State and Trends of the Carbon Market 2006

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Methodology

This study is based on the following:

- Analysis of the World Bank’s confidential project database,
- IETA-led Survey of key market analysts,
- Interviews with market players, and,
- A review of published literature.

Project database includes:

- More than 750 project-based transactions (ERPAs signed)
- Completeness of information >90% in all fields except on exact terms and price of transaction >60%

Aggregate data on allowance markets

- From major exchanges and OTC sources
Global Climate Change

• Scientists believe that the earth’s atmosphere is warming at a faster rate than ever before and that this is partly caused by human activities that release carbon dioxide and related warming gases into the atmosphere.

• Emissions from combustion of fossil fuels for energy, transport and industry, agriculture, land use and forestry

• Increased concentrations of GHGs and the rate of temperature change are projected to cause impacts:
  – Changing precipitation patterns affect water, agricultural output
  – Higher sea levels affecting coastal zone development
  – Warmer oceans impacting fisheries, coral reefs and tourism
  – More frequent occurrence of extreme weather events
  – Higher likelihood of spread of vector-borne diseases (malaria)
Response to Climate Change

• Countries, including the U.S., signed and ratified the 1992 Rio Climate Convention (UNFCCC) with objective to reduce concentrations of GhGs to a level required to prevent “dangerous” warming.

• As a First step to meet the above objective, the Kyoto Protocol requires industrialized countries to reduce their overall GhG emissions by an average of 5.2% from 1990 levels in 2008-2012. No specific obligation on developing countries.
Carbon Finance: Concept

- Industrialized country obligations:
  - In some countries, emissions are up by 30% since 1990.
  - How would such countries reduce emissions **by more than 1/3 by 2012**
    - Shut down production by 1/3?
    - Mandatory energy efficiency at any cost?
    - Off-shore industrial jobs?
    - Tax all energy consumption?
  - In a globalized world economy this becomes an issue of trade competitiveness, especially for industrial sectors

- The KP allows “Flexible Mechanisms” for Compliance
  - OECD countries and companies regulated by them can meet part of obligations by “purchasing” carbon credits from projects overseas
  - This creates an opportunity for resources to flow from OECD sources to support clean and sustainable projects in Niger and elsewhere
  - Eligible Projects receive a multi-year hard currency revenue stream —- CARBON FINANCE —- for verifiably reducing emissions

- Currently carbon finance buys credits until 2012 or so. The sooner projects can be identified, the more years of revenue they can earn
Mitigation and Sequestration

- Carbon projects can EITHER:
  - “Mitigate” climate change or reduce emissions. Examples:
    - Project to generate energy from bagasse in the sugar industry for own needs and to displace emissions from expensive diesel generators. Surplus electricity to provide energy access for neighboring trading posts, clinics, schools and local communities currently using diesel, fuelwood or kerosene.
    - Project to demonstrate improved operating performance of utility by reducing technical losses and improving service as a precursor to privatization, OR,
  - Sequester carbon (Kyoto Protocol currently provides credit only for afforestation and reforestation activities). Examples:
    - Communities planting and protecting trees on degraded lands, creating carbon assets in Kenya and using carbon revenues to supplement incomes.
    - Replanting on slopes of watershed. Carbon revenue helps secure other co-benefits e.g. reduced siltation and improved hydrology.
Types of Carbon Projects

- Hydroelectric power offsetting the need for coal- or gas-fired generation
- Extending grid to reach customers currently using diesel or kerosene
- Reducing Transmission and Distribution losses and creating effective capacity that offsets the need for new fossil-based generation
- Reducing CO2 by and methane (a potent greenhouse gas) by generating energy and bio-fuels from sugar industry by-products -- bagasse and molasses
- Reducing methane by bio-digesting livestock wastes
- Extracting methane from landfills
- Extracting methane from composting organic waste in urban dumpsites
- Extracting methane from disposal of sewage sludge
- Capturing methane leaks from gas pipelines, tankers, coal mines
- Capturing N20, a powerful greenhouse gas, from fertilizer production
- Sequestering CO2 by tree planting, small plantations, land restoration
Structure of the Market 2006

Project-Based Transactions

- JI and CDM
  - 295 MtCO$_2$e
- Voluntary & Retail
  - 8 MtCO$_2$e
- Other Compliance
  - 8 MtCO$_2$e

Credible

- Secondary CERs
- New South Wales Certificates
  - 16 MtCO$_2$e

Allowance Markets

- EU Emission Trading Scheme
  - 764 MtCO$_2$e
- Chicago Climate Exchange
  - 2 MtCO$_2$e
- UK ETS
  - 8 MtCO$_2$e
Carbon price signal emerges

- Constraint on carbon emissions under Kyoto and under the EU-ETS where regulated companies can no longer emit unlimited into the atmosphere

- Price signal from EU-ETS creates an incentive worldwide to innovate and compete to reduce emissions through clean development projects
Market Doubles to $22 billion

EUA transactions of US$19 billion recorded in 2006
  EUAs physically exist already – minimal risk
- Trade goes well beyond physical trade of EUAs. Market value arises from trading EUAs: sale, re-sale for hedging, arbitrage + compliance
- EUA price signal (from EU compliance caps, interplay with European energy markets, regional weather) influences price of project-based
- Highly volatile market

Developing countries sell $3 billion credits in 2006
- Mainly forward transactions for credits likely be created in the future from projects that have risks
- First projects implemented and CERS are issued --- spot and secondary markets emerge
- China & India dominate; Africa share doubles
- Current and expected transactions likely to equal 2005 volumes
- Average contract prices up across all market segments
- Pricing so far linked to EUAs – how long will this last?
- When will demand from California, U.S. markets emerge?
Elements of Carbon Markets
EU-ETS, RGGI \textit{et al}

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- Longer-time horizons with shorter-term milestones
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- Flexibility
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  - Australian proposal allows offsets for avoided deforestation and CCS
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- Market transparency through quarterly reporting
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- Strong enforcement and penalties for non-compliance
  - EU-ETS has strong rules and Commission says it will enforce them
Demand Dynamics: EU-ETS

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- Eastern countries generally > caps
- Some countries propose to cover gases beyond CO2 or additional sectors
- Proposals to limit imports of CERs/ERUs range from 7% to 50% (supplementarity)

How will EU Commission respond?
Linkage between markets

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CER/ERU prices have broadly correlated with EUAs? Will this continue?

Will price for project assets withstand EUA volatility?

Will they respond to signals across markets i.e. Regional U.S. market, California?

Will CERs be priced independently of EUAs over time?
Project-based Credits:
Prices increase and volumes stabilize

Annual Volume of Project-based Transactions (MtCO$_2$-eq)

- US$ 4.99 /tCO$_2$e
- US$ 7.25 /tCO$_2$e
- US$ 10.30 /tCO$_2$e

CER I $ 10.50
ERU $ 7.98
Q1-Q3 '06
Market Share: Buyers
Private firms from EU

(share in volume)

Jan. 2005 to Dec. 2005

Jan. 2006 to Sep. 2006
Market Share: Sellers
China & India

(share in volume)

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China 73%
India 3%
R. of Asia 2%
Africa 3%
Brazil 11%
R. of Latin America 8%
Misc./Unsp. 1%
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Market Share across CDM Asset Classes

Share in volume (2006, year-to-date)

- HFC: 51%
- N2O: 11%
- CMM: 1%
- Other: 1%
- Hydro: 2%
- Wind: 6%
- Other Renewables: 4%
- EE+Fuel s.: 14%
- LFG: 6%
- Agro-forestry: 1%
- Animal waste: 3%

Share in number of projects (2006, year-to-date)

- Hydro: 9%
- Wind: 17%
- Other Renewables: 13%
- EE+Fuel s.: 12%
- LFG: 9%
- Animal waste: 8%
- Agro-forestry: 11%
- Other: 5%
- N2O: 1%
- HFC: 6%
- CMM: 1%

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Africa Market Share

Share in volume - project pipeline (2006, year-to-date)

Share in volume - transactions (2006, year-to-date)

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Africa CDM Pipeline: Asset Classes

Africa Share in volume (2006, year-to-date)

- Fugitive emissions: 59%
- LFG: 17%
  - N2O: 10%
  - Agro-forestry: 3%
  - Biomass: 4%
  - Other Renewables: 1%
- EE+Fuel s.: 6%

All CDM Share in volume (2006, year-to-date)

- Fugitive emissions: 5%
- LFG: 11%
  - CMM: 3%
  - N2O: 9%
  - HFCs, PFCs: 31%
- Other Renewables: 1%
- EE+Fuel s.: 12%
- Biomass: 10%
- Wind: 6%
- Hydro: 7%
- Agro-forestry: 3%
- Other: 2%
Prices: Up across the Board

US$ per tCO2e

2005

2006 (until September 30)

Voluntary
VER
CER
ERU
2ndary CER

Voluntary
VER
CER
CER Q1
CER Q2-3
ERU
2ndary CER

+50%

+40%  +40%

+60%
Fixed forward primary CER transactions dominate.

Buyers rely on due diligence more than sellers’ guarantees for delivery.

Upfront payments are rare and buyers rely on due diligence more than bank guarantees. Payments made on agreed milestones.

Secondary markets emerge as more CERs are issued and as financial institutions reduce credit risk to offer “compliance” across projects.

Managing risk through:

- contracts for delivery of all generated, firm delivery, call options, prices discounted for under-delivery, requirement for replacement CERs
- portfolio management, cross-commodity trades
- emergence of insurance products
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