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EMISSIONS TRADING: LATEST NEWS FROM OUTSIDE JAPAN

SIMILARITIES, DIFFERENCES, AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF LINKAGES

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Who are IETA?

- Only cross-sectoral, private sector international organisation promoting emissions trading to secure environmental goals
- Founded in 1999
- Membership: ~170 companies
 - 50% emitters
 - 50% project developers, intermediaries, financial institutions, brokers, verifiers, legal firms
 - 60% EU, 30% US/Canada, 10% Asia
- Swiss non profit
- Offices: Geneva, Brussels, Washington, Ottawa
- Role in Australia, Japan



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Copenhagen: a sad outcome for the carbon market



certainty about timescales and likely price ranges (particularly for the EU-ETS)

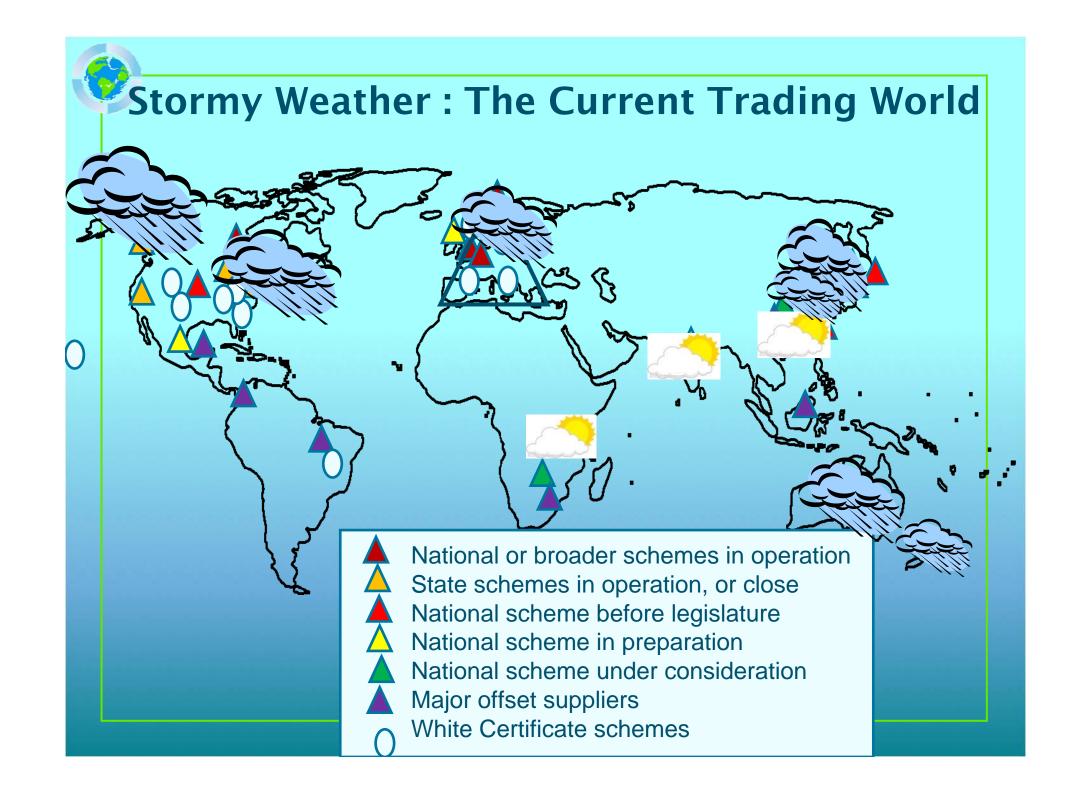
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reform and improved management for the CDM

new scaled-up beyond-CDM private finance mechanisms

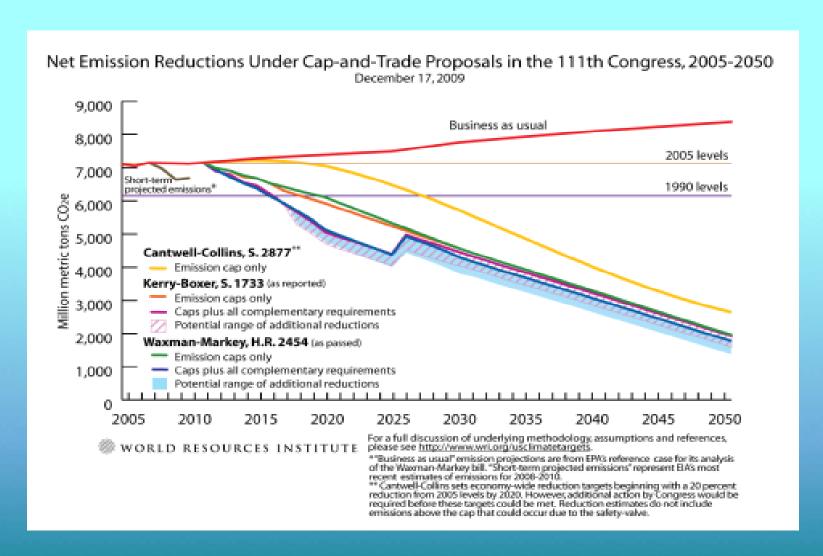
plans for engagement with private finance consistent with the need for it

But maybe less bad - over time - for climate change





Recent US Climate Bills





Latest Situation with KGL

Senate prospects for climate and energy legislation are weak without Sen. Graham and non-existent without coal-state Democrats.

- Based on various sources, below find a summary of potential design elements contained in the yet-tobe released US Senate bipartisan climate & energy bill.
 - **Economy-Wide Reduction Targets**: 17% reduction by 2020 from 2005 levels; 80% reduction by 2050.
 - **C&T Rebranded**: Legislation to re-brand "cap and trade" in favour of "pollution reduction scheme/targets".
 - **EPA Pre-Emption**: US agency would be barred from regulating GHG emissions.
 - **Regional Pre-Emption**: State and regional GHG cap and trade schemes would be terminated, but states could still impose EE and RES measures.
 - **Phased-in Coverage:** Electric power utilities would be covered, starting in 2013, with allowances being traded on a regulated market. Allowance allocation is unknown, but likely a combination of gratis and auctioning expected. Industrials (threshold of 25ktCO₂e annually) to be incorporated in the program starting in 2016.
 - **Offsets:** Combination of international and domestic offsets allowed to help companies cost-effectively meet goals. Offset volumes, project eligibility and other details are unknown.
 - **Transport Emissions & Refineries**: No gas tax. Oil refiners likely required to purchase allowances to cover product emissions. Diesel revenues potentially channelled into US Highway Trust Fund.
 - **Price Collar**: Price floor tied to inflation, enacted through reserve mechanism. Floor: US\$10; Ceiling: US\$30.
 - **Consumer Rebates**: To cover impact of higher energy costs on consumers (potentially 2/3 of revenue)
 - **Border Adjustment Measures**: Border protections for energy-intensive industries (e.g. steel, chemical, paper).



US Carbon Market Oversight

Genesis of Concerns

- •The Legacy of Enron
- The Wall Street Meltdown
- •Skepticism about Global Carbon Markets.

Proposals in Congress

- •The U.S. House of Representatives
- •The U.S. Senate

Survey of Key Issues and Proposals

Most of the proposals for carbon market oversight seek to address a few primary issues:

- •Who should be allowed to participate in carbon markets?
- What market restrictions could best guard against fraud, market manipulation and excessive speculation?
- •What information is needed for effective regulation on the market, and how should the information be collected?
- •Which agency should oversee the market?
- •Can the carbon market properly utilize over the counter trading, or should elements of the market be limited to exchanges or central clearing on an approved clearinghouse?

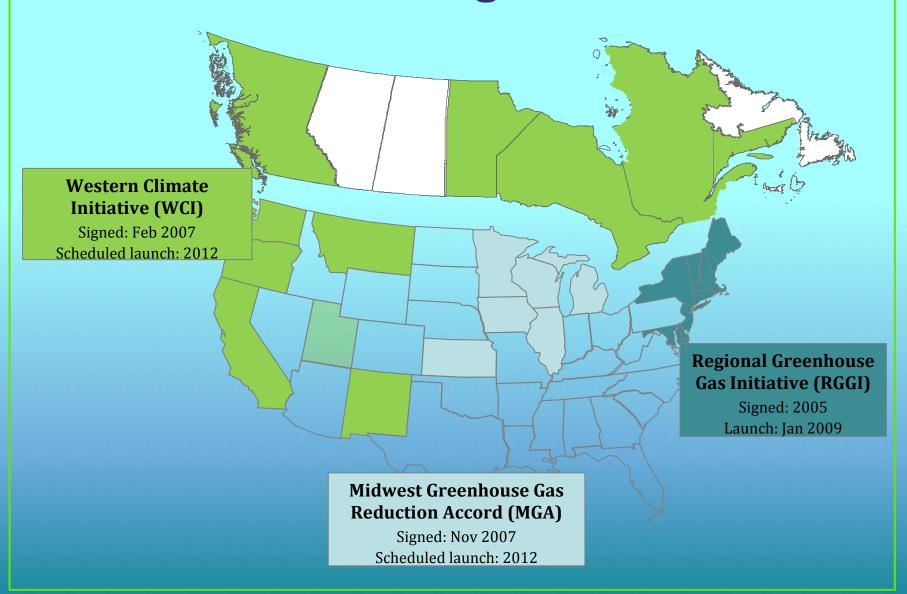


US Financial Reform

- US financial reform legislation is under debate on the Senate Floor now, and is likely to pass.
- Without climate legislation that imposes carbon-specific market oversight rules, this financial legislation will govern emissions markets
- The bill includes derivative market reform provisions that would impact emissions trading
- Most swaps will be subject to mandatory clearing and/or exchange-trading
- A carve out for OTC transactions is likely, but the breadth of the "end-user" clearing exemption is in play
- The legislation will continue to evolve during the next week, as amendments are proposed
- We should have a better sense of market implications for carbon by end of May, when House and Senate bills are reconciled



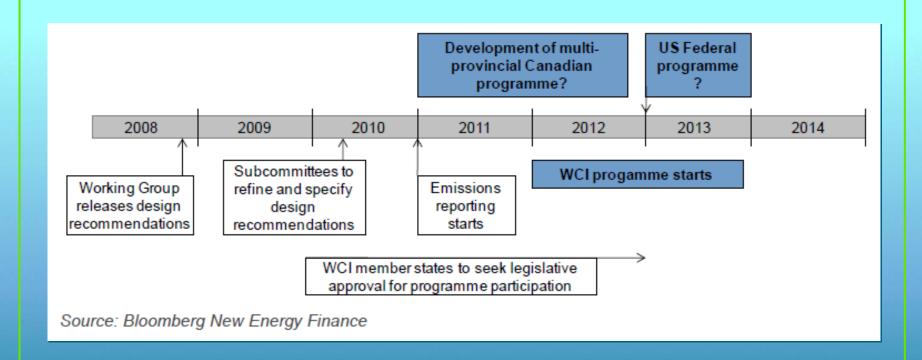
North America Regional Initiatives





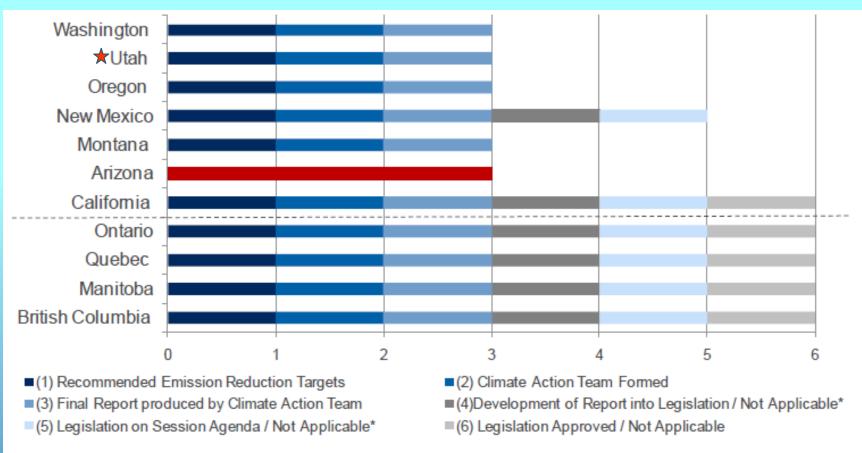
WCI Implementation Timeline

"The WCI is a collaboration of independent jurisdictions who commit to work together to identify, evaluate, and implement policies to tackle climate change at a regional level." – WCI website





WCI Progress by Member Party



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance

Note: New Mexico has moved one step further whereas Arizona has been removed from our central view



California

- -Emissions Reduction Target: 1990 levels by 2020
- -Promulgated Draft Regulation passed November 2009. Precursor to 2nd Draft Regulation set to be released for public comment in spring 2010.
- -PDR under the auspices of California Air Resources Board (CARB)
 - -Primary design issue unresolved
 - -Offset provisions stringent (4% of compliance obligation)
 - -Unsure about of out-of-state, out-of-country acceptability of offsets
- -Anticipate undue reliance on auctions versus free allocations (appropriation mechanism?
- -CARB in the process of officially certifying offsets for compliance
 - -Substantial legal challenges being mounted regarding forestry protocols
- -November 2010 election will have a ballot to indefinitely suspend AB32, until unemployment fallen substantially for a sustained period



Canada Federal and State Policy Update

- Ottawa in Limbo: Ottawa still intends to regulate greenhouse gas emissions in lock-step with Washington DC, and therefore continues to wait until the US introduces its federal climate plan before acting in Canada.
- Push for Cross-Country Coal Phase-Out: During the week of April 19, Minister Prentice unveiled the Conservatives' plan to mandate the gradual retirement of coal-fired power plants across Canada and encourage investments in low/non-emitting power sources
- British Columbia: Cap and Trade Act: BC is committed to developing a cap and trade system under the WCI. The provincial government has enacted enabling legislation for a cap and trade program
- · Alberta: plan includes a list of measures, but none have specific emission reduction targets or estimates
- Quebec and Ontario: developing a cap and trade system as part of the WCI and has signed an MOU together
- Manitoba: At Copenhagen, Manitoba committed to moving forward with legislation enabling the creation of a GHG cap and trade system.

CPRS Design and Australian Politics

Key dates			
July 2008	Release of Government Green Paper		
September 2008	Final Garnaut Report published		
October 2008	Treasury modelling released		
December 2008	White Paper released		
March 2009	Draft legislation released		
May 2009	Bill presented to Parliament		
3 [™] Quarter 2009	Legislation enacted		
December 2009	Copenhagen Roundtable		
Early 2010	First auction of permits		
July 2010	Forestry sector eligible to generate credits		
July 2011	Scheme commences		
2011 – 2012	\$10 fixed price & unlimited permits (no cap)		



Where they had gotten to











NZ ETS

Key features of the NZETS

Broad sector coverage, with each sector phased in over time

Upstream point of obligation

Allocation targeted to mid-stream

No free allocation for those who can pass on costs

Linked to international markets - no quantitative restrictions on imports

Key changes made in November 2009

Change to entry dates for a number of sectors:

- •Stationary energy and industrial processes enter on 1 July 2010
- •Liquid fossil fuels enter on 1 July 2010
- •Agriculture enters on 1 January 2015

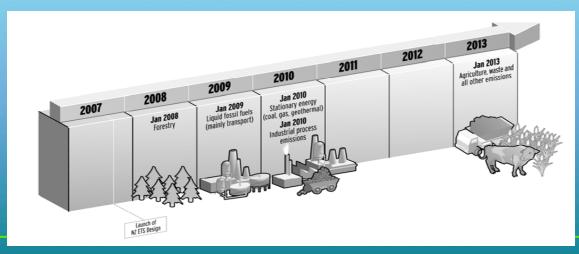
A transition phase will operate until December 2012:

- •one emission unit for every two tonnes of emissions
- •fixed price of \$25 per emission unit

Change to an intensity basis for allocation of emission units to emissions-intensive, trade-exposed industry

Change to 1.3 per cent per year phase out rate for freely allocated emission units

Previous phase-in timing:





EU-ETS current issues

	2008	2009E	% change
Electricity	1,510	1,400	-7.3
Other sectors	610	500	-18.0
o/w Iron & Steel	135	95	-29.7
o/w Cement	190	155	-18.4
o/w Refineries	155	140	-9.6
o/w Other*	130	110	-15.4
TOTAL	2,120	1,900	-10.4
Source: CITL. Deutsche Bank: "the other sectors	covered by the ETS are Coke, Metallic Ore, Glass, Ceramic	z, and Pulo & Paper.	

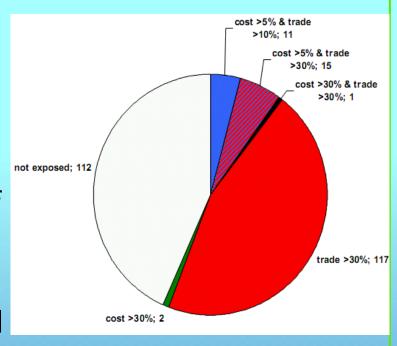
- Over-supply
- **Auctioning**
- Benchmarking
- Market oversight and fraud
- **Tougher targets**

- Use of international offsets
- Leakage, border adjustments and competitiveness
- Need for other instruments the "trading taliban"



Auctioning

- Major exceptions to 100% auctioning ambition – power sector, trade-exposed sectors
- Amount auctioned (100-300t in advance?), and when: degree of hedging needed
- Single or multiple platforms
- Types of instruments auctioned
- Maximum bidding limits; eligibility; tied bids; frequency
- Auctioning rules may be delayed till after summer





Market Oversight

- OTC and exchanges
- Registries and recycling
- Commodities or financial instruments
- Transparency and commercial confidentiality
- Special problems of carbon
- Comparison with US issues
- Fraud issues

Three Britons charged over €3mcarbon-trading

'carousel fraud'

Europe's Carbon Mafia

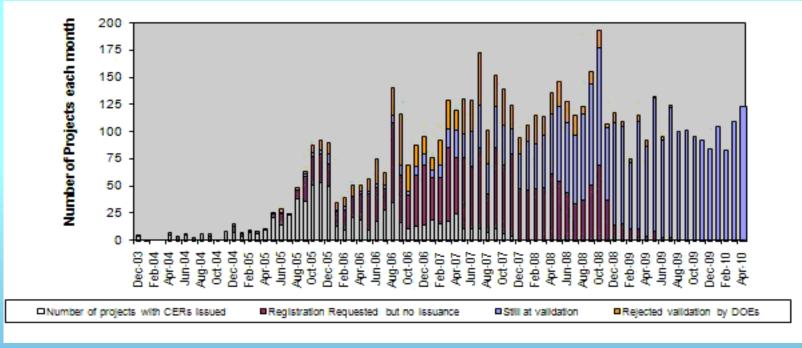


-30% and draft communiqué

- Economic analysis
- Non-EUETS sectors carbon tax
- Further restrictions on CDM
- No serious proposals to pull back
- EU looking for linking but prepared to go it alone
- Impact of renewables and energy efficiency obligations
- Imports and border tax adjustments very difficult in practice
- Risk of losing out in green jobs race



CDM – state of the market



- Pipeline seems to continue
- EU abandonment
- Dependence on the US

- Competition from AAUs
- Balancing portfolios
- Fragmentation of international offsets



CDM reform

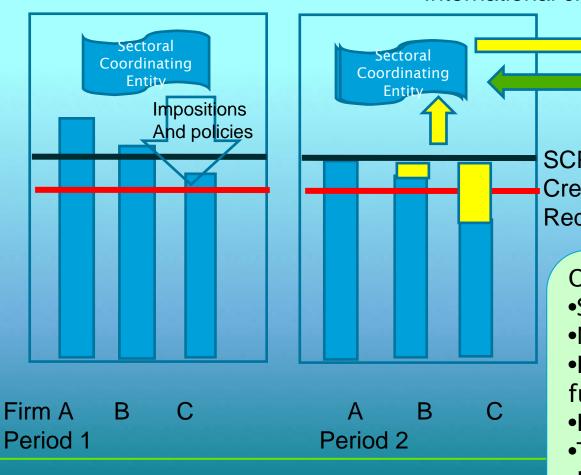


Good news from Copenhagen:

- Explanation, communication, host country prerogative, appeals, LDCs, staffing
- VVM materiality and level of assurance Less good news:
- standardised baselines
- CCS,
- McKinsey Report

New Instruments - Sectoral Crediting Model 1

Reports emissions and receives International credits for distribution or sale



SCP baseline Creditable Emissions Reduction Objective

Other approaches:

- Sectoral trading
- NAMA crediting
- •IFIs and development funding
- •Public sector guarantees

International

Credit Issuing

Agency

- •Tapping the bond markets
- Hybrid instruments







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Four Steps Forward, Two Steps Backward And one either way...

No global emissions reduction targets,

Pledges without assessed comparability or « binding » force

A serious, possibly mortal, blow for the UN process

Engagement of Heads of State

Money on the table

Al and key NA1 in the same document

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Monitored action by key NA1 Parties



On the Road to Cancun



- better organisation?
- Ministerial preparations
- Petersberg and beyond
- Heads of State again?
- belief in an outcome
- MEF, G8, G20, AGF

Don't worry, there's always Rio....