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2. Introduction

This section outlines the possible design options for a Kenyan carbon trading platform and presents a set of recommended actions that might be taken forward in the design and implementation of Kenya's National Policy on Carbon Investments and Emissions Trading.

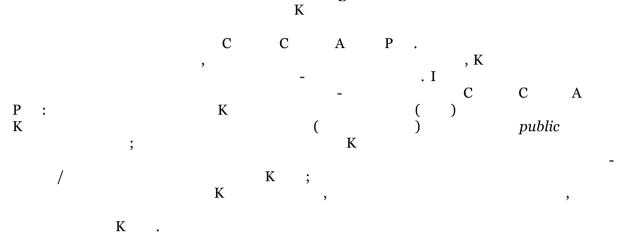
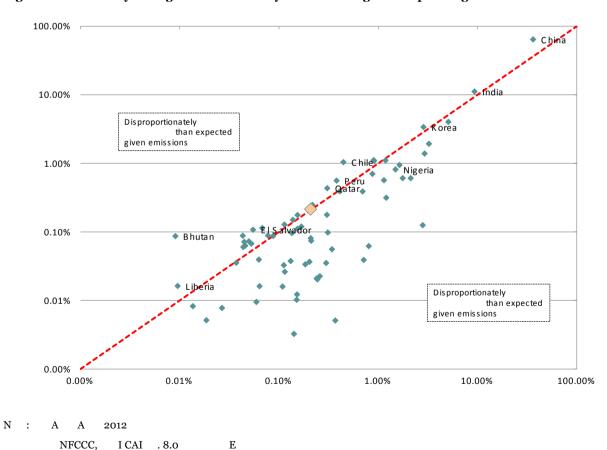


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3. Key findings from background research

Four pieces of background research have informed our thinking on the appropriate design for a Kenyan carbon trading platform.

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3.1 International developments in the carbon markets³

The global carbon market, especially for compliance credits, is threatened by a severe supply and demand imbalance, which could see prices remain low for the foreseeable future.

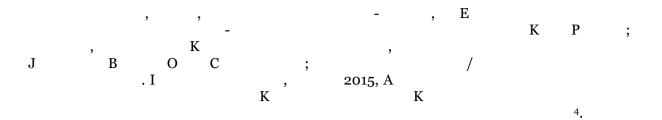
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Kenya's access to international carbon markets is further threatened by the future rules of the EU ETS. C , E E C E (CE) 2012 (LDC). E E

The relevant European legislation however allows for countries to sign bilateral deals with the EU to overcome this constraint. \odot

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In addition, Kenya should identify and exploit particular market niches where it may remain relatively insulated from these impacts.



Finally, Kenya should begin to investigate opportunities to engage in sectoral crediting and sectoral trading mechanisms, possibly through the World Bank's Carbon Initiative for Development (CI-DEV) or Partnership for Market Readiness (PMR) programmes. P

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3.2 Current carbon market activity in Kenya⁷

In terms of the CDM, following registration of the first CDM project in Kenya in

The voluntary market is also vibrant in Kenya. A

A number of barriers relating to the CDM process hold back further carbon market activity in Kenya.

1. A lack of understanding of the CDM process and its requirements.

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3. Political and institutional barriers and risks.

Lessons from other countries¹⁰ 3.3

We have reviewed the experience of four countries that have been disproportionately successful, relative to their emissions profiles, in attracting carbon market activity: China, India, Peru and Chile.

Carbon markets have been most successful in countries where there is a coherent policy of using the CDM to support low-carbon technologies and, where necessary, the role of the carbon markets within a suite of other policies is identified. F

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Efficient Designated National Authorities can help to streamline the CDM DNA process.

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Countries that have embraced international consultants and project developers have tended to be more successful in carbon markets. A

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Government (backed) agencies can play an important role in supporting carbon market activity. I C P

The broader investment climate and strength of the finance sector is crucial to carbon market activity. M C , I , C

4. Primary versus secondary trading platforms¹¹

At a high level, it is possible to distinguish between a 'primary' trading platform and a 'secondary' trading platform. P

There are two key challenges associated with creating a secondary trading platform in Kenya:

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The likely lack of liquidity will mean that market participants on both the 'buy' and 'sell' side of any carbon credit transaction are likely to prefer to continue to execute trades on existing platforms based close to where ultimate compliance purchasers, who account for the vast majority of trades, are located. E

The experience of China and India illustrate the challenges associated with

The second challenge faced by any secondary trading platform in Kenya is that there appears to be a market-wide decline in trading activity.

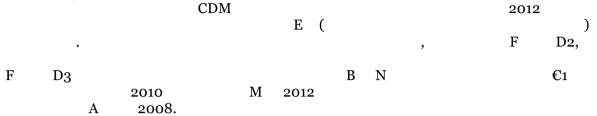
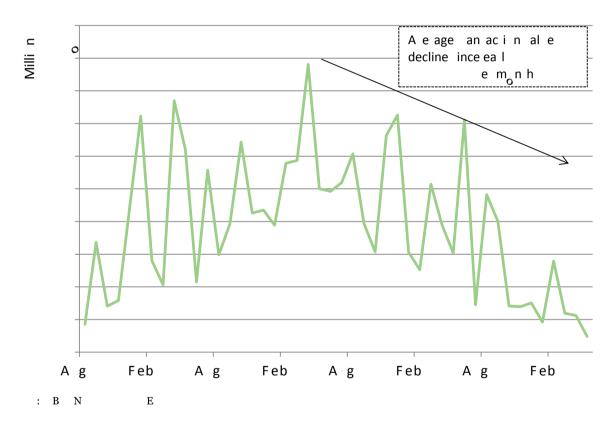


Figure D3 The value of CER trading activity on BlueNext has been declining since the start of 2010



Other platforms have been insulated from this decline in activity by offering opportunities to trade in related commodities; this may not be possible in Kenya. F

For these reasons, we conclude that a primary trading platform is more aligned with Kenya's needs.

5. What should a primary trading platform do?

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5.2 Three archetypes for a primary carbon trading platform in Kenya

The table above highlights that there is a wide range of activities that could be undertaken by a primary carbon trading platform in Kenya. To focus discussion on the different options available we have identified three 'archetype' models:

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It should be stressed that these different design options are neither exclusive nor exhaustive: $\ \ \, .\ H \qquad ,$

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5.2.1 Enhanced Designated National Authority (DNA) model

Under this model, no new institution would be created; rather additional resources would be provided to the existing Kenyan DNA to perform its role even more effectively. M $$\operatorname{DNA},$$ N E M A , H , H

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This model would be largely met by resources from the public sector, probably shared between domestic and international resources. ${\bf A}$

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5.2.2 'Export promotion agency' model

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An agency performing these roles would be consistent with a number of the interventions proposed in the National Policy on Carbon Investments and Emissions Trading. $^{\rm F}$

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The institution would have no adjudicatory/regulatory responsibilities:

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The body would have a broad remit to cover CDM-related activity as well as voluntary credits including REDD+ projects.

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The Ministry of Finance, as the lead implementing agency for the Policy on Carbon Investments and Emissions Trading, will need to determine the appropriate institutional home for the body; regardless of the home, the platform could be implemented/managed in one of two ways. G

In either event, the costs of the organisation would need to be largely met

through public resources. I

Development partners may be reluctant to provide significant resources to support the Government of Kenya with (at least some aspects of) this initiative.

The institution would have close links to, but be separate from, the proposed climate fund. ${\bf A}$

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The advantage of this model is that it would have the flexibility to deal with a number of the barriers to carbon market development in Kenya. I

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The main disadvantage of this model is likely to be the cost associated with its development, especially as this may need to be borne largely by the Kenyan taxpayer, and in the context of the decline in opportunities for Kenyan carbon market activity.

5.2.3 Broker model

In the third model, the carbon trading platform would explicitly act as a broker between project developers and credit purchasers. ${\bf E}$

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This model would be most effective at a regional or even continental scale.

This model could be at least part-funded by private capital. G

The main advantage of this model is that it would create strong commercial incentives to overcome some of the barriers to greater carbon market activity in Kenya and beyond. F

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The key disadvantage of this model is that it risks replicating (crowding-out) the role of (private-sector) organisations that already exist, and hence wasting Kenyan taxpayer resources. A NEP

Overall, given the risks that such a model would replicate existing activities already adequately provided without taxpayer support, our initial view is that such a model is less compelling than the other two alternatives.

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