

Group 1. Carbon sequestration

The group recognizes the carbon enhancement potential of forest restoration¹ in the tropics and the importance of including forest restoration in tropical forest as a mitigation option in a post 2012 regime.

The group also recognizes the (unnecessary) complexity and lack of flexibility in the current modalities and procedures of A/R CDM.

Furthermore, the group considers that the landscape approach should be in the center for future agreements on forest mitigation options.

I. Recommendations for ITTO

A. Building capacities among member countries for taking advantage of the currently existing mechanisms

- Help to reduce knowledge gaps for using the current A/R CDM modalities and procedures
- Increase funding of pilot activities and exchange of experiences among member countries
- Dissemination of information, creating knowledge networks, regional groups
- Help to tackle methodological/technological barriers for developing A/R projects (baseline, monitoring, etc.)

B. Facilitate the analysis and understanding of all forests mitigation options with a sequestration potential in a post 2012 regime within the UNFCCC

- Analyzing lessons learned and experience gained through SFM in the tropical forests and communicating to the climate change negotiation process and the possibility to include forest restoration as a mitigation option.
- Promoting national/regional working groups for discussing and preparing submissions
- Contributing to fund participation of forest sector experts and stakeholders
- Involving different stakeholders in regional dialogue on forest in climate change (stakeholders consultation meetings)
- Training forest practitioners on mitigation options and mechanisms.

¹ Forest restoration is understood as to “Enhance and accelerate natural and artificial processes of forest regeneration on forest land in order to regain the elastic capacity of the forest ecosystem after it has been degraded” (ITTO forest restoration guidelines, 2002).

II. Workshops attendants and their organizations would be expected to:

- Promote discussion between forest sector representatives and climate change negotiators in each ITTO member countries including SFM and forest restoration mitigation options
- Forest sector representatives present in the workshop could be considered as focal point for ITTO's capacity building activities in SFM in relation to climate change

III. Issues discussed only by the members of the working group

1. Potential of Forest Restoration in tropical forest
2. Simplification of A/R CDM
3. Role of different stakeholders (rural areas)
4. Sustainable Management of all forest as a means for getting multiple benefits, including carbon (sequestration and emission reduction)
5. Impacts on governance, policies and legal issues. However C sequestration can not solve all problems in the forests
6. Needs for capacity building at different levels(see recommendations)
 - a. the field level
 - b. policy makers
 - c. project managers
7. Need to ensure participation of as many as possible stakeholders. Need for promoting fairness and equity in the UNFCCC agreements

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