



# Is this justice to the saviours of the Climate?

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## General Note



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Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) more popularly known as “Carbon credits” is no longer a new terminology. It has been introduced since beginning and well accepted in various industrial sectors to gain credits against their future emission reduction potentials. It is mainly done for offsetting the emissions of developed countries by the activities of developing countries. We are at the stage of phase out of Kyoto Protocol and new treaty will be signed when world leaders will meet next year in Paris during Conference of Parties 21 of UNFCCC.

Though it took several years to establish a good process for developing a CDM project which is simpler, acceptable and verifiable, even today it needs special skills to understand its basics to be able to convert them in to a good acceptable proposal. Baseline conditions, Approved methodology, Leakages, Additionality etc. are part of CDM process which is even difficult for technical experts also.

For Agriculture sector it is still to start from the scratch. One important thing is to realize that all other sectors have to put efforts to achieve emission reductions but agriculture is the only sector which by default reduces emissions. Agriculture through their photosynthesis activity is the only known technology in the world by which CO<sub>2</sub> is absorbed and converted to products like glucose. But the sector is driven by the poorest community i.e. farmers. How one can expect a farmer to be able to match with the capabilities required to register their efforts for this global movement called Climate Change. They are anyway and continue to contribute without any support. Like Energy & other industrial process sectors that are having all the capacities including financial resources, have achieved carbon credits beyond imagination. But in the entire process still agriculture sector is far behind.

The process of registering the project / activity which reduces emissions and claim carbon credits is very lengthy and tedious. Thought it has now scope for small players to join together and increase the feasibility of the project / activity but adaptability and dependability is still a big challenge. No government has ever thought for this sector to help them achieve rewards for their contribution towards Climate Change mitigation.

Is this justice to the saviours of our Climate?