Ghana's experience with the development of its carbon markets policy framework

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State of domestic MRV - GCARP

National plan to put in place and operate an "integrated national system" for:

- ✓ Continuous data measurements & collection on
 - GHG emissions (in place)
 - mitigation actions (new)
 - climate support (new)
 - track progress of NDC targets (new)
- ✓ Preparation & compilation
- ✓ Domestic disclosure and international reporting
- ✓ Technical and "policy" review (verifications)



Ghana's GHG emissions profile

- Ghana has published 5 Standalone National Inventory Reports (NIRs)
- 2019 emissions of ~60 million tonnes represent an 86% rise in 10 years.
- GHG emissions are projected to be 100 million tonnes by 2030 along the business-as-usual pathway.



- Stationary combustion
- Mobile combustion
- Fugitive emissions from fuels
- Industrial Processes and Produce Use
- Agric (Livestock, Soils and Crops)
- LULUCF
- Solid Waste
- Liquid Waste

Summary of Ghana's Updated NDC





The framework

NDC identified international carbon market for mobilising carbon finance to support implementation.

Strategy is to establish national arrangement to implement carbon market in Ghana.

Scope of the national arrangement covers:

- Article 6.2 cooperative approach under the Paris Agreement
- Voluntary carbon market
- Article 6.4 mechanism and voluntary carbon market

Other areas:

- Eligibility
- Third-party certification & Govt role (authorisation/approval/endorsement)
- Registration, implementation and monitoring
- Issuance, first transfer and adjustment
- Settlement (revenue flows)
- Reporting

Inter-sectoral including Ministry of Energy

Carbon market committee

- Considers and decides on authorisation and approval request
- On recommendation of technical body Make rules on eligibility of project
- Review and approve recommendation from technical body on standards, accreditation and methodologies

Forwards request for authorisation that meeting eligibility criteria

Provides guidelines/rules eligibility criteria, methodology & accreditation

Carbon market office @ EPA

- · Receives application for authorisation
- · Evaluate if application meet eligibility criteria
- Reporting, registry & corresponding adjustment

Technical advisory body

Provide technical advice on matters such as eligibility, methodology development, accreditation, authorisation & corresponding adjustment

Multi-sectoral including Energy Commission

Bilateral Engagements

Bilateral Agreement (Government-to-Government)

- Ghana Switzerland Agreement (Signed in 2020, 9 projects under development)
- Ghana Sweden Agreement (AG approved Agreement. Submitted to Cabinet)
- Ghana Singapore Agreement (EPA lawyers finished reviewing the draft)
- Ghana Korea (drafted letter of intent to be sent to the Korea Embassy)
- First engagement with UAE, last week

Bilateral Agreement (Government-to-Private Sector)

- Mercuria Energy Trading signed MOU, November 2021
- Trafigura Environmental Solutions SARL Exchange of Letter of Intent, February 2022
- Marubeni Cooperation in-country mission, October 202
- British Petroleum initial contact, October 2022



Scope of work

- 1. Creating demand for carbon credits in Ghana (Governments and private sector)
- 2. National framework for international carbon market (approved by cabinet and launched COP27).
- 3. Consolidating aspects of the framework into the EPA Act and guidelines
- 4. Establishing carbon market office (cmo.epa.gov.gh)
- 5. Established a carbon market registry (gcr.epa.gov.gh)
- 6. Carbon market project development (12 projects)
- 7. Comprehensive Capacity building Programme (draft proposal ready seeking funding)

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