of the installed equipment is 0.5s, the measured value shall be adjusted as follows: adjusted value = measured value + measured value * 0.003.



- (b) Change of accuracy/type/model of meter(s) as per a power purchase agreement (PPA); or
- (c) Change of location of meter(s) as per a power purchase agreement (PPA).

IV. Changes to the project design of a registered project activity

6. Proposed or actual changes to the project design of a registered CDM project activity that do not adversely impact any of the following do not require prior approval by the Board:

- (a) The applicability and application of the applied methodology under which the project activity has been registered;
- (b) The additionality of the project activity;
- (c) The scale of the project activity.

V. Types of changes specific to afforestation or reforestation project activities

7. Types of changes listed in the “Guidelines on accounting of specified types of changes in A/R CDM project activities from the description in registered project design document” do not require prior approval by the Board.



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