

ICFRE accredited by UNFCCC as Certification body for Clean Development Mechanism Projects

The Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) of the United Nations Framework Convention on climate Change (UNFCCC) in its 59th meeting held from 14-18 February 2011 accredited Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) as Designated Operational Entity (DOE) for validation, verification and certification of Afforestation and Reforestation CDM Projects. ICFRE has become the first Designated Operational Entity (DOE) from India to be accredited by UNFCCC.

The Clean Development Mechanism is a program under the UNFCCC, which allows emission-reduction projects in developing countries to earn carbon credits in the form of certified emission reduction (CER) units, one CER is equivalent to one tonne of CO₂. These CER credits can be traded sold, and used by industrialized countries to meet a part of their emission reduction targets under the Kyoto Protocol. Globally so far only 17 entities, including ICFRE, have been accredited by UNFCCC for the sectoral scope 'Afforestation and Reforestation'

With ICFRE's accreditation as DOE now it can undertake functions of validation, verification and certification of CDM projects for climate change mitigation under the sectoral scope of 'Afforestation and Reforestation' (A/R).

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