



INFORMATION NOTE
In-session workshop on the identification of the types of revegetation activities potentially eligible as project activities under the clean development mechanism

17 May 2016, 15:00–18:00 (tbc)
Bonn, Germany

This note provides information on the approach to work at the above-mentioned in-session workshop.

Mandate

SBSTA 43 requested the secretariat to organize an in-session workshop at SBSTA 44 in order to identify the types of revegetation activities potentially eligible as CDM project activities under the existing CDM modalities and procedures, and to identify the cases where new modalities and procedures for revegetation project activities would need to be developed in order to guarantee the environmental integrity of the CDM.¹

Background

CMP 7 (December 2011) requested the SBSTA to initiate a work programme to consider and, as appropriate, develop and recommend modalities and procedures for possible additional land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) activities under the clean development mechanism (CDM).²

CMP 10 (December 2014) requested the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (the CDM EB), in the context of the work programme referred to above, to assess the applicability of the modalities and procedures contained in decisions 5/CMP.1 and 6/CMP.1 to project activities involving revegetation, based on the definition of revegetation contained in decision 16/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 1(e), including revegetation in areas with agroforestry and silvopastoral practices where the established vegetation is not likely to reach the forest thresholds selected by the host Party under decision 5/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 8, in the event that such project activities would be eligible under the CDM. The CMP further requested the CDM EB to report to CMP 11 (November–December 2015) on the outcome of the assessment and requested SBSTA 43 to consider the report.³

The CDM EB assessed that the modalities and procedures contained in decisions 5/CMP.1 and 6/CMP.1 are not applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, to project activities involving revegetation based on the definition contained in decision 16/CMP.1, annex, paragraph 1(e). It further noted that without further guidance from the CMP on the type of revegetation activities and their parameters to be defined to guarantee the environmental integrity of the CDM, it was not possible to indicate whether new modalities and procedures would need to be developed and/or which existing or new

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2015/5, paragraph 57.

² Decision 2/CMP.7, paragraph 6.

³ Decision 7/CMP.10, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

sections of the modalities and procedures would need to be applied in the case of revegetation project activities.⁴

SBSTA 43 took note of the outcome of the assessment by the CDM EB and requested the secretariat to organize an in-session workshop at SBSTA 44 in order to identify the types of revegetation activities potentially eligible as CDM project activities under the existing CDM modalities and procedures, and to identify the cases where new modalities and procedures for revegetation would need to be developed in order to guarantee the environmental integrity of the CDM.⁵

Objectives of the in-session workshop

The workshop aims to provide Parties with an opportunity:

- To elaborate on: (i) their experience of implementation of different types of revegetation activities, and (ii) the types of potential revegetation activities appropriate under their national circumstances, in order to determine the scope of the assessment related to the types of revegetation activities potentially eligible as CDM project activities under the existing CDM modalities and procedures;
- To enhance understanding of each other's views through interactive discussions;
- To identify, explore and discuss issues of common interest.

Approach and format

The workshop will consist of two parts:

- The **first part** will be a panel discussion structured around the three questions listed at the end of this note. These questions are intended to provide a framework to allow the Parties invited to the panel to share their experiences relating to revegetation activities in the context of the identification of the types of revegetation activities potentially eligible as CDM project activities under the existing CDM modalities and procedures. The panellists will also be invited to present their views on the types of revegetation activities for which new modalities and procedures would need to be developed in order to guarantee the environmental integrity of the CDM. The panel discussion will be followed by a question and answer session.
- The **second part** will give Parties the opportunity for a general exchange of views, building on the panel discussion and focused around the three questions.

The workshop will conclude with a brief oral summary by the co-chairs.

The workshop is open to all Parties and admitted observer organizations attending the SBSTA 44 session. Due to expected time constraints, Parties and admitted observer organizations are encouraged to share their relevant statements prior to the workshop in order to make them available on the workshop website (please use the e-mail address: landuse@unfccc.int).

The working language of the workshop will be **English**.

⁴ FCCC/KP/CMP/2015/5, paragraphs 121–123.

⁵ FCCC/SBSTA/2015/5, paragraph 56.

Questions

Questions to facilitate the exchange of views during the workshop:

1. What experience does your country have with implementation of different types of revegetation activities?
2. What types of other revegetation activities would be appropriate under your national circumstances if support for such activities were available?
3. What types of plants, including trees and shrubs, and management activities including cultivation methods, could be employed in the revegetation activities in your country that might be potentially eligible as project activities under the existing CDM modalities and procedures?
