



Partnership for Market Readiness (PMR): Status Update on Activities of the Technical Work Program

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Outline

◆ Status update on FY16 activities

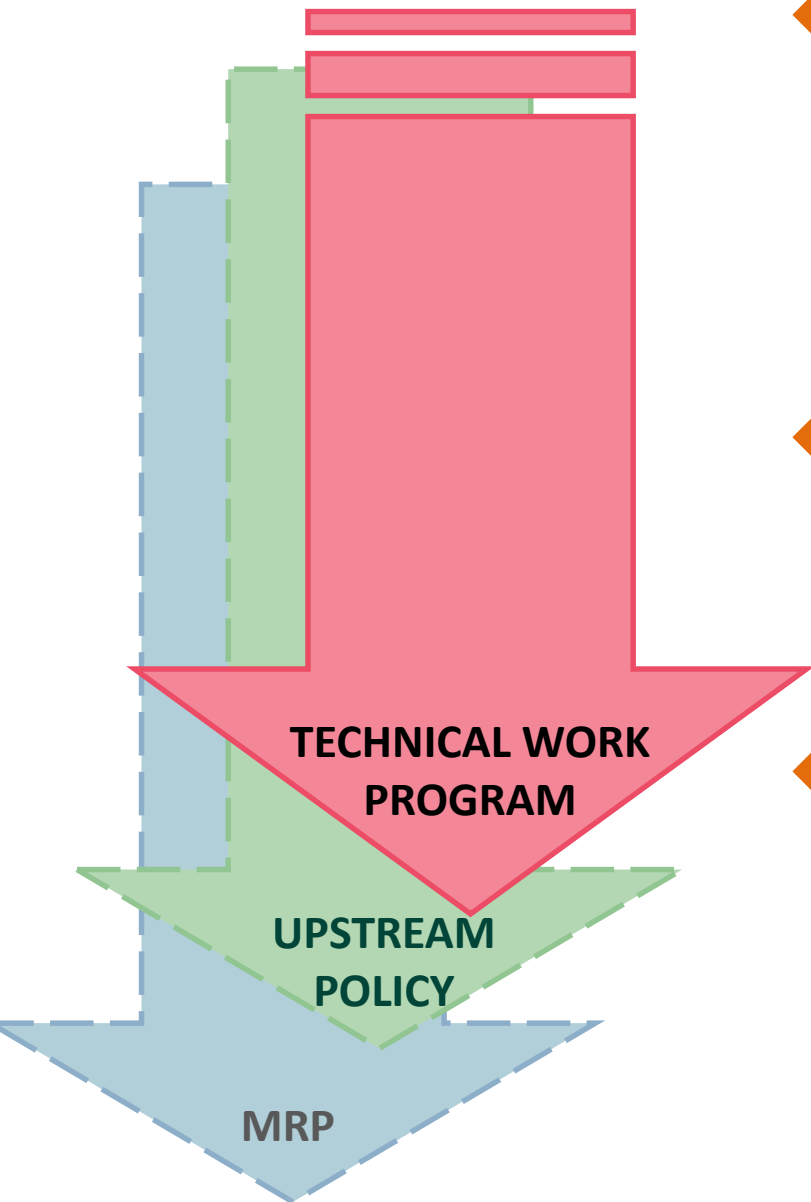
- ETS
- Carbon tax
- Offsets and crediting
- MRV
- Data management and registries
- Baselines
- Benchmarks
- Stakeholder engagement and preparedness
- Flagship report
- Other activities

◆ Report on dissemination

◆ More details on the crediting work plan

◆ Report on recent data management and registries activities

Background



◆ Objectives

- Facilitate experience and knowledge sharing
- Develop practical guidance on common issues
- Identify good practice and common standards
- Build capacity

◆ Audience

- Policy makers and technical staff in PMR countries
- But also a broader audience beyond the PMR

◆ PA 12 agreed work plan for FY16

- Today provide update on progress

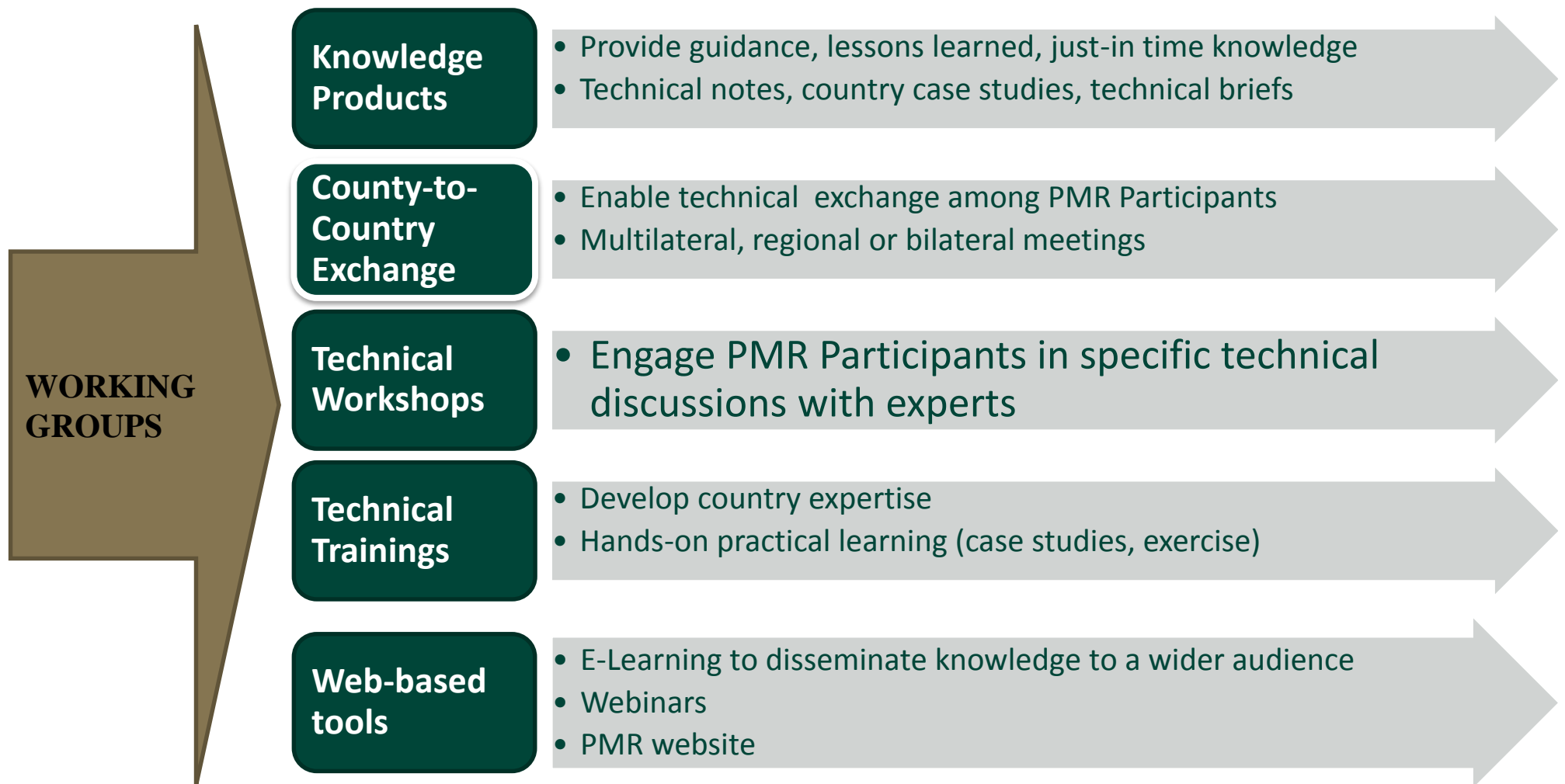
Scope of activities

- ◆ Support all of the carbon pricing mechanisms
Implementing Countries are pursuing
- ◆ Some activities focus on particular mechanisms, others on technical components relevant to more than one mechanisms

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Scope of activities

Type of activities



ETS work stream

◆ Focus for FY16:

- Finalization and dissemination of ETS handbook

◆ Status update:

- Handbook on track, draft expected in December 2015 and final published in Q1 2016
- Launch at Carbon Pricing Event planned for March 2016, Switzerland
- Next ETS E-learning courses scheduled for November 2015 and April 2016

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Carbon tax work stream

- ◆ Focus for FY16:
 - Finalization of a carbon tax design guide
 - Development of carbon tax E-Learning

- ◆ Status update:
 - TOR has been developed and procurement process about to commence
 - Expect will be finished first half of 2016, with sufficient work completed in time for Carbon Pricing Event, in March
 - Development of E-Learning will commence when Carbon tax guide sufficiently developed
 - Supporting Chile with the technical implementation of carbon tax. Case study will be developed to capture and share lessons

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Offsets and crediting work stream

◆ Focus for FY16:

- Dissemination and application of technical note on options for using existing offset programs in a domestic context
- New guidance note on design of domestic offset mechanisms
- New guidance for the design and implementation of scaled-up crediting mechanisms.

◆ Status update:

- Technical note Options for using existing offset programs in domestic context released and workshop to explore issues further
- Additionality brief well underway, finalized before end of year
- TOR for the Offsets Guide under development, and procurement will start before the end of the year
- PMR note on crediting related activities released, and scoping of detailed crediting work plan underway

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MRV work stream

- ◆ Focus for FY16
 - Dissemination of Guide for Designing Mandatory GHG reporting Programs
 - E-Learning on GHG Reporting Programs
 - New guidance on verification and accreditation systems
 - New guidance on establishing measurement protocols

- ◆ Status Update:
 - 3 webinars hosted to disseminate Guide
 - Training session as part of the Regional LEDS LAC Workshop, Dominican Republic
 - Plans to translate Guide into Spanish
 - E-learning well underway, finalized by end of year
 - Scoping of new guidance notes underway
 - Expert technical assistance provided to South Africa to support development of MRV regulations and guidelines. Case study will be developed to share lessons learned.

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Data management and registries

◆ Focus for FY16:

- Finalization and dissemination of guidance on development of GHG data management platforms
- Finalization and dissemination of guidance on development of transaction registries

◆ Status update:

- New guidance notes well underway, with drafts circulated for comment and expect to publish early 2016
- Registry workshop, California

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Baselines and Benchmark work

◆ Focus for FY16:

- Compendium of baseline approaches, in collaboration with UNFCCC and others
- New technical note on the similarities and differences of benchmarking approaches

◆ Status update:

- Work on Compendium has commenced with generic structure and common chapters drafted. Each partner will lead work on one or more of the sectors.
- TOR for the benchmark technical note developed and procurement process will commence shortly. Expect to be finalized in the second half of 2016.

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Stakeholder engagement

◆ Focus for FY16:

- Continue to collaborate with BPMR to facilitate dialogue with private sector

◆ Status update:

- Joint PMR and BPMR workshop in China to be held in January 2016.
- Scope to replicate in other countries if demanded

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Country to country exchange

- ◆ Technical Work Program can facilitate country-to-country exchanges
- ◆ Vietnam Carbon Pricing Training Workshop held in September
 - More than 25 key Vietnamese officials and business people participated
 - PMR facilitated speakers from China, Thailand and South Africa to share their experiences
 - Workshop helped to
 - increase awareness of carbon pricing,
 - share knowledge and experience to support implementation of Vietnam MRP activities
 - increase understanding of Vietnam MRP activities and relationship to carbon pricing.
- ◆ Inform Secretariat if you are interest in similar support

Other Activities

- ◆ Technical note “Carbon Leakage: Theory, evidence and policy” released.
 - PMR technical workshop, 27 October
 - 2 webinars planned for November and December
- ◆ Technical discussion to support post-2020 carbon markets
 - 2 dinners and roundtable discussions held on the margins of UNFCCC negotiations and technical workshop, 26 October
- ◆ Interactions between energy and carbon pricing progressing well
 - draft finalized end of year, publish in March 2016
- ◆ 2nd edition of the China Carbon Market Monitor released October

Working arrangements

- ◆ Following working groups active:
 - ETS working group (largely comprising the ETS focal points involved in the preparation of the ETS handbook);
 - Carbon tax working group
 - Offsets and Crediting working group (expanding the scope of the current offset working group)
 - MRV working group
 - Baseline working group
 - Benchmark working group (new)
- ◆ Engage via email and meet virtually. Face-to-face meetings only where beneficial for the work-stream's activities.
- ◆ The PA is encouraged to nominate the most relevant representatives to participate in the working groups.

Dissemination statistics

Title	Release	Abstract views	Downloads	Social media
Crediting-Related Activities Under the PMR: Status and Support for Implementation	August 2015	430	207	Tweeted 5 times
Options to Use Existing International Offset Programs in a Domestic Context	August 2015	421	267	Tweeted 1 time
Guide for Designing Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Programs	May 2015	1331	253, + 363 at WRI	Tweeted 13 times
Checklist on Establishing Post-2020 Emission Pathways	March 2015	777	442	Tweeted 7 times
Preparing for Carbon Pricing: Case Studies from Company Experience--Royal Dutch Shell, Rio Tinto, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company	February 2015	1034	1635	Tweeted 5 times Blogged by 2, On 2 facebook pages
Overview of Carbon Offset Programs: Similarities and Differences	February 2015	682	1005	Tweeted 1 times

Action by PA

- ◆ Provide feedback on activities to date and provide guidance on further activities
- ◆ Participants encouraged to nominate appropriate representatives to the working groups
- ◆ Provide feedback on the dissemination of PMR knowledge products.

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