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Learning from result-based finance for NAMA implementation?

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Concept of result-based financing

- <u>Definition</u>: Finance provided is linked to the verified achievement of a specific mutually agreed goal according to pre-defined indicators
- Concept already applied in development cooperation and discussion on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD)
- Recently picked up in broader climate financing context (beyond CDM)
- Interesting in the context of NAMAs as ability to demonstrate "results" is one of the issues for NAMA funding

Types of result-based financing approaches in literature

- Financing in staged approach contingent on the successful implementation of the previous phase (set of qualitative or quantitative indicators)
- 2. Financing linked to reduced GHG emissions as the main performance metric

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Result-based financing in a nutshell

- Financial support (not credits) provided to host country if voluntary, predefined sectoral/national baseline (expressed in GHG or GHG intensity) overachieved
- Host country can freely choose the policy package to achieve emission reductions



Potential to marry the best of two worlds?



Additional and complementary to NAMAs

Approach	Scaling-up potential	GHG based MRV only	Tranformational potential
CDM	(√)	\checkmark	
Sectoral crediting	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Supported NAMAs			V
Results-based	\checkmark	(√)	√
financing (as			
defined in Box 1)			

Potential for scale and tranformational effects, but with more flexible MRV

Benefits and drawbacks of result-based financing

Benefits	Drawbacks/challenges
 Differentiated MRV approach possible (as no offsetting) 	 Financing provided ex-post
Greater predictability of support for countries (fix price for carbon)	Uncertainties in setting of baselines
 Compatible with and complementary to current NAMA framework (financing just an additional component) 	 Significant amount of information and capacity needed in country for baseline setting
 MRV of national/sectoral GHG developments allows NAMA effects to be seen within national policy context 	 Incentive for emission reductions, but not guarantee that they really happen

NAMAs and result-based financing



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Conclusions

- Result-based financing is not a silver bullet
- Approach only for some (advanced) countries and some sectors
- Has the potential to marry beneficial elements of climate finance and carbon markets
- Should not distract from long-term policy-based view, but rather be seen as a potential additional, voluntary and complementary approach



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