



Questions and Issues for feedback

Guidance and Tool for the Development of Baselines - First Draft for review (February 28, 2013)

Questions for feedback and for discussion at meeting of PMR Baselines Working Group on March 11, 2013 and template for written feedback

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Based on early feedback received from members of PMR Baselines Working Group and from PMR Participants, a First Draft for Review¹ of the Guidance and Tool for the development of baselines (Dated February 8, 2013) has been circulated to the Working Group. Questions and Issues are outlined below on which we would appreciate feedback. Baselines Working Group members are invited to provide feedback on some or all of those questions and issues listed in this template, as well as on any other issue that may be missing from the list. (Detailed feedback may also be provided in the form of comment boxes and track changes within the text (Word document) of the actual draft Guidance.)

It is proposed that the discussion at the **March 11** meeting of the Baselines Working Group be based on the questions and issues below. More detailed written feedback on the document is also welcome. **March 22** is the deadline for comments and feedback on the First Draft for review.

¹ A Steering Group consisting of PMR Secretariat staff (Martina Bosi and Rama Reddy), PMR Experts (Derik Broekhoff and Michael Lazarus), and representatives of PMR Participants (Ulla Blatt Bendtsen from Denmark and Iliana Cardenes from Mexico) oversaw the development of this first draft for review.

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Please recall that this is a first draft which we will also present to the PMR Partnership Assembly at its meeting on March 11-13, 2013 in Washington. Based on feedback received, the goal is to produce a full revised document in time for the May 26-28 meeting of the PMR Partnership Assembly. The document will likely be a “living document”, and will evolve over time.

GENERAL QUESTIONS ON FIRST DRAFT OF GUIDANCE (Dated Feb. 28, 2013)	RELEVANT SECTIONS	FEEDBACK (PLEASE RESPOND WHERE YOU FEEL IS RELEVANT)
A. Is the current structure and approach appropriate for a hands-on user manual? Is the division between Part I and Part II appropriate? How might user-friendliness be enhanced?	All	
B. Are any key issues missing in the draft guidance document? Or issues that are unnecessary or inappropriate?	All	
C. Is the drafting and approach taken appropriate for the targeted main audience (PMR Implementing Countries)?	All	
D. Do you have suggestions on how to improve the document review process ? (A full revised draft is planned for the end of May, at the next meeting PMR Participants Assembly.)	All	
PART I: Context, Concepts and Considerations		
E. Are the concepts and considerations for the development of baselines outlined here appropriate, appropriately addressed, and sufficiently comprehensive as a basis to guide the development of baselines?	2 and 3	
F. How can the document improve its use of clear, appropriate, and well-understood terminology (e.g. baselines, crediting thresholds)?	2	
G. Are the principles for the development of baselines for crediting mechanisms appropriately addressed in this document?	3	

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PART II: The Baselines Development process		
H. Does the proposed process to develop baselines (overview on page 24) clearly capture all the right steps?	Part II	
I. Do the aspects outlined under different steps capture the critical issues of BAU baseline development and quantification to be applicable to a wide range of sectors ?	4,5, 6,7, 8	
J. Do the aspects outlined under different steps help to transparently assess the BAU baseline development and projection ? Are there specific aspects of baseline development (e.g., projections, modeling, comparison groups,..) that need to be discussed in more depth ?	4,5, 6,7, 8	
K. How should the document elaborate on the treatment of policies and measures in the setting of baselines (crediting thresholds as well as BAU baselines)?	6, 7	
L. Is the approach to treatment of uncertainty with reference to BAU baselines adequate? Are there additional aspects to be considered for ensuring the conservativeness of BAU baseline?	5, 6, 7,8	
M. Should the document elaborate guidance for the consideration of – and any linkage with - BAU baselines developed for other purposes within the same country/sector (including for example, national baselines)? If so, should the guidance focus on reporting procedures to ensure transparency and/or should the guidance seek to provide options for the consideration and taking into account such other BAU baselines?	6, 7, 8	
N. How should the guidance for crediting baselines thresholds be elaborated? For example, would it be appropriate and useful to elaborate guidance to facilitate transparent assessment of crediting baselines (and their level of ambition), taking into account proposed policies, presence (or absence) of mitigation pledges, etc.?	7	

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<p>1.1 EXAMPLES AND CASE STUDIES</p>		
<p><i>O. Concrete examples can facilitate understanding of various steps and considerations in the development of baselines. Are the examples provided useful and appropriate? Does it make sense to seek more examples when elaborating the guidance document? Do you have some suggestions on particular sectors, industries, or activities that would be helpful to explore in more depth for the purpose of developing baselines?</i></p>	<p>All</p>	
<p><i>P. Once the guidance is elaborated, it is proposed that it be “tested” through some real case studies. Mexico has kindly proposed to offer such case studies. Are there others that can be elaborated?</i></p>	<p>To be developed</p>	
<p>OTHER QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?</p>		