

# **Hands-On “Capacity Building Workshop of Forest Officials in Developing Proposals for Afforestation/Reforestation CDM Projects in Pakistan”**

## **TRAINING WORKSHOP REPORT**

One week workshop was organized by Ministry of Environment, Government of Pakistan, with financial assistance from the Swiss Development Cooperation through Inter-Cooperation (IC) from 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 at Lead Pakistan, Islamabad.

Forest officials from all four provinces including Northern Areas and Azad Jammu & Kashmir and official from CDM Cell and Forestry Wing of the Ministry of Environment also attended the training. A complete List of Participants is placed at “*Flag- A*”. Ms. Carmenza Robledo, team Leader of Climate Change Group Inter- Cooperation, Switzerland was the Resource Person.

First day begin with the recitation of Holy Quran, with overall briefing of representative of IC. Mr. Bukhari told that this training workshop is designed to develop the Project Design Document (PDDs) for mega forestry projects which will be implemented in all four provinces and Northern areas and Azad and Jammu Kashmir. In this training project description notes will be fine tuned and potential A/R CDM project areas from all four provinces and including Northern Areas (NA) and Azad Jammu Kashmir (AJK) will finalized as A/R CDM PDDs.

In the training session six groups were formed who were assigned to develop PDD for specific provinces. All the groups were given “Project Description Notes” and the participants were asked to provide as complete and concise information about the projects site as possible. Based on the provided information an “Eligibility Test” was applied to see whether the land is eligible to be converted into a CDM Carbon Sequestration Project under the Guidelines of CDM Executive Board. Based on the provided information it was indicated that whether they are reliably discriminates between forest and non-forest land according to the particular thresholds adopted by Pakistan for the A/R CDM. A Performa was filled by all the participants indicating the possible economic and financial issues that may arise during the project development.

Exercise was done on the available Project Description Notes (PDNs) for estimation of financial baseline, additionality and possible leakage. The participants were required to provide various

proofs to prove their findings. An analysis was done to identify different investment, institutional, technological and social barriers in preparation of these projects.

Practical exercises were conducted to identify various possible social, institutional and environmental issues. ENCOFOR Institutional Tool was applied to define these issues so that the projects meet the Criteria for Host country approval. .

A field exercise was conducted in which the participants were taken to Danoi Forest in the Rawalpindi Forest Division. Initially, the participants were divided into two groups. Discussions were held to define the eligibility of a patch of forest land and possible issues to address these issues were highlighted. Various aspects of institutional and technological issues were also discussed. The participants also identified additionality criteria and possible leakages in developing projects in the area.

Finally, the participants were divided into four groups representing all the partners that are involved in a typical CDM project cycle. After group work the participants held a detailed discussion on how to complete a hypothetical CDM Project Design Document in the prevailing conditions in Pakistan.

An exercise was conducted by the experts to define roles and responsibilities of all the partners in developing CDM carbon sequestration for Pakistan. A Plan of Action was developed for this and it was decided that next training workshop will be conducted in the month of April, 2008.