**Gold Standard for the Global Goals**

**Template – Additionality Requirements for Afforestation/Reforestation Projects**



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**SECTION A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**A. 1. Title of the project**

Title:

Date:

Version no.:

Gold Standard ID:

**A. 2. Type of project**

Afforestation/Reforestation (A/R)  
 Improved Forest Management (IFM)

Smallholder

Microscale

**SECTION B. ADDITIONALITY**

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| **Option of Additionality** |
| Option 1 – A/R CDM Tool  Option 2 – Positive List  For option 1, the format of the *A/R CDM Additionality Tool[[1]](#footnote-1)* shall be followed and attached as supporting document. The requirements for retroactive submission and no deforestation (see boxes 3 and 4 below) shall also be fulfilled.  For option 2, the requirements shall be filled in using the format provided by this template. |

**Option 1 – A/R CDM Tool**

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| Supporting document ID: | … |

**Option 2 – Positive List – Part I**

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| The project shall meet **all of the requirements (a), (b) and (c)** in the list below and at least one of the requirements from (d) to (g) in order to be considered as additional under Option 2.  The project is located in a Less Developed Country (LDCs) or in a region with a recent *UNDP Human Development Indicator[[2]](#footnote-2)* below 0.8.  The project shall have no intention of creating a forest for the commercial use of the timber or non-timber forest products.  The project activities shall not be mandatory by any law or regulation, OR if it is mandatory, it shall demonstrate that these laws or regulations are systematically not enforced. | |
| (a) | … | |
| (b) | … | |
| (c) | … | |

**Option 2 – Positive List – Part II**

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| The project shall meet **all** of the requirements (a), (b) and (c)in the list below and **at least one of the requirements from (d) to (g)** in order to be considered as additional under Option 2.  The project area is located in a region with a mean annual precipitation of less than 600 mm.  The soil pH of the planting area is less than 4.0.  The planting area is planted with minimum 5 different native tree species in mixed stands, covering at minimum 50% of the planting area.  The project area is located:  In a country or region with a recent *UNDP Human Development Indicator1* below 0.5, OR  In a *Small Island Developing State (SIDS)[[3]](#footnote-3)* | |
| (d) | … | |
| (e) | … | |
| (f) | … | |
| (g) | … | |

**Retroactive submission**

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| If the submission to the Pre-Feasibility Assessment was after the planting start, the project proponent shall demonstrate that  the revenues from CO2-certificates were seriously considered in the decision to implement the project, AND  there was continuous interest in CO2-certificates for the project in parallel with its implementation. | |
| (a) | … | |
| (b) | … | |

**No deforestation**

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| The planting area shall not have been *forest[[4]](#footnote-4)* for at least 10 years prior to the planting start, OR  In case the planting area was deforested in the 10 years prior to the planting start, evidence shall be provided which demonstrates that the deforestation was caused by force majeure. |
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1. A/R CDM Additionality Tool <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/ARmethodologies/tools/ar-am-tool-02-v1.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. UNDP Human Development Indicator <http://hdr.undp.org/en/data/profiles/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Small Island Developing States (SIDS) <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sids> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Forest A forest is defined by the Designated National Authority (DNA) of the project’s host-country: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/DNA> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)