

National Workshop

on

Forestry Projects for Climate Change Mitigation in India:

Stakeholders Dialogue and Capacity Building

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Workshop Recommendations: Plan of Action

Issues Raised	Recommended Plan of Action	Agencies Identified for Action
<i>I Institutional</i>		
1. Awareness generation and need for sensitization of bureaucracy about climate change and role of forestry sector	1. Training programmes / workshops / seminars at national and regional levels	MoEF, ICFRE, SFDs, private project developers, and NGOs active in the field
2. Lack of expertise to develop CDM A/R projects by SFDs	2. Preparation of a Handbook including chapters on technical, operational and management issues	ICFRE
	Preparation of a Directory of DOEs/ CDM Consultants / Organizations active in CDM A/R project preparation	ICFRE
3. Simplification of procedures and modalities for CDM A/R project preparation	To be addressed through international negotiations in relevant forums	MoEF, ICFRE
4. Lack of expertise in Regional Institutes of ICFRE	Climate Change Cell in ICFRE to be strengthened along with creation / augmentation of Climate Change Cells in Regional Institutes and Centres of ICFRE	ICFRE, MoEF
5. Limited number of DOEs	ICFRE to expedite efforts to get Designated Operational Entity (DOE) status for validation and monitoring of CDM A/R projects in India and other Asian countries, as a separate, independent entity within the fold of ICFRE	ICFRE
6. High transaction cost of project development		

7. Institutionalization and integration of climate change and forestry policy and practice in SFDs	Creation of Climate Change Cells in SFDs	SFDs
8. Lack of collaboration among different organizations working in the field of climate change	1. Creation of a forum of key specialized organizations working in the field (e.g. SFDs, ICFRE, FSI, IIRS, private entrepreneurs, and Universities etc.)	MoEF
	2. Mandate and structural details of the forum	ICFRE, MoEF
9. Need of MoEF guidelines on CDM A/R activities	Appropriate Circular / Guidelines on CDM A/R activities to be issued by the MoEF	MoEF, ICFRE
<i>II Technical</i>		
1. Definition of forests under CDM projects	1. Matter taken up by MoEF with CDM Executive Board for modification in the current CDM forest definition in the context of agroforestry practices in India. If necessary, MoEF to move an agenda item on the subject in the next COP	MoEF
	2. Within the current definition also, many potential areas for CDM A/R activities are available, and projects can be developed for these areas	SFDs
2. The provision of upper limit for credits from CDM A/R projects provides discretion to Annex I countries not to support CDM A/R projects	1. Fixing minimum limit for buying credits from CDM A/R projects for Annex I countries to offset their Kyoto's targets. 2. MoEF to consider placing the matter before the COP	MoEF
3. Land availability and eligibility for CDM A/R projects	1. Identification and delineation of potential areas as per current CDM forest definition to be taken up using Remote Sensing technology for the entire country	FSI, IIRS, SFDs
	2. Preliminary identification of eligible areas for CDM A/R projects using land records and participatory rural appraisal	SFDs
4. Encourage tree growers / industries for preparation of CDM A/R projects	Rationalization of felling regimes, and timber transit rules	SFDs
5. Scope of CDM A/R projects	A/R projects also to be steered as Bioenergy Projects under energy sector	SFDs

6. Uncertainties in biomass and soil carbon stock assessments	Use modern tools like remote sensing and data modeling	ICFRE, FSI, IIRS
7. Need for robust methodologies to assess increment in forest carbon stocks	Establish a National Accounting Mechanism	MoEF, ICFRE, IIRS, FSI SFDs
8. Enhancement of the photosynthetic and nitrogen fixation capacities of plant species, and development of forest species suitable for drought and saline conditions	Genetic engineering and biotechnology research to address the issue	Research organisations, ICFRE
<i>III Finance and Market</i>		
1. Non availability of funds for CDM project preparation	Creation of a “ CDM Facilitation Fund ” with grant to ICFRE by the MoEF, to assist SFDs in a few project preparation on pilot basis and capacity building	MoEF, ICFRE, SFDs
2. Issue of accountability in case of project rejection		
3. Encourage and guide SFDs for preparation of CDM A/R projects	Preparation of 4 – 5 pilot projects in different agroclimatic, and geographical regions of the country with financial assistance from CDM Facilitation Fund / MoEF	SFDs, ICFRE
4. Lack of awareness regarding carbon market opportunities	Explore markets for CDM A/R projects including non-compliance markets (VERs), and disseminate information	MoEF, ICFRE
5. Need for a National Carbon Fund	Establishment of a revolving India Carbon Fund in NABARD	MoEF, Banks, NABARD
