

Carbon accounting & market opportunities for the electricity sector

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**Promoting clean technologies & opportunities
under the carbon market**

Stakeholder engagement

Government level -
ministries of environment
and energy

Private – developers,
investors/entrepreneurs

International level –
donors, technology
providers

CDM support

To project participants
in the CDM cycle

To governments

To CDM process,
providing inputs to
improve the CDM

To link buyers-sellers
of carbon credits

**Renewable energy
(not limited)**

Determining sectoral
baselines for countries
and grid emission
factors

Drafting CDM proposal
at programme level,
PoA

Capacity building: designing & delivering trainings, promoting success stories, sharing information, & answering technical queries

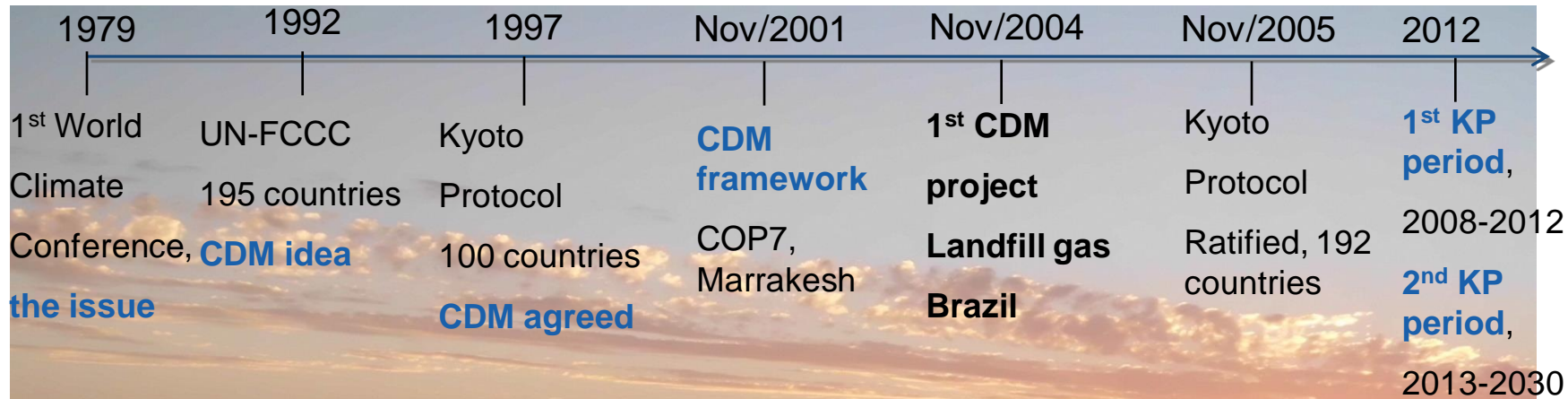


OUTLINE

- 1) Carbon accounting under the CDM
- 2) CDM tools for carbon accounting
- 3) Case study – Geo? Small (10 MW)
- 4) Funding opportunities
- 5) Final remarks



1) What is the CDM, Clean Development Mechanism?

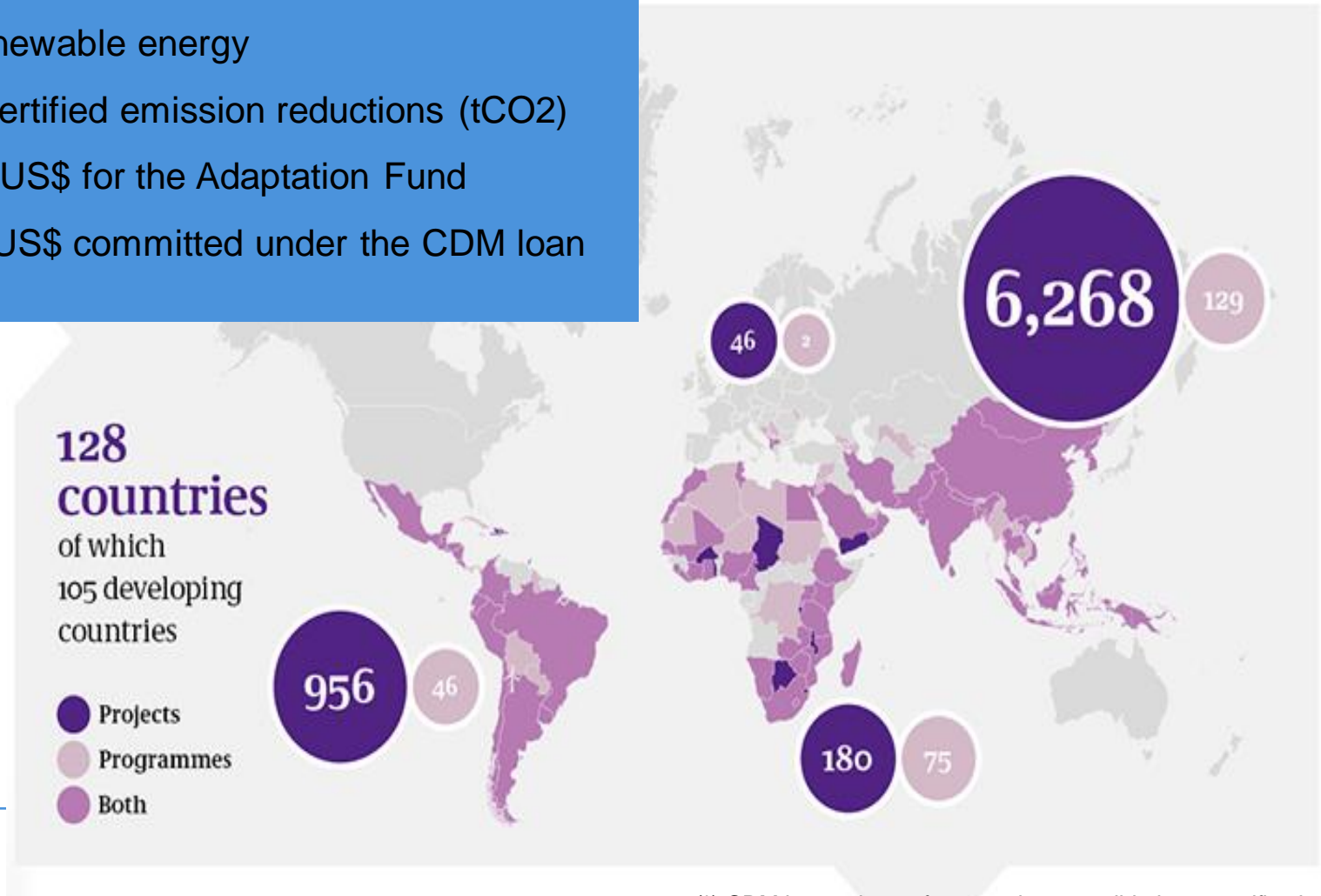


It is a market tool that allows trading emission credits originated from cleaner technologies implemented in developing countries



1) The CDM in numbers

> 7,500 projects
315 billion US\$ invested
110 GW renewable energy
2.2 billion certified emission reductions (tCO₂)
188 million US\$ for the Adaptation Fund
> 5 million US\$ committed under the CDM loan scheme (*)



(*) CDM loan scheme for consultancy, validation or verification

1) CDM created institutional frameworks that ...

- a) Developed **200+ tools (methodologies)** in 15 different sectors
- b) Established **125+ national authorities, 16 in the Caribbean**
- c) Accredited **40+ validators/verifiers (certifiers)**
- d) Involved **4,500+ institutions** in CDM projects
- e) Developed **countless CDM development experts** worldwide
- f) Created **CDM Board, expert panels, & UNFCCC CDM unit**



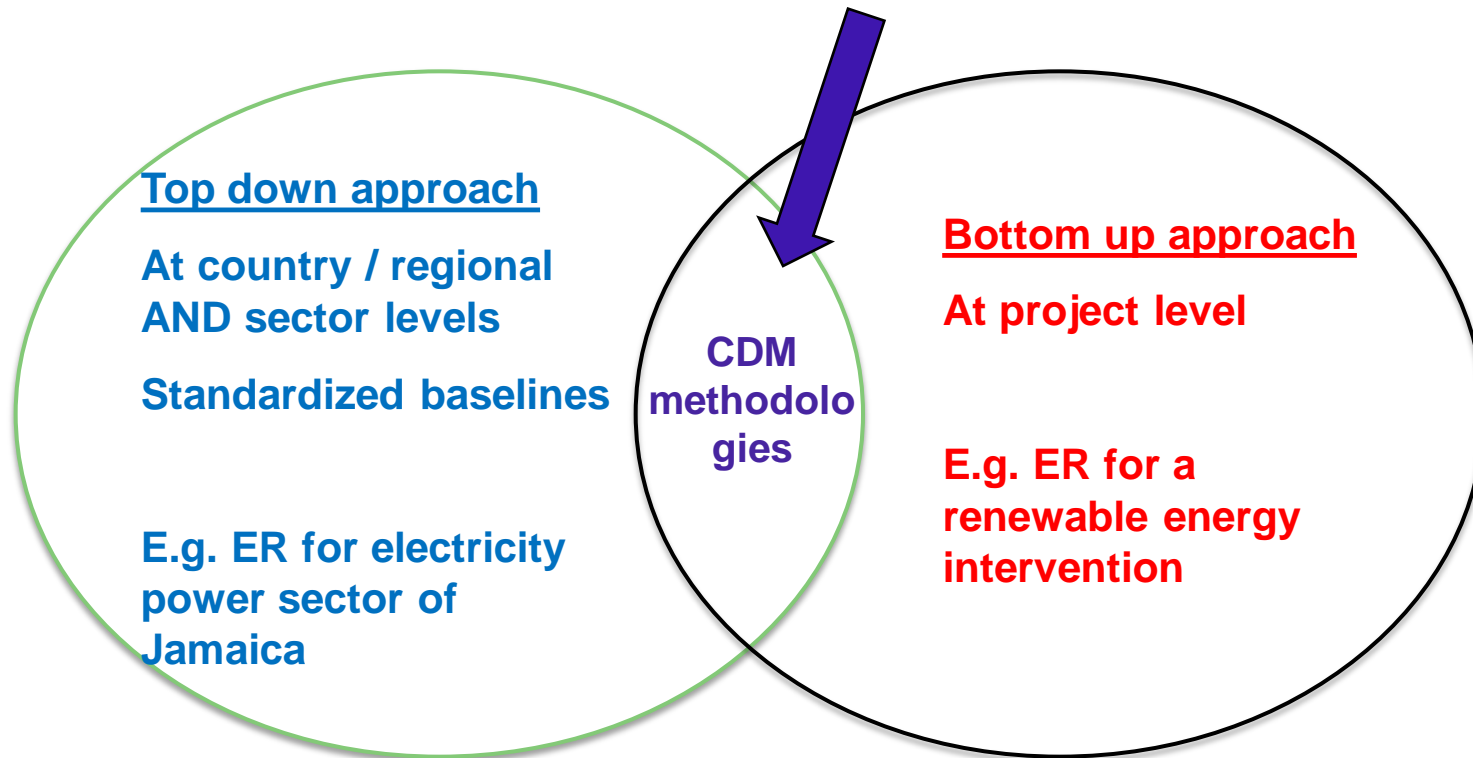
2) CDM tools for carbon accounting

Methodologies

Grid emission factors



2) CDM tools – top down & bottom up approaches



2) CDM tools

What are they used for?

1. Account emission reductions (ER) (tCO₂/year)
 - E.g.: 20 MW Solar PV → **27,000 tCO₂/year**
2. Establish baseline technology scenario(s)
 - E.g.: current mix (fossil fuel + other sources) grid
3. Monitor, report and verify (MRV)
 - E.g.: systems for monitoring plans, reports and accredited certifiers

What are they characterized for?

1. Developed following an stringent approval process
 - Consultants → Public input → Expert panels → CDM Board
2. Mature as they have undergone trials
3. Flexible as they are applicable to a wide range of interventions
4. Widely recognized/applied. Other carbon crediting systems such as voluntary carbon market (Gold Standard) used them



2) CDM methodologies (~250) – by size and type of activity

By size

1. Small-scale (~150)

- AMS – Approved Methodology for Small-scale
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- i. Type I – renewable energy <15MW
- ii. Type II – energy efficiency, reductions <15 GWh/year
- iii. Type III – others, reductions < 60 ktCO₂/year

2. Large- scale (~100)

- AM – Approved Methodology
- ACM – Approved Consolidated Methodology

By type of activity

- **Renewable energy** (~50% total CDM) → hydro, wind, solar, biomass
- Energy efficiency → E.g. efficient refrigerators, AC, CFL, etc.
- Fuel or feedstock switch → from coal to natural gas
- GHG destruction → E.g. landfill gas, N₂O destruction
- GHG avoidance → E.g. reduction of fertilizer use
- GHG removal by sinks → afforestation/reforestation



2) CDM methodologies – by sectoral scope (15)

| Sectoral scope | Type | Electricity generation and supply | Energy for industries | Energy (fuel) for transport | Energy for households and buildings |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| 1 Energy industries (renewable-/ non renewable sources) (continued) | Fuel/feedstock switch | AM0049 | AM0049 | | AM0081 |
| | | ACM0006 | AM0056 | | |
| | | ACM0011 | AM0069 | | |
| | | ACM0018 | AM0081 | | |
| | | AMS-III.AG. | ACM0006 | | |
| | | AMS-III.AH. | ACM0009 | | |
| | | AMS-III.AM. | ACM0018 | | |
| | | AMS-III.AM. | | | |
| 2 Energy distribution | Renewable energy | AMS-III.AW. | AM0069 | | AMS-III.AW. |
| | | AMS-III.BB. | AM0075 | | |
| | Energy efficiency | AM0067 | | | |
| | | AM0097 | | | |
| | AMS-II.A. | | | | |
| | AMS-III.BB. | | | | |
| | Fuel/feedstock switch | AMS-III.BB. | AM0077 | | |
| 3 Energy demand | Renewable energy | | | | AMS-III.AE. AMS-III.AR. |
| | Energy efficiency | AMS-III.AL. | AM0017 AM0018 AM0020 AM0044 AM0060 | | AM0020 AM0044 AM0046 AM0060 AM0086 AM0091 AMS-II.C. AMS-II.E. |

CDM Methodology booklet, 5th edition, 2013 → 250 pages

<<https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/>>

2) CDM methodologies - Renewable electricity (15)

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|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Biomass electricity | AM0007 | AM0042 | ACM0006 |
| | ACM0018 | ACM0020 | |
| Grid electricity | AM0019 | AM0026 | AM0100 |
| | ACM0002 | AMS-I.D. | |
| Offgrid electricity/ isolated grids | AM0103 | AMS-I.A. | AMS-I.L. |
| Enhanced generation | AM0052 | | |
| Captive power | AMS-I.F. | | |



(*) Benefiting women and children

2) Renewable energy, ACM0002 & GEF

Emissions reductions (tCO₂) = Baseline emissions – project emissions

Emission reductions (tCO₂) = XXX MWh/year * **grid emission factor** (tCO₂/MWh) - 0



What is the grid emission factor (GEF)?

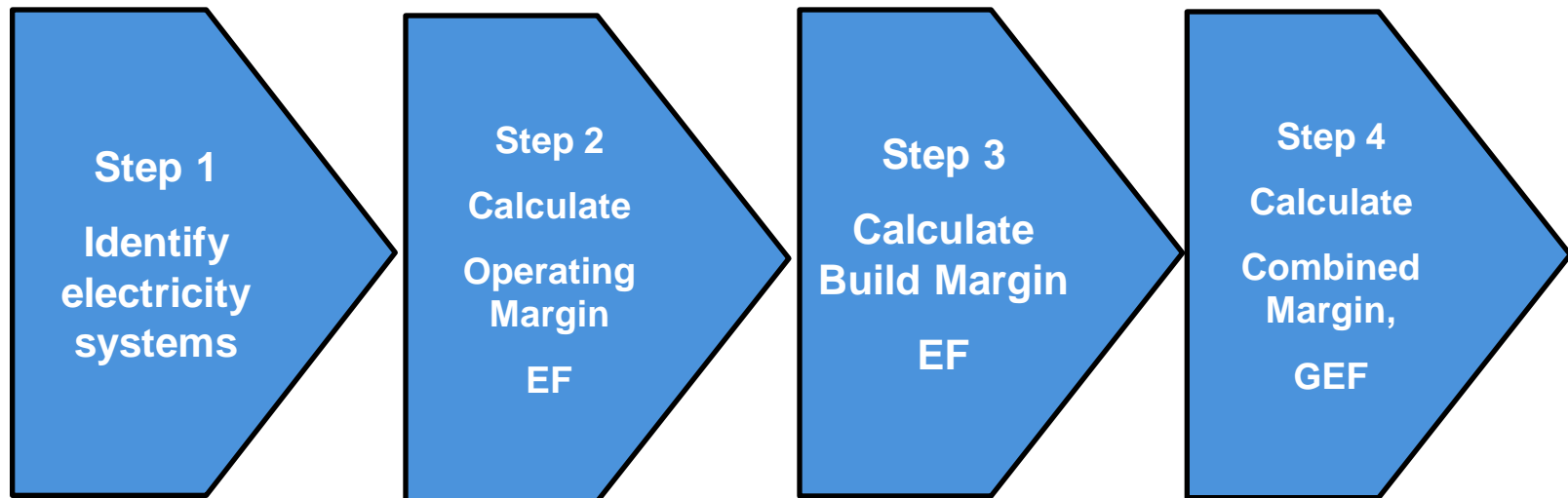
It is a value which represents an average emission rate of an electricity grid in tones of carbon dioxide (tCO₂) per MWh

2) ACM0002 – How is GEF estimated?

Why is the GEF important? **To plan**

- ✓ As it allows estimating emission reductions of energy activities
- ✓ Facilitates decision making process to select interventions subject to GHG reductions
- ✓ Forecasts future emission reductions

How is the GEF estimated?



2) ACM0002 – How is GEF estimated?

Step 1 – Electricity system –

- Interconnected grid system of the country or region

Step 2 – Operating Margin EF (tCO₂/MWh)- displacement of power in the grid which is generated by power plants operating on the margin

Data needed (year): fuel consumption, net calorific value and emission factor; electricity generated (at unit 'i' level)

$$EF_{grid,OMsimple,y} = \frac{\sum_i FC_{i,y} \times NCV_{i,y} \times EF_{CO_2,i,y}}{EG_y}$$



2) ACM0002 – How is GEF estimated?

Step 3- Build margin EF (tCO₂/MWh)– It is the generation-weighted average emission factor of all power units during the most recent year for which electricity generation data is available. → E.g.: set of 5 power units recently built or power capacity additions that account for 20% of electricity generation

$$EF_{grid,BM,y} = \frac{\sum_m EG_{m,y} \times EF_{EL,m,y}}{\sum_m EG_{m,y}}$$

Step 4 - Combine margin EF or GEF (tCO₂/MWh)– weighted average of operating and build margins

$$EF_{grid,CM,y} = EF_{grid,OM,y} \times w_{OM} + EF_{grid,BM,y} \times w_{BM}$$


- For wind and solar weighing average OM and BM is 0.75 and 0.25
 - For other technologies is 0.5 each
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2) Model – Grid emission factor calculation

EMISSION FACTOR DETERMINATION - SIMPLE OM - OPTION A

$$EF_{grid,OMsimple,y} = \frac{\sum_i FC_{i,y} \times NCV_{i,y} \times EF_{CO2,i,y}}{EG_y}$$

| | | |
|------|---|----------|
| 2008 | $EF_{grid,OMsimple,y} = 0.5433$ [tCO ₂ /MWh] | Option A |
| 2009 | $EF_{grid,OMsimple,y} = 0.5433$ [tCO ₂ /MWh] | Option A |
| 2010 | $EF_{grid,OMsimple,y} = 0.5433$ [tCO ₂ /MWh] | Option A |

| year | unit_type | unit_number | fuel_type | net_electricity | fossil_fuel_type | unit_fuel_type | amount_fuel_type | net_calorific_value | fuel_CO2_EF | EF_CO2 or EF_CO2_m,y | Partial E _{m,y} | EF _{B,m,y} | |
|------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| y | m | | i | EG _{m,y} [MWh] | | | FC _{i,m,y} [unit] | factor for NCV | NCV _{i,y} [GJ/unit] | factor for EF | [tCO ₂ /GJ] | [tCO ₂ /MWh] | |
| 2009 | Grid | 1 | Coal | 1582399.677 | Coal | t | 795737.531 | | 22.609 | | 0.124 | 2230452 | 1.41 |
| 2009 | Grid | 2 | Fuel Oil | 6021725.141 | Fuel Oil | t | 1602871.439 | | 38.937 | | 0.082 | 5124380 | 0.85 |
| 2009 | Grid | 3 | Natural Gas | 49783545.64 | Natural Gas | m3 | 12566536831 | | 0.035 | | 0.055 | 24517313 | 0.49 |
| 2009 | Grid | 4 | Gas Oil | 3951440.325 | Gas Oil | | | | | | | | |
| 2009 | Grid | 5 | Impo | 2040098 | | | | | | | | | |
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PROJECT TITLE

| OPERATING MARGIN (OM) OPTIONS | BUILD MARGIN (BM) |
|---|---|
| <p>1. Simple OM</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option A Data Calculation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Option B Data Calculation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Simple adjusted OM Data Calculation</p> <p>3. Patch data analysis OM</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Option 1 Data Calculation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Option 2 Data Calculation</p> <p>4. Average OM</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Option A Data Calculation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Option B Data Calculation</p> | <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #c8e6c9; margin: 0;">WEIGHT OM & BM</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solar Projects</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wind Projects</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Projects</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> User Specified</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Simplified</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Credit Period</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent</p> |
| <p>OM [tCO₂/MWh] = 0.5433 w_{OM} = 0.50</p> | <p>BM [tCO₂/MWh] = 0.3507 w_{BM} = 0.50</p> |
| <p>Combined Margin [CM = OM × w_{OM} + BM × w_{BM}] [tCO₂/MWh] = 0.4470</p> | |



2) GEFs in the region

| Member state | GEF, tCO ₂ /MWh (CDM projects) * | GEF, tCO ₂ /MWh (RCC St. George's) ** |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Antigua & Barbuda | - | <i>In progress</i> |
| <i>Bahamas</i> | <i>0.723 (CDM 5620)</i> | - |
| <i>Belize</i> | - | 0.2278 (PSB0006) |
| Grenada | - | 0.585 (PSB0023) |
| <i>Guyana</i> | <i>0.948 (CDM 1458)</i> | <i>In progress</i> |
| <i>Jamaica</i> | <i>0.834 (CDM 0239)</i> | Data gathering |
| St Vincent & the Grenadines | - | 0.7309 (PSB0021) |
| <i>Trinidad & Tobago</i> | <i>0.666 (CDM 9358)</i> | <i>In progress</i> |



*) <https://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/projsearch.html>

***) https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/standard_base/new/sb8_index.html

3) Case studies:

Wigton wind farm, Jamaica

Geothermal, El Salvador



Wigton Wind Farm, Jamaica, CDM 0239



Capacity, 20.7 MW, 23 turbines of 900 kW each.

Grid connected and estimates generation of enough electricity to feed 25,000 homes.

Annual generation, 41,800 MWh/year,

GEF, 0.834 tCO₂/MWh

Emission reductions, 52,540tCO₂/year.

CER revenues/year, 260,000 US\$ (5 US\$/tCO₂)

Geothermal, El Salvador, CDM 1218



Capacity 9.2 MW

Grid connected

Annual generation, 63,695 MWh/year,

GEF, 0.693 tCO₂/MWh

Emission reductions, 44,141 tCO₂/year.

CER revenues/year, 220,000 US\$ (5
US\$/tCO₂)

4) Funding opportunities



Government calls:

- Norwegian Carbon Procurement Facility (*)
 - Targets 30 million CERs. **5 December 2014**
- UN-OPS
 - Targets CERs issued . 5 November 2014
- Swedish Energy Agency (**)
 - Targets renewable energy, energy efficiency and waste management projects. February 2014
- German Development Bank, kfW (***)
 - Targets Programme of Activities and standardized baselines. On going call for proposals.



(*) http://www.nefco.org/financing/norcap_call_for_proposals

(**) <http://www.energimyndigheten.se/en/Cooperation/For-a-better-climate/Flexible-mechanisms-for-monitoring-green-house-gas-emissions/Swedish-CDM-and-JI-climate-programmes-/Call-for-CDM-proposals/>

(***) <https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/International-financing/KfW-Entwicklungsbank/Environment-and-climate/Klima%C2%ADschutzfonds/PoA-F%C3%B6rderzentrum-Deutschland/>

Opportunities for SIDS outside the carbon market

Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions are activities carried out by governments to reduce GHG emissions while addressing sustainable development priorities.

- Austrian NAMA initiative, for SIDS, grants up to 500 kUS\$
- NAMA Facility (*)
 - First call 2013: Mexico, Costa Rica, Chile, Colombia and Indonesia
 - > 40 proposals 2nd call, funds of 50 million EUR. 15 July 2014
- >50 proposals, NAMA registry (**)
 - Dominica, Low Carbon Strategy
 - Barbados, Renewable and energy efficiency
 - Dominican Republic, Tourism and Cement Sector



(*) <http://nama-facility.org/news.html>

(**) <http://namapipeline.org/>; http://www.nama-database.org/index.php/Main_Page

5) Final remarks

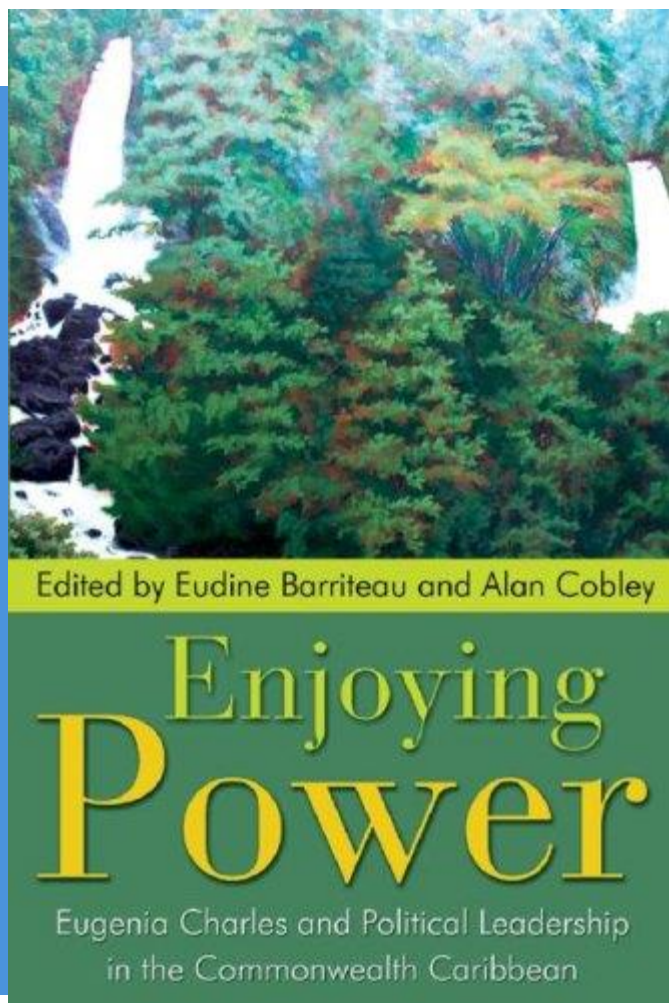
1. CDM tools are **widely applied** and freely available → Flexible and cost effective
2. Accurate GEF values supports (part of) the **decision making process** to achieve renewable energy targets under country or regional plans by
 - **Selecting** type/size of interventions based on emission reductions
 - Providing **Monitoring Reporting & Verification frameworks** that have been already applied
3. GEFs are used to estimate carbon reductions for any type of intervention that **reduces electricity consumption**. E.g. energy efficiency
4. Funding is **available** for CDM implementation and NAMA development
5. RCC St George's provides *in-kind* **assistance** to regional stakeholders in
 - Preparing proposals for CDM/NAMA development
 - Carbon accounting for electricity sector interventions; e.g. renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies
 - Estimating/updating GEFs



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- Project search by country, sectoral scope, methodology code, etc.:
<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/projsearch.html>
- Standardized baselines
https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/standard_base/new/sb8_index.html
- Regional collaboration centre (see *More information* for CDM materials)
<http://cdm.unfccc.int/stakeholder/rcc/index.html>





THANK YOU!

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2) Household and building energy efficiency – CDM methodologies (24)

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|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Cookstove | AMS-II.C. | AMS-II.G. | | |
| Water pumping | AMS-II.C. | | | |
| Water purifier | AM0086 | AMS-II.C. | AMS-III.AV. | |
| Water saving | AMS-II.M. | | | |
| Refrigerators/chillers | AM0060 | AM0070 | AMS-II.C. | AMS-II.O. |
| | AMS-III.X. | | | |
| Lighting | AM0046 | AMS-II.N. | AMS-II.J. | AMS-II.L. |
| | AMS-II.N. | AMS-III.AR. | | |
| Whole building | AM0091 | AMS-II.E. | AMS-II.Q. | AMS-II.R. |
| | AMS-III.AE. | | | |
| Others/various technologies | AMS-II.C. | | | |



RCC St George's activities 2013-2014

| Activities | Products |
|--------------------------|--|
| Stakeholder engagement | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cooperating with governments- Belize, St Vincent, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Trinidad, Antigua & Barbuda, Haiti (baselines for waste and electricity sectors) 2. Cooperating with international organizations-UNEP Risoe, IDB, WBI, EU, GIZ/REETA 3. CDM technical training [Dominican Republic] |
| CDM support | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report , Analysis of CDM activities in region 2. Support to 30 projects CDM offices 3. Internal CDM policy input for SIDS/LDCs |
| Renewable energy PoA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Country baselines for electricity sector 2. PoA proposal 3. Solar NAMA – MRV framework, World Bank Institute |
| Landfill gas sites-waste | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment of regulation 2. Country baselines landfill gas incineration projects |



2) Sectoral standardized baselines – top down approach

This approach allows establishing **baselines** for countries or group of countries in a specific sector

