

Final agenda of the workshop on the new market-based mechanism

Friday, 31 August 2012, 15.00–18.00

UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand

Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA): Aysar Ahmed Al Tayeb

Workshop chair: Alexa Kleysteuber

15.00–15.30	<p>Opening remarks by the workshop chair</p> <p>Presentation of technical paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Niclas Svenningsen, secretariat
15.30–17.00	<p>Panel 1 – Scope and participation</p> <p>Options for defining the activities that could be eligible under the new mechanism. Conditions for hosting and benefitting from outcomes from such activities.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Artur Runge-Metzger, European Union• Carola Borja, Ecuador• David Hone, World Business Council for Sustainable Development <p>Discussion</p>
17.00–17.55	<p>Panel 2 – Accounting and unit tracking</p> <p>Options for establishing baselines and targets, for measuring mitigation outcomes, and for safeguarding against the double counting of effort.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrew Prag, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development• Mandy Rambharos, South Africa• Sveinung Kvalo, Norway <p>Discussion</p>
17.55–18.00	<p>Concluding remarks by the workshop chair</p>

Discussion questions for the workshop on the new market-based mechanism

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Panel 1 – Scope and participation

Objectives

- 1) To identify and discuss options for defining the type of activities that could be eligible under the new market-based mechanism.
- 2) To discuss conditions for hosting and benefitting from outcomes from such projects.

Suggested discussion questions:

- 1) How can the activities eligible under the new market-based mechanism be defined in terms of types of sectors, activities, or projects, or other types of eligibility criteria? Can the range of different types of activities/programmes, proposed by Parties, all be accommodated under the same mechanism?
- 2) What would be the conditions for a country to host an activity under the new market-based mechanism, and what would be the conditions for other countries to benefit from the outcomes of the project (for example, if offset credits are generated)?
- 3) What are the key similarities and differences between the existing Kyoto Protocol mechanisms (i.e. the clean development mechanism, joint implementation, and international emissions trading) and the new market-based mechanisms? Is there scope for adopting/adapting elements from the existing Kyoto Protocol mechanisms to support the development of the new market-based mechanism?

Panel 2 – Accounting and unit tracking

Objective

- 1) To review different options for establishing baselines and targets, for measuring the impact of activities under the new market-based mechanism, and for safeguarding against the double counting of effort.

Suggested discussion questions:

- 1) How can double counting (of mitigation and/or finance) be prevented between the new market-based mechanism, a framework for various approaches, the Kyoto Protocol mechanisms, nationally appropriate mitigation actions, the Green Climate Fund and other relevant tools and mechanisms?
 - 2) To what extent can the International Consultation and Analysis (ICA) and the International Assessment and Review (IAR) processes be used to support unit accounting in the new market-based mechanism?
 - 3) How can/should reference levels be established for activities under the new market-based mechanism? To what extent should such reference levels take into account the local situation in a sector/country/type of activity and how often should such reference levels be updated?
 - 4) What type of reporting and review of the impact of individual activities should be required to confirm achieved emission reductions and/or to issue emission reduction units? Who should be authorized to undertake this and based on what type of standards?
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