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

Country: Morocco
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1. Brief description of PMR Expert Feedback Process

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<td>• Samir Amous (Tunisia)</td>
<td>• Draft MRP submitted to Secretariat December 21</td>
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<td>• Pedro Barata (Portugal)</td>
<td>• Written feedback provided by the experts to the Secretariat January 9</td>
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<td>• Michael Lazarus (United States)</td>
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| | • 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
2. Overall Impression of the Draft MRP by the Expert Group

- 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

**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

- **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)

- **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

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