# Linking the CDM & the Green Climate Fund

Insights from practitioners and decision-makers in Africa









### **Context**

CMP requests GCF collaborates with other UNFCCC bodies

GCF identifies CDM as relevant mechanism, and financing instrument for PSF CDM EB
explores
opportunities for
financing CDM
through climate
finance

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

Is there support for linking from practitioners and decisions makers working in Africa?

UNFCCC
Secretariat reports
that CDM can
serve as effective
MRV tool to enable
results-based
climate financing







### Is there support for linking from interviews?

#### **Majority yes**

GCF is seeking	CDM provides
'Paradigm shift' potential	Programmes of Activities
Mobilisation of climate finance	Pipeline of activities rapidly mobilised and scaled-up
Private sector engagement	Proven private sector engagement
Projects that have a mitigation impact	Tested methodologies Default factors Verifiable and transparent approach

#### **But, there are reservations:**

- Long project development and issuance timeline
- Costly certification procedures
- CDM not applicable to all project types







## **Notable insights**

**CDM** project developers

Seeking up-front financing

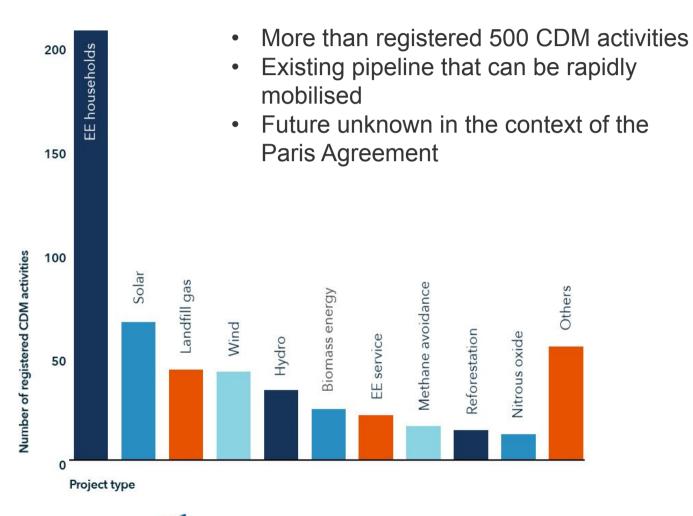
Equity & concessional loans sought for revenue-generating activities
Grants for outreach and capacity building







## The CDM pipeline in Africa









# Project developer's perspectives

"CDM certification can bring added value to the GCF by offering a framework for standardising emission reduction calculations through the use of approved methodologies. However ... the CDM registration process needs to be simplified to reduce the transaction cost for projects."

> David Simbiri – Director of Marine Power Generation Company Limited (MPG)





"CDM is a key tool that can provide a transparent and robust system to both **track** where climate finance is flowing and also monitor whether it is being **used effectively**"

Aurélie LePage, CEO and co-founder of AERA Group







## Project developer's perspectives

"We expect that our project will be able to meet the GCF's eligibility criteria without any difficulties."

Olivier Mushiete – Manager and Board Member of agro-industrial and public relations SMEs







"GCF eligibility criteria are not more strenuous than that of the CDM, yet we would welcome greater clarity on eligible financial instruments for the private sector, levels of contribution and modalities for accessing preparation funds."

David Billon – Founder of Biokala and Board Member of SIFCA Group



