




**CDM: Form for submission of queries from DOEs to the  
Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group regarding  
the application of approved A/R methodologies  
(Version 01.1)**

*(To be used by DOEs for presenting questions/proposals/amendments related to the applicability of approved A/R methodologies)*

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| Name of the entity (DOE) submitting this form:  | TÜV SÜD South Asia Private Limited   |
| Reference number and title of the approved A/R methodologies:   | All large-scale (LS) and small-scale (SSC) AR-CDM methodologies  |
| Title/Subject (give a short title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters): | General guidance on cases where the uncertainty in estimation of carbon stocks exceeds allowable maximum uncertainty |
| Attach CDM-AR-PDD example of project activity where applicability raises problem:                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, is attached.   |
| Date and signature for the DOE:   | 10/01/2013                        |

**Submitted queries**

Please use the space below to substantiate the queries relating to the application of approved A/R methodologies. If the questions are related to a project activity under development or implementation, please describe the context in which they arose. If you are proposing amendments to approved A/R methodologies, please specify the text you want to change or introduce. If necessary, attach files or refer to sources of relevant information.

**If you have a question relating to the application of the approved A/R methodologies, please specify and provide reference to the exact project activity to which it applies.**

>> At its fifty-fifth meeting the CDM EB took note of the responses by the A/R WG provided in AR\_AM\_CLA\_0010 which provided guidance for situations where the precision required by the applied methodology for estimating carbon stocks is not met.

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.

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.

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.

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:

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

**If you propose an amendment to the approved A/R methodologies, please provide justification.**

>> The revision as approved in version 03.0.0 of the Methodological Tool "Estimation of carbon stocks and change in carbon stocks of trees and shrubs in A/R CDM project activities" provides 2 options to project activities where the maximum relative error is greater than 10 per cent:

(a) Install additional sample plots; or

(b) Accept a deduction in the estimated change in carbon stocks.

The proposed approach, including the deduction, can be applied to all project activities, independent of the version of the methodology applied (this includes simplified baseline and monitoring methodologies for small-scale A/R CDM project activities) since the deduction is applied to the change in carbon stock in tree biomass which is a parameter that is calculated in all CDM A/R methodologies.

It is therefore proposed that the A/R Working Group provides a new clarification, replacing AR\_AM\_CLA\_0010, which make section 10 of the revised Tool the default approach for correction for large maximum allowable relative error. This default approach would be applicable to all methodologies (large scale and small scale) and could also be applied by projects 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".

**In case you propose the amendment to the approved A/R methodologies, please provide your draft below, if not included in an annex:**

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**History of the document**

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