

SBs as a building block for low carbon pathways in the PA regime

Standardized baselines (SBs) – the story so far

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What is a standardized baseline?

- A baseline developed for a Party or group of Parties rather than on a project basis to facilitate the calculation of GHG emission reductions and removals and/or the determination of additionality for CDM projects/programmes
- In response to decision CMP.6 for development of SBs
- Regulatory documentation: procedure, guideline and standard
- Approach: Top down or bottom up



What are the benefits of standardized baselines?



- ✓ **Time saving** in establishing baseline and additionality of mitigation projects
- ✓ SBs can tackle issues of standardization at a higher level for a wide range of parameters making them applicable for **sectoral approaches** (region/country specific)
- ✓ Facilitate **cost-effectiveness**, predictability and scalability
- ✓ As a component of a broader national MRV system.

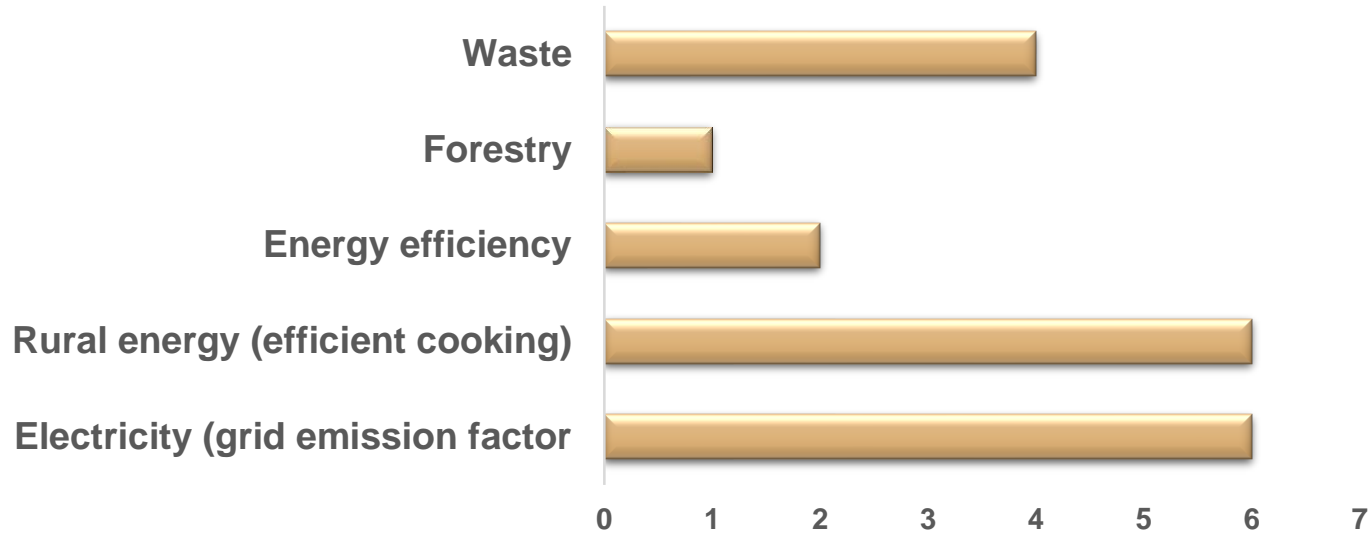


Who may propose a standardized baseline?

- Parties, project participants, international industry organizations or admitted observer organizations may propose a SB through the Designated National Authority (DNA) of a Party for which the SB is proposed.
- The DNA shall subsequently submit the proposed SB to the secretariat.
- If the proposed SB is developed for a group of Parties, it shall be approved by the DNAs of all Parties and following the receipt of approval from all these DNAs, any one of the DNAs shall submit the proposed SB to the secretariat.



Approved : 19



Parties: 17 (includes one group of Parties-SAPP)



Evolution of SB regulatory framework



Option for project participants to choose a validity period of SBs for longer than the default three years (EB 99)

Development of standardized baselines using data including from CDM project activities or PoAs is possible under the existing standardized baseline framework

Application of approved SB value for gap period between expiry and update of SB- On case by case basis

Further work on revision of the regulatory provisions on standardized baselines including on facilitating update of expired baselines (EB 106)

Thanks for your attention!

Further information on standardized baselines

https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/standard_base/index.html



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