

Baselines and additionality in the 6.4 mechanism: informal meeting of Article 6 experts

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Options on baselines in Presidency texts at Madrid

PRESIDENCY VERSION 1

Option A - One of:
Performance based
Business as usual
Historical

Option B - One of:
Best available technology
Performance based
Benchmark
Or where not above then
projected or historical

Option C - Performance
based
Or alternative approved by
host Party and with
justification

PRESIDENCY VERSION 2

Option A – One of
Best available technology
Performance based
Benchmark
Or where not above then
projected or historical

Option B – Performance
based
Or alternative approved by
host Party and with
justification

PRESIDENCY VERSION 3

CMA shall adopt principles

Outside the options in the three
versions of the Presidency
texts:

- Standardized baselines
- Demonstration of
additionality



The baseline approaches

Historical

Business as usual

Projected

Approved by host Party
(*alternative to left and right
columns*)

Benchmark based

Performance based

Best available technology

Baselines developed by
reference to the host Party
conditions

Baselines developed by
reference to the host Party
choices

Baselines developed by
reference to the
technology/ies



Guiding questions

- What are the core principles that should guide baseline and additionality approaches under the 6.4 mechanism? How is the NDC to be considered when determining the baseline?
- A hierarchical approach to baselines, encompassing the different Party positions, was proposed in Madrid. Can this be the basis of a compromise solution? If not, what further work is required?
- What else has to be resolved for baselines and additionality rules to be decided? What are the interlinkages?
- What process can take Parties towards agreement on baselines and additionality given that facilitated informals and self-organized discussions did not resolve this issue in Madrid?



The cooperative implementation webpage:

<https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/cooperative-implementation>

