Climate-Smart Agriculture: unblocking the potential through smart financing

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CSA: the scale of the market opportunity

Carbon markets have the potential to generate significant funding for CSA

\$2.678m

However ineligibility criteria for • certain credit types is restricting demand in key markets:

Fig 1. Scheme value comparison EU ETS B1188,4774m Spot and secondary markets J17,554,3m	Scheme / market	Eligible AFOLU activities	Ineligible AFOLU activities
	CDM	•manure management • urea offset •A/R •bio-energy	•REDD •soil carbon management
	EUETS	•manure management •urea offset •bio-energy	•REDD •soil carbon management •A/R
	Voluntary	•Manure management •urea offset •A/R •REDD •soil carbon management •bio-energy	
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- Will future compliance markets present opportunities?
- What is the size of the low carbon commodity market?
- NAMAs and other national schemes

> > > Voluntary

\$**338**m

Barriers to investment in CSA in Africa

Traditional

investment barriers:

- Market access
 Infrastructure
- Start-up costs
- Skills and knowledge •Land tenure
 - •Low productivity
 - Market volatility
- Harvest risk
 Small-scale/insufficient economies of scale

Lack of knowledge of CSA methods

> Expectations about carbon revenue

Lack of suitable carbon methodologies

Short-term opportunity cost of CSA practice adoption

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Permanence issues Uncertainty over compliance market opportunities Low voluntary market carbon price

High MRV and transaction costs

Early stage CSA investment is risky, which raises the minimum return required

Enabling actions to scale up CSA investment in Africa

1. Get the basics in place

Donor/host govt finance as <u>'patient capital'</u> to help farmers overcome barriers to entry (e.g. extension services)

2. Create PPPs (blend sources of finance)

To leverage private equity - funds structured to deliver commercial RoI **AND** climate-smart agricultural development

<u>Upside sharing</u> can replenish funds

Debt: partial risk loan guarantees can <u>transfer credit risks</u> from lender to guarantor (public body/insuror)

Public support <u>declines overtime</u>. Success = no support!?

3. CSA specific needs

CSA carbon methodologies and low cost MRV systems that support <u>landscape approaches</u> (and the REDD+ interface)

Donor supported "proof of concept" project development to inform compliance market legislation/'investment ready'

Understand the size of the low carbon commodity market





Thank you

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