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# **Market Readiness Proposal (MRP) of Morocco Summary of Expert Group Feedback**

**Country: Morocco**

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# Outline of Presentation

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1. Brief description of PMR Expert Feedback Process
2. Overall impression of the MRP
3. Key suggestions/issues raised by the Expert Group for MRP and future work
4. Key challenges going forward

# 1. Brief description of PMR Expert Feedback Process

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## Feedback Process

- Draft MRP submitted to Secretariat December 21
- Written feedback provided by the experts to the Secretariat January 9
- Expert group conference call January 10
- Consolidated feedback provided to country team January 15
- Four-day in-country visit to discuss feedback and advance MRP January 21-24
- Revised MRP provided to PMR Secretariat & Expert Group February 17-20

# Evolution of the feedback process

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## 2. Overall Impression of the Draft MRP by the Expert Group

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- Very well-written, easy to follow, thorough plan for implementation and deliverables.
- Builds on extensive MRP stakeholder consultation process, and Morocco's history of openness and engagement in mitigation activities and initiatives.
- Open-ended nature of MRP reflects domestic and international constraints and uncertainties
- Would benefit from a stronger embedding in Moroccan context and institutions, and more context on other policies including the PCCM
- Could benefit from greater consolidation of activities, greater focus on Phase I, and more discussion of co-financing opportunities.

### 3. Expert Group Impressions and Feedback: Building Blocks 1 & 2

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#### **Overall impression:**

- Clear, concise review of national circumstances (BB1) and MRP approach (BB2), reflecting keen understanding of international context and well-reasoned selection of electricity, cement, and phosphate as target sectors.

#### **Specific feedback:**

- Provide clearer on rationale for MRP focus on crediting mechanism, given parallel, open-ended evaluation of policy instruments (Activity #1)
- Deepen review of energy, economic, and emissions sector emissions, and of potential interactions of with sectoral policies
- Consider expanding scope to include cement blending, other electric sector entities
- Seek to minimize duplication and enhance leverage of activities carried out under other initiatives (e.g. MAC curves, baseline studies, etc.);

### 3. Expert Group Impressions and Feedback: Building Block 3

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- **Overall impression:**

- Good summary of data status and issues, clear and thorough workplan for MRV, V&A, baseline, registry, and institutional framework.

- **Specific feedback:**

- Consider implications of MBI choice on MRV design, “future-proofing” system for compatibility with ETS option.
- Leverage and draw lessons from other PMR (and non-PMR) activities, e.g. MRV system and IT platform development.
- Incorporate V&A upfront, data QA/QC component, in MRV activities; reduce emphasis on IT platform development in Phase I
- Enhance connection between data collection, mitigation assessment, and baseline development activities
- Provide rationale and ensure relevance of differences in sectoral activities (mitigation assessment only in cement sector)

### 3. Expert Group Impressions and Feedback: Building Blocks 4 & 5

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- **Overall impression:**
  - BB4 presents relatively generic description of instruments followed by “indicative” activities for a sectoral crediting mechanism; BB5, a clear approach to project management and stakeholder engagement
- **Specific feedback:**
  - Provide rationale for leaning toward selecting crediting mechanism, and ideally, greater sector-specificity and depth
  - Address expected markets for credits and their requirements, and linkages with other international instruments, and alternative revenue sources
  - Elaborate on engagement of external stakeholders, integration of capacity building within other activities, and communication component

## 4. Key challenges going forward

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### **Many are shared across MRPs:**

- Addressing risks and barriers to success, esp. maintaining stakeholder momentum and engagement until international demand signals are stronger
- Developing MRP components (e.g. data collection, MRV, IT) while retaining flexibility (as to nature of ultimate MBI or non-market approach)
- Taking full advantage of joint learning opportunities and common products (e.g. MRV system development, capacity building, IT platform)
- Maximizing potential synergies and minimizing unnecessary duplication of activities across MRPs