# is there such a thing as CLIMATE FINANCE?

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# Agenda

- Penny Wise, Pound Foolish?
- Can we fix it?
- A few concluding points





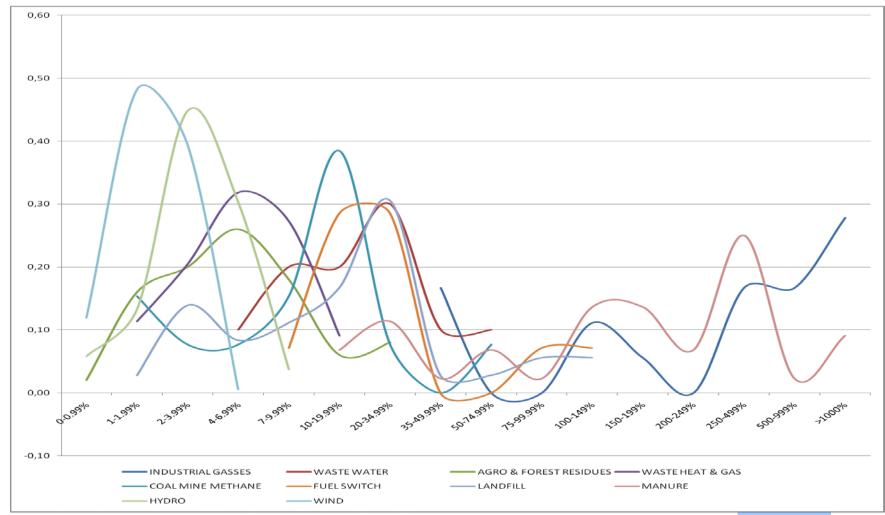
# Penny Wise, Pound ... ?

- CDM = cost efficient emissions reduction?
  - CDMpipeline.org
  - CER generation and investment on display
  - 10 technologies
  - 12 USD/CER ?





#### Cash flow contribution – for cost efficient reductions...?







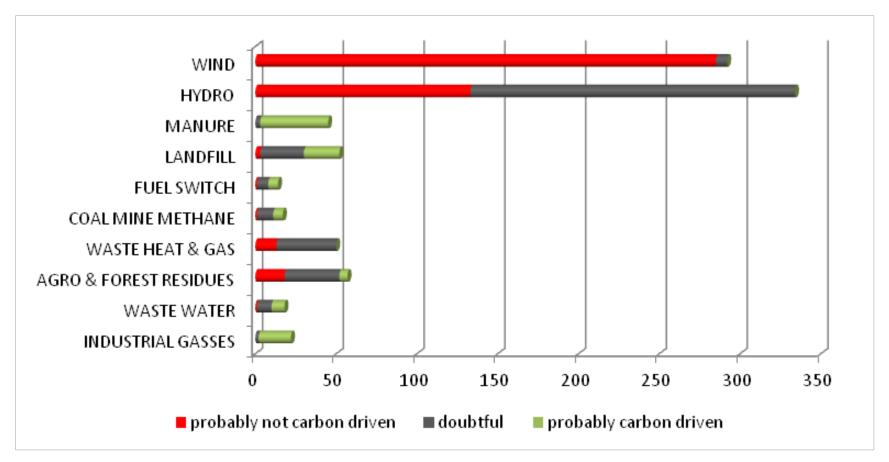
## and the numbers...

Obs.	Technology	lowest value	highest value	median @12\$	median @3\$
22	Industrial gasses	7,96%	1719,03%	304,97%	76,24%
45	Manure	5,44%	1162,88%	169,90%	42,48%
14	Fuel switch	2,60%	579,56%	19,62%	4,91%
18	Waste water	0,16%	71,19%	17,65%	4,41%
52	Landfill	0,90%	162,72%	14,18%	3,55%
17	Coal mine methane	1,12%	58,95%	13,10%	3,28%
50	Waste heat & gas	1,04%	18,04%	5,08%	1,27%
57	Agro & forest residues	0,55%	34,17%	4,30%	1,08%
334	Hydro	0,02%	41,30%	3,50%	0,88%
292	Wind	0,03%	5,24%	1,84%	0,46%





# Capital destination in CDM







# ... Foolish?

- 1% of financial flows clearly motivated by emissions reduction, 23% doubtful
- non-carbon Investment drivers
  - rising fossil fuel prices
  - security of supply
  - so ein ding ...
  - CSR
  - energy access
  - 'real' environment
  - industrial policy
  - technology development
  - regulation
- Only foolish if you insist on emissions reduction and carbon prices being the investment driver
- If you instead insist on investors not being foolish, you have your answer...





#### Can we fix it ...?

- If we really want carbon financing through CDM we need to overcome the fundamental flaw in the CDM: To banks (and in reality) CDM is a cost and a risk
- Recapting the project cycle:

PDD – validation – registration – monitoring – verification – issuance



- a conservative CER guarantee
- The CDM loan scheme was flooded with 23 LDC and 18 non-LDC applications, signal
  ng the future of CDM. So far LDCs hold 1.2% of recorded CDM activities, but 56%
  of loan scheme applications. An LDC future for CDM will change its character from
  an emissions reduction activity to a sustainable development activity with a focus
  on energy access and efficient use of fuel wood.





#### Do we want to fix it...?

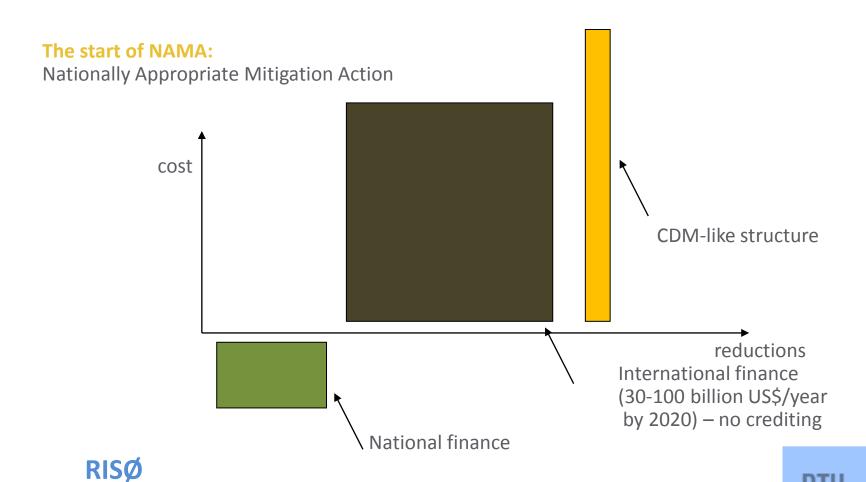
#### Status: 1 billion excess CERs and crashing prices

- no need to worry like the EB does. It's a market; live with it. Investors are not foolish, they never needed the income (with some exceptions)
- Don't increase ambitions to off-take surplus supply just send the money
- There are plenty of investment drivers around without the carbon market
- Mitchell Feierstein, chief executive of Glacier Environmental Funds: 'the CDM
  has long been overshadowed by bigger opportunities for green investors
- Investors are not leaving the market. Investments continue, but not driven by the CDM – such investments should not generate internationally tradable credits.
- Credited NAMAs?





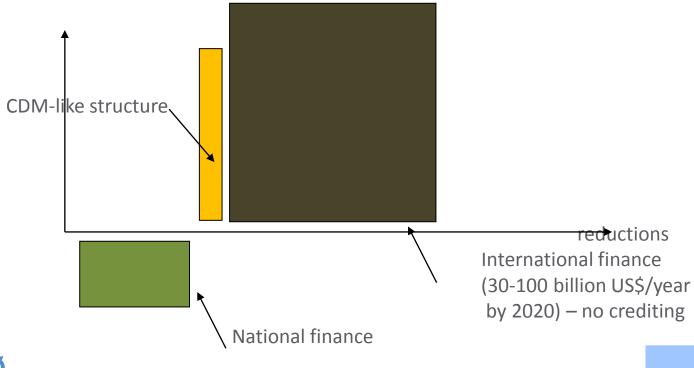
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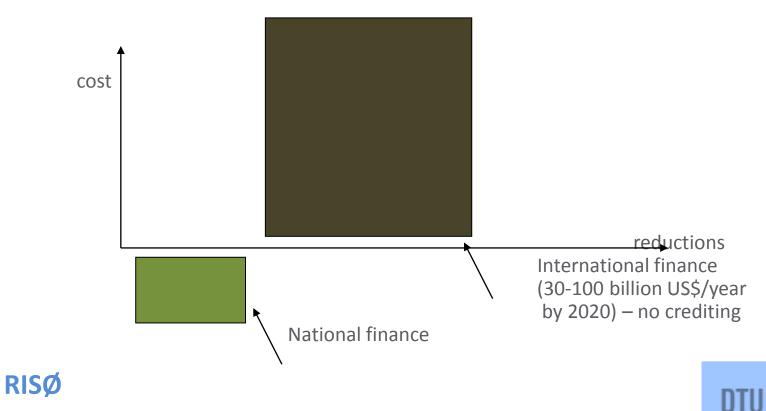




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#### what climate finance ...?

#### 100 billion USD in 2020

- public, private and innovative sources…?
- creative leveraging or creative labelling...?
- 257 billion for renewables in 2011 –
   is that climate finance?

#### Look at guarantees in a broader context

- the CER guarantee will not change the 90% domestic finance in CDM projects
- general (ECA) guarantees (for low carbon investments) will promote general investment (FDI) - with old host country caveats, like restrictions on foreign ownership of core infrastructure





## A few fundamentals

- innovation is to find someone new to foot the bill
  - Financial engineering of unviable projects
  - Regulation and the embedded willingness (not) to pay
- one size doesn't fit all
  - different sectors have different investment drivers
- CDM methodologies will remain a foundation for both national emissions trading schemes and for measuring, reporting and verifying NAMAs. The instruments developed under the CDM remain intact and will facilitate at a later stage the connection of nationally developed trading schemes ... if we want
- keep your feet on the ground
  - there are limits to the number of purposes you can serve with one instrument
- stay out of micro management allow slack





# Thank You

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