



**CDM: Recommendation Form for Small Scale Methodologies (version 01)**  
*(To be used for presenting questions/proposals/amendments to the simplified methodologies for small-scale CDM project activity categories)*

<i>Date of SSC WG meeting:</i>	30 January–02 February 2012, SSC WG 35
<i>Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):</i>	Revision of AMS-I.C/I.D/I.F for PoA involving biomass sourced from dedicated plantations
<i>Indicative methodology to which your submission relates (refer the items of Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures), if applicable.</i>	AMS-I.D “Grid connected renewable electricity generation”  AMS-I.C “Thermal energy production with or without electricity”  AMS-I.F “Renewable electricity generation for captive use and mini-grid”
<i>Name of the authors of the query:</i>	Isabelle Barnard  Institution: Farmsecure Carbon (Pty) Ltd  <a href="mailto:isabelle.barnard@farmsecure.co.za">isabelle.barnard@farmsecure.co.za</a>

**Summary of the query:**

Please use the space below to summarize the query related to SSC methodologies/categories SSC Modalities and Procedures provide recommendation/analysis of the SSC WG.

Original text from PP:

**Request for clarification:**

In the section “Project activity under a Programme of Activities” it is mentioned that in the specific case of biomass project activities, the applicability of the methodology is limited to either project activities that use biomass residues or processed biomass or biomass from **dedicated plantations complying with the applicability conditions of AM0042**.

The applicability conditions in AM0042 are very specific and we would like to know if there is a possibility to rather comply with the applicability conditions described in Annex 18, EB 23. The ‘no irrigation’ condition will make it very difficult to grow energy crops in dry and warm parts of South Africa.

**Request for revision:**

The application conditions in methodology AMS-I.D, AMS-I.F and AMS-I.C for project activities under a Programme of Activities on dedicated plantations (referred to AM0042) are different from the application conditions for dedicated plantations in methodology AMS-III.AQ.

We think the application conditions for project activities under a Programme of Activities for projects under methodology AMS-I.D, AMS-I.C and AMS-I.F should be the same as for project activities under methodology ASM-III.AQ.

We agree with the application condition in ASM-III.AQ that the project activities under a PoA should not lead to a shift of pre-project activities outside the project boundary. This will help to simplify leakage emissions for the PoA.

The Tool used in AMS-III.AQ (Tool for the identification of degraded or degrading lands for

consideration in implementing CDM A/R project activities) seems more structured than the degraded conditions in AM0042.

We do not understand the relevance of some of the conditions in AM0042, for example, why should there be a restriction on irrigation?

**Recommendation by the SSC WG:**

Please use the space below to provide amendments/change (in your expert view, if necessary).

Please refer to paragraph 17 of the meeting report of the SSC WG 35  
<[http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc\\_wg](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg)>.

**Answer to authors of query by the SSC WG:**

Please use the space below to provide answer to the authors of the above query.

The small-scale working group of the CDM Executive Board would like to thank the author for the submission.

The SSC WG agreed to clarify that the conditions given in the approved methodology AMS-III.AQ, as listed below, may be used as an alternative to the applicability conditions of AM0042 for project activities within a PoA that use renewable biomass cultivated at dedicated plantations under methodologies AMS-I.C, AMS-I.D and AMS-I.F:

- (a) The project activity does not lead to a shift of pre-project activities outside the project boundary i.e. the land under the proposed project activity can continue to provide at least the same amount of goods and services as in the absence of the project;
- (b) The plantations are established on a land:
  - (i) Which was at the start of the project implementation, classified as degraded or degrading as per the “Tool for the identification of degraded or degrading lands for consideration in implementing CDM A/R project activities”; or
  - (ii) Area that is included in the project boundary of one or several registered A/R CDM project activities;
  - (iii) Plantations established on the peatlands are not eligible even if qualifying under condition (i) and (ii) above.

Signed by the Chair, Ms. Fatou Gaye

Date: 02/02/2012

Signed by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Peer Stiansen

Date: 02/02/2012

**Information to be completed by the secretariat**

SSC-Submission number	SSC_577
Date when the form was received at UNFCCC secretariat	02 February 2012
Date of transmission to the EB	02 February 2012
Date of posting in the UNFCCC CDM web site	02 February 2012