

# The Framework

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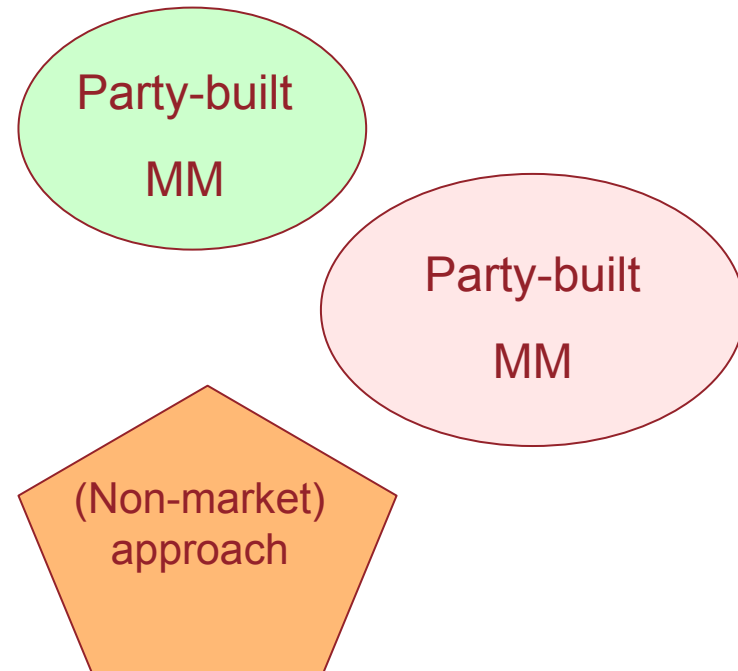
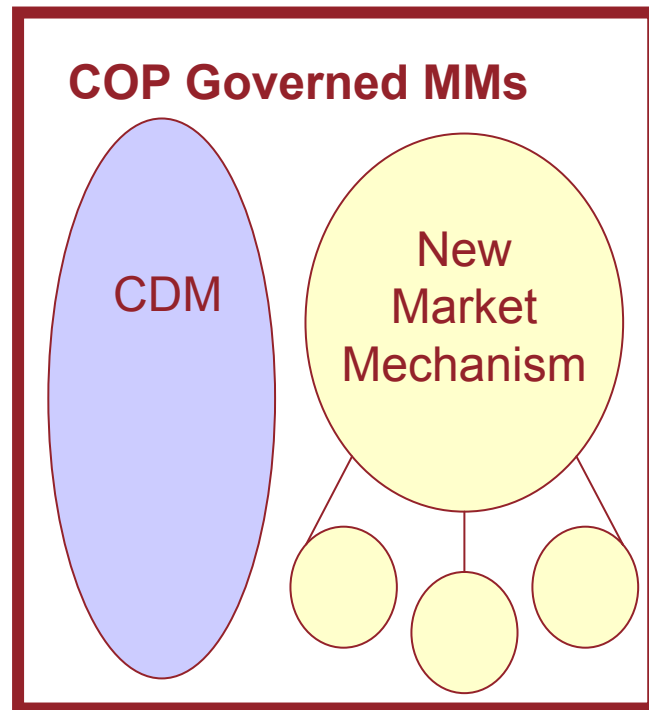
# What is a framework?

Submissions indicate that Parties want a way of managing various approaches using, for example:

- standards
- verification
- a system for tracking
- principles
- a central registry

*But Parties differ on how to do this, principally, how to **govern** various approaches*

# The Framework



# The spectrum of what the Framework might be



...or a mix of these roles

# What do we all want?

Environmental integrity – real emissions reductions, no double counting

*And maximum voluntary engagement by Parties*

## Where do we differ?

“stringency” & “uniformity”



“flexibility” and “diversity”



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- Flexibility and diversity  $\neq$  a lack of standards
- It is not a trade-off
- Environmental integrity is a bottom line
- Both centralisation and uniformity, and flexibility and diversity can deliver environmental integrity



# What might we use?

- Inventories
- Registries
- ITL
- IAR / ICA

*New Zealand proposes that we should focus on how we deliver on environmental integrity .*

# What is the strategic context?

## *Before 2020*

- New schemes and market mechanisms
- Bilateral and regional linking
- Bilateral Offset Crediting Mechanisms

## *And*

- Polarised views on the role of the UNFCCC



# Let's make a start...

## The Declaration Model

- Parties declare:
  - what units they are creating;
  - the methodology for their generation; and
  - how these units represent genuine, verifiable emissions reductions
- Based on Common Standards
- Information recorded using a template and submitted to UNFCCC
- UNFCCC makes information available to any interested party

# Common Standards

- Common standards help ensure environmental integrity
- Details of common standards decided by Parties, e.g. based on widely accepted IPCC Guidelines
- ICA / IAR will use IPCC guidelines
- Flexibility to recognise national circumstances, with an accompanying explanation

# A Way Forward

The Framework will enable us to manage both UNFCCC and Party-built approaches.

The Framework ensures environmental integrity, maximises engagement, delivers transparency and recognises national circumstances.

While we are building the Framework, we need a way for Parties to scrutinise the various market mechanisms that Parties are using.

To that end, we propose the **Declaration Model** as an interim measure.