



**CDM: Response form for request for clarification on
Approved Methodologies
(version 01.1)**

<i>Date of A/R Working Group meeting:</i>	As per procedures for fast track clarifications
<i>Title and number of request for clarification</i>	AR_AM_CLA_0019: General guidance on cases where the uncertainty in estimation of carbon stocks exceeds allowable maximum uncertainty
<p><u>Summary of the query:</u></p> <p>Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.</p> <p>At its seventieth meeting, the CDM EB approved a revised version of the Methodological Tool “Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities”, (version 03.0.0) as contained in annex 35 to the meeting report. The revision, inter alia, provides guidance in cases where the uncertainty in estimation exceeds allowable maximum uncertainty.</p> <p>It is noted that the guidance on cases where the uncertainty in estimation exceeds allowable maximum uncertainty as provided in version 03.0.0 of the Tool is not fully consistent with the earlier guidance provided in AR-AM_CLA-0010.</p> <p>It is also noted that the guidance provide in the revised Tool is more comprehensive than the guidance provided in AR-AM_CLA-0010 and that the approach suggested in section 10 of the Tool can also easily be applied to registered projects that do not apply the revised Tool but instead use the approach for estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks as contained in the approved methodology applied to the project.</p> <p>Clarification is therefore requested if the guidance for cases where the uncertainty in estimation exceeds allowable maximum uncertainty, as contained in the revised Tool, would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supersede the guidance provided in AR_AM_CLA_0010; and 2. Also be applicable to project activities that do not apply the revised Tool, including small-scale A/R CDM project activities that apply simplified baseline and monitoring methodologies 	
<p><u>Recommendation by the A/R Working Group:</u></p> <p>Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).</p> <p>As contained below.</p>	
<p><u>Answer to authors of the request for clarification by the A/R Working Group:</u></p> <p>Please use the space below to provide an answer to the authors of the above query</p> <p>The A/R WG agreed to clarify that the provisions relating to uncertainty contained in the methodological tool “Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities” may be applied at the time of monitoring of registered project activities in lieu of the guidance</p>	

provided in AR_AM_CLA_0010, if the project participants choose to do so.

The A/R WG further agreed to clarify that registered project activities that do not apply the methodological tool “Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities” may apply the provisions relating to uncertainty contained in the tool in lieu of the uncertainty-related requirements applicable to the project activities, if project participants choose to do so.

This clarification applies to registered A/R CDM project activities, registered small-scale A/R CDM project activities, and registered A/R programmes of activities.

Signed by the Chair, Mr. Amjad Abdulla

Date: 21/03/2013

Signed by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Diana Harutyunyan

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