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| <b>Methodological Framework Criteria / Indicators</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Indicator 14.2: Activity data are determined periodically, at least twice during the Term of the ERPA, <i>and allow for ERs to be estimated from the beginning of the Term of the ERPA.</i> |
| <b>Clarification request / Question:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Many GHG accounting standards have the concept of a crediting period and a project start date. For example, the crediting period in the CDM this is defined as “The period in which verified and certified GHG emission reductions or removals by sinks attributable to a CDM project activity or CPA, as applicable, can result in the issuance of CERs, ICERs or tCERs, as applicable, from that CDM project activity or CPA”. In the Gold Standard, “The crediting period is the time span in which the carbon sequestration or greenhouse gas reduction can be accounted for and is subject to monitoring”.</p> <p>So the crediting period defines a period during which emission reductions accounted for by a program or project can lead to the generation or issuance of a unit under a certain standard (such as a CER under the CDM, a VCU under the VCS or in case of the Carbon Fund, an ER).</p> <p>The FCPF Methodological Framework does not have a similar concept. The only indicator that mentions a time period for the creation of ERs is indicator 14.2 as quoted above. The FCPF General Conditions also don’t define a crediting period. Rather the General Conditions use the term “Reporting Period” which is defined as "each time period specified in the ERPA for which the Program Entity has to measure and report on ERs generated under the ER Program in the form of ER Monitoring Reports”.</p> <p>There are now different interpretations of the period over which ER Programs can generate in the Carbon Fund and for which period the Carbon Fund is willing to pay. More specifically the question from several countries is if the Carbon Fund would be willing to pay for ERs generated from the end of the Reference Period but before the signing of an ERPA. In this case the Reporting Period would be retro-active and the ER Program could be rewarded for early action.</p> <p>Based on the discussion on the Methodological Framework, it has been the understanding of the FMT that ER Programs can account for their emission reductions (and generate ERs) from the end of the Reference Period however that the CFPs are only willing to pay for ERs generated during the Term of the ERPA. Under this interpretation, a Reporting Period can only be defined within the Term of the ERPA and hence no payments will be made from the Carbon Fund for ERs generated before the Term of the ERPA</p> <p>CFPs are now requested to clarify if the Carbon Fund can have a Reporting Period that is or starts prior to the Term of the ERPA. If a Reporting Period can start before the Term of the ERPA, CFPs might consider if the Reporting Period can start straight after the end of the Reference Period or indicate a time period (for example maximum 2 years before the Term of the ERPA).</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Justification:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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