

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

## **REPORT OF ONE DAY FOLLOW UP WORKSHOP FOR IMPROVEMENT OF DRAFT A/R CDM PDDs**

One day follow up workshop was jointly organized by Ministry of Environment, Government of Pakistan, and Inter-Cooperation (IC) with financial assistance from the Swiss Development Cooperation on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 at Dreamland Hotel, Islamabad.

Forest officials from all four provinces including Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK) and official from CDM Cell and Forestry Wing of the Ministry of Environment also participated in this follow up session. List of participants is placed at “*Flag- F*”. Mr. Nadeem Bukhari, Coordinator from Inter-Cooperation and Mr. Syed Amjad Hussain, CDM Expert Forestry/Agriculture from CDM Cell, Ministry of Environment were the Resource Persons for subject follow up session.

The subject follow up session begins with the recitation of Holy Quran. Mr. Bukhari told that during the first session of subject training the participants were required to prepare Project Description Notes (PDNs) based on actual field data. In the second session the possibilities of conversion of these PDNs to draft PDDs. These draft PDDs have been reviewed by Mr. Neil International CDM Forestry Experts and CDM Experts in CDM Cell, Ministry of Environment and found that there is still information lacking in each draft PDD.

Mr. Bukhari appreciated the efforts of the participants in the development of draft project design documents for CDM on Afforestation and Reforestation and stated that these draft PDDs have been reviewed by Mr. Neil an International CDM Expert and CDM Experts in CDM Cell, Ministry of Environment and found that there are still some information lacking in all five draft PDDs.

The purpose of this follow up workshop is to improve the draft PDDs in forestry sector prepared by all four provincial forestry departments and AJK by learning from the experiences of each other with help of CDM Experts of CDM Cell, Ministry of Environment and Inter-cooperation.

Mr. Bukhari presented the draft PDDs of NWFP, AJK and Punjab and Mr. Syed Amjad Hussain, CDM Expert Forestry/Agriculture presented the draft PDDs of Balochistan and Sindh

provinces. Both presenters highlighted the ways how to incorporate the missing information under different section of these five draft PDDs by discussing with relevant project participants. At the end Mr. Hussain, CDM Expert Forestry/Agriculture presented the case study of *Small-Scale Reforestation for Landscape Restoration of China A/R* CDM project as the practical example, to the participants to able to learn from these experiences of China.

A deadline of 15 March, 2009 was mutually agreed for submission of final A/R PDDs from all four provinces and AJK to CDM Cell and after which a two week final session will be organized by involving the two International Consultants through IC to finalize these PDDs from all aspects for submission of host country Approval to DNA.

After a detailed discussion the participants made the following recommendations for the enhancement the effectiveness of the capacity building training of provincial forest officials and for implementation of mega forestry projects.

### **Recommendations**

1. CDM Cell should organize awareness and orientation sessions on CDM (in forestry sector) for Senior Management / Policy level stakeholders at the provincial level, AJK, NA and FATA.
2. Creation of CDM Units at the provincial level, AJK, NA and FATA in Forestry departments to identify, design and develop Afforestation / Reforestation CDM Projects and also to support forestry projects and build their capacity.
3. During the implementation of Mega projects under CDM regular staff should be compensated by providing incentives.
4. The financial allocations of Mega forestry projects should be ensured through adequate funding under PSDP to ensure timely completion of envisaged targets under these projects.
5. The Provincial departments may be requested to facilitate the participants in developing their A/R PDDs.
6. Exposure visits may be arranged for the participants of the CDM training process to relevant A/R CDM Projects sites abroad to learn the best practices.