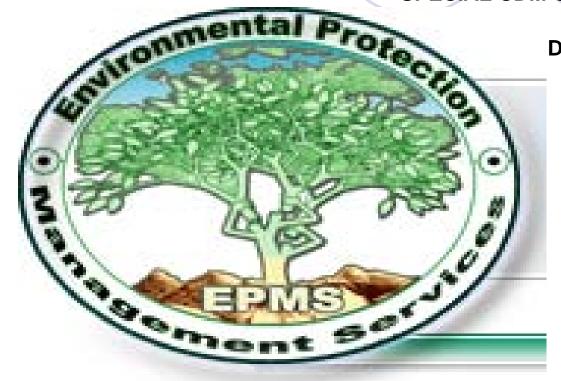


# Market and CER pricing Presented by Rose Mero-EPMS

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# Outline

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- Carbon market raised from a need to reduce greenhouse gases emissions.
- Industrialized countries are the main emitters of GHGs causing the global effect of climate change
- The Kyoto Protocol commitments
  - -Developed countries agreed to quantified legally binding targets (5%reduction from 1990levels by 2008-2012)



- The ER targets should be achieved through;
  - -Domestic reductions
  - -Carbon sink: direct human induced land use change and forestry activities
  - -International credits (Kyoto Mechanisms);
- Three flexibility Kyoto mechanisms
  - -International emission trading
  - -Project based: Joint implementation
  - -Project based: Clean Development Mechanism



- Three Kyoto Mechanisms are market based : demand and supply
- Apart from domestic reductions, developed countries have emission allowances depending on the country's policies
- International emission trading involve selling of carbon allowances to another county with high demands of ERs
- JI and CDM are project based activities



- ERs pricing depends on the type of credits hence their sources
- Types of carbon credits
  - -CERs- Certified Emission Reductions (CDM Projects)
  - -VERs-Verified Emission Reductions (Voluntary/offset)
  - -EUAs- European Union Allowance
  - -AAUs- assigned Amount Units

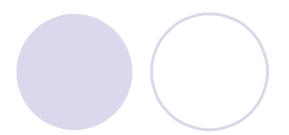
### General structure of Carbon Market

**Carbon Market** 

Regulated Market

Voluntary Market





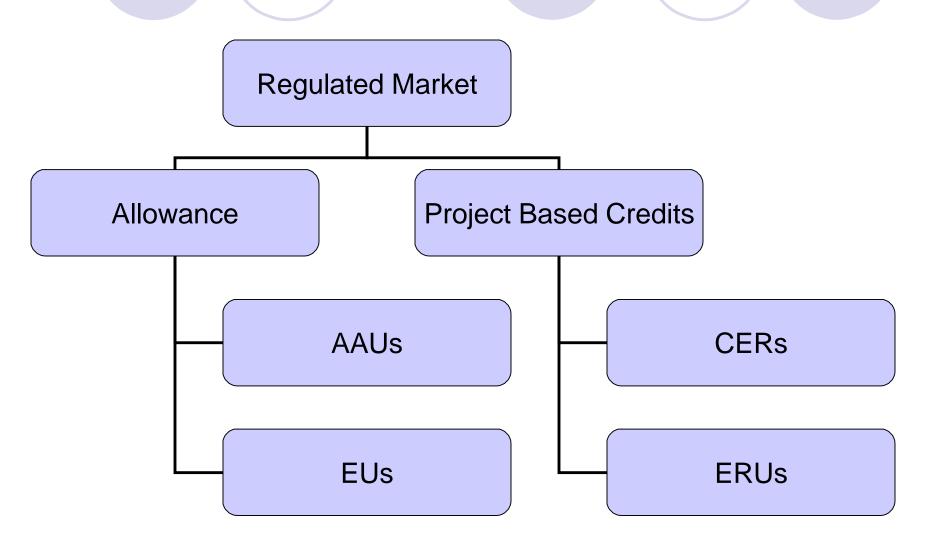
#### Structure of the Carbon Market

### **Project-Based Offsets Allowance Markets** ("Credits") JI **EU ETS CDM** Voluntary/retail **New South Wales Certificates**

**Chicago Climate** 

**Exchange** 

### Structure of Regulated Market

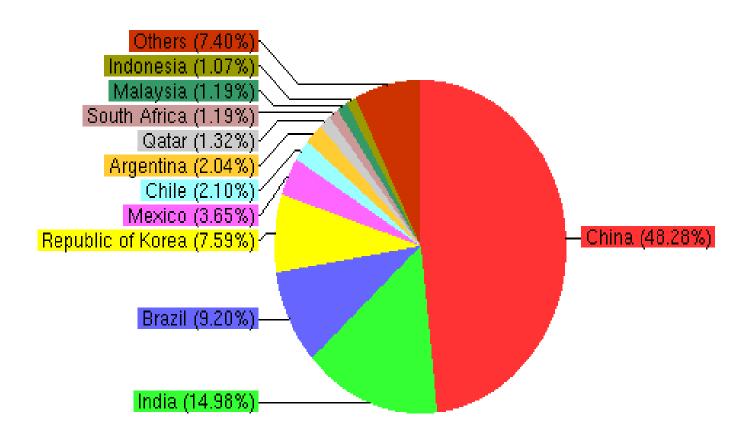




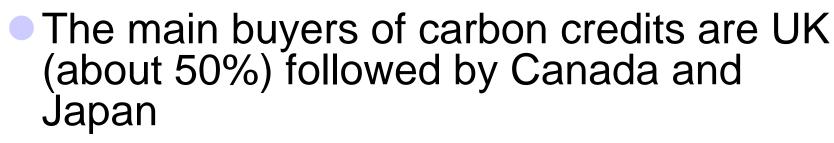


- The prices of carbon credits are volatile depending on their supply and demand
- Different carbon assets (EUAs, CERs AAUs etc) have different prices
- EUA prices are higher than others

Expected average annual CERs from registered projects by host party. Total: 189,201,382



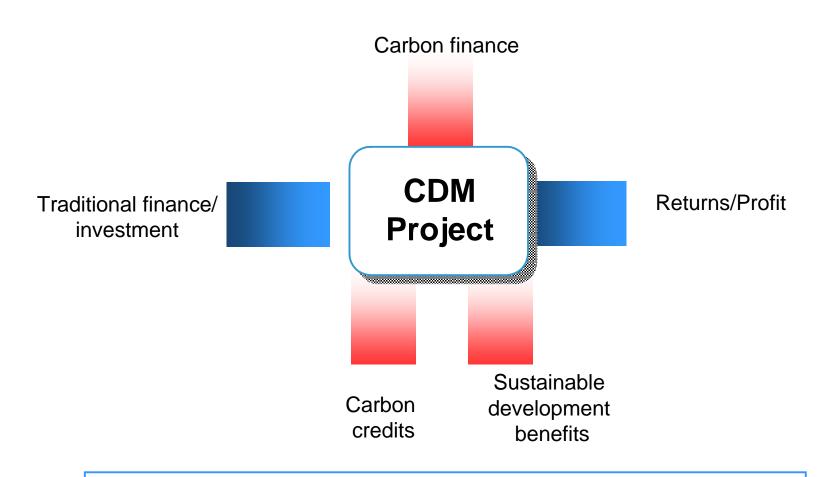




- More than US\$ 30 billion from carbon market (2006)
- CDM account for 88% of the whole value of project based market
- There is still a high demand of carbon credits particularly the CDM CERs due to their values



### **CDM CER Pricing**



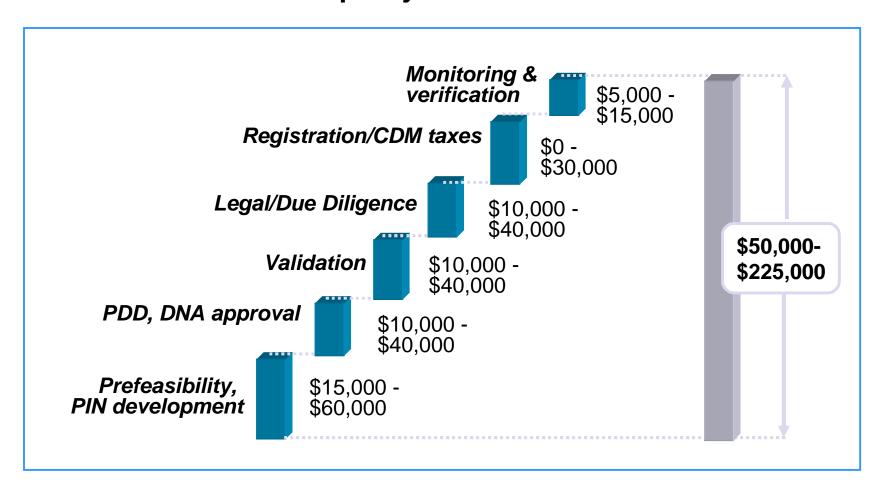
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### CDM CER pricing

- Average prices for CERs from developing countries range US\$ 8-14 in 2006
- Secondary market prices range from US\$ 14-19
- China have a dominant market share of 61% followed India and Brazil
- Africa is still behind in the carbon market as it contribute to only 3.9% of total CERs



## Transaction costs for small and medium-sized projects



### Price determinants and trend

- The CERs price depends on;
  - -Guarantee of delivery of registered ERs
  - -Timing and size of CERs produced
  - -Value of the project
  - -Feasibility of the project
  - -Validation and certification costs involved
  - -Host country support
  - -Investment climate in the country
  - -Environmental and social benefits
  - -Other risks involved in the project

### Benefits of Carbon market

- Enhance GHG emission reductions
- Maximize the global market
- Economic growth to developing countries
- Sustainable development and other socio benefits to developing countries

# Challenges

- Not very practical in developing countries because it requires long term, stable and predictable framework and strong regulatory system.
- Long term viability of carbon market is not assured
- Carbon finance needs regulatory visibility Post 2012



- In CDM particularly, the challenges are;
  - Understanding rules and procedures
  - No standard contract like a real business
  - OHigh transaction costs
  - OTimelines (post 2012)
  - Political and economic risks
  - Uncertainty in a long term delivery plans
  - Upfront payment vs payment on delivery

## Conclusion

- Market mechanisms allow meeting GHG targets most cost effectively
- Sale of emission reduction creates revenue stream for climate friendly activities (carbon finance)
- Carbon finance is an important source of new and additional finance development
- Carbon market is real
- Post 2012 is a biggest challenge for continuation of carbon market.