

The CDM as an vehicle for delivering Results Based Climate Finance



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## The climate challenge requires multiple tools

- Need to achieve **2 degree Celsius** global mitigation target (Cost estimate approx. 1-2 trillion US\$ per year)
- Need to finance transformative initiatives that lead to lowcarbon development
- Activities needs to be scaled up by crowding in private capital and ensuring effective use public finances
- Initiatives need to be flexible to accommodate national and sectoral differences and be cost-effective
- Need transparency and consistency to ensure alignment of development and climate finance
- Need to track & monitor global GHG emissions



#### **Context for RBCF – one of many options**



# **Results Based Climate Finance**



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•RBCF is an approach for financing and there are multiple forms.

•The closer the finance "trigger" is to impacts, the greater the control over results.

•The closer the finance trigger is to the activity the lower the risks for an investor.



## Two areas where CDM can play a role

- In an ideal world carbon would have a value. However it does not.
- Domestic climate policy and carbon pricing essential. However need to be complemented by other measure to overcome capital market and investment imperfections.
- The CDM can be seen as a RBCF tool to support:
  - **Pre-2020 Carbon market development** by addressing technical issues relevant to the design of the "SDM" defined in the Paris Agreement pre 2020. e.g. Carbon Initiative for Development (Ci-Dev)
  - Support the development of Climate Finance delivery vehicles . E.g. Pilot Auction Facility for Methane and Climate Change Mitigation (PAF).



### 2 initiatives utilizing CDM as RBF vehicle

<section-header></section-header>	Focus Carbon finance to promote energy access and low carbon dev. in LICs	Resources \$127 million^	Partners Donor governments (Sweden, Switzerland, UK) aiming to sustain carbon market capacity and test results based finance frameworks
Filot Auction Facility (PAF) for methane & climate change mitigation	Piloting an innovative <b>results</b> <b>based</b> carbon finance delivery vehicle	\$100 million target	Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, USA exploring how to cost effectively deliver <b>results based carbon</b> <b>finance</b> by establishing a carbon price through auctions.



## 1. Ci-Dev supporting markets in LDCs

- Technology/ Product i.e. availability/reliability/affordability
- Market. i.e. Demand, sales etc
- Implementation/Delivery i.e. distribution network, servcice, monitoring, warehousing etc
- Policy regulatory compliance
- CDM program administration
  i.e. costs & training
- Ease access to Project Financing. i.e. equity, debt, grants, subsidies, risk sharing, guarantees etc
- Consumer financing i.e. subsidies, rebate on products, micro finance, leasing/deferred





## 2. The PAF – supporting climate finance delivery

- Carbon credit prices collapsed, stranding projects with no incentive to reduce emissions
- The PAF sells "put options" to guarantee projects a floor price for carbon credits (aka strike price)





- Auctioning ensures that the least-cost climate mitigation activities are selected
- Auction winners purchase the price guarantee (a.k.a., premium)

### How the PAF works: Step-by-step







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Sign put option contracts with the winning bidders

**2.** Achieve emission reductions:



Put option contract in hard currency helps implementer overcome financial and other barriers



Monitor and verify emission reductions using established GHG accounting standards Should the market price be below the put option strike price, contract holders exercise options and the PAF purchases the carbon credits



## Challenges and implications for CDM

- CDM was not envisaged as a RBF tool.
- Governance by EB is political not professional. This is a significant disincentive for investment in CDM certified activities.
- CDM reform needed to achieve scale up reductions baselines, additionality addressed but not monitoring verification and project cycle.
- Consideration of new metrics e.g. MWh or connects to grid could better align CDM with RBF approaches.
- Reforms urgently needed to road test potential blueprints for SDM and other climate finance delivery vehicles.







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