

# Enhancing Disclosure and Credit Quality in Carbon Markets: The Role of Financial Regulators

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# 1. Information Disclosure: GHG Emission Reductions and Carbon Credits

### Importance of Information Disclosure

- Integrate climate risks and opportunities into corporate risk management, actionable planning and decisionmaking
  - Growing importance placed by large companies on emissions data from both suppliers' and clients.

- Enhanced investor understanding of the financial implications of climate change.
  - Effective market allocation of investment toward sustainable solutions, opportunities and business models

### **Global Trends in Climate Disclosure**

Multiple Disclosure Standards TCFD Guidelines (2017, 2021) ISSB
Standards
(June
2023)
Starting 2024~

TCFD: Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ISSB: International Sustainability Standards Board

### **Climate-Related Disclosure**

TCFD Guidelines

International Sustainability Standards
Board (ISSB)

IFRS S2 (Climate)

Asia: Australia; Bangladesh; Hong Kong, China; India; Japan, Malaysia; Pakistan; People's Republic of China; Republic of Korea; Singapore; Sri Lanka; the Philippines; Taipei, China; Thailand, etc.

### Metrics & Targets

- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets.
- GHG emissions data

Transition plan

 Strategies to achieve emissions reduction and other targets (engagement, Capex, Opex, etc.)

Climate Scenario Analysis  Long- and short-term analysis of business model resilience

# Disclosure of Emissions Targets (IFRS S2)

# Emissions Targets

- Clarify between a gross or net target
- If a net emissions target is chosen, separately disclose its gross target

### Carbon Credits

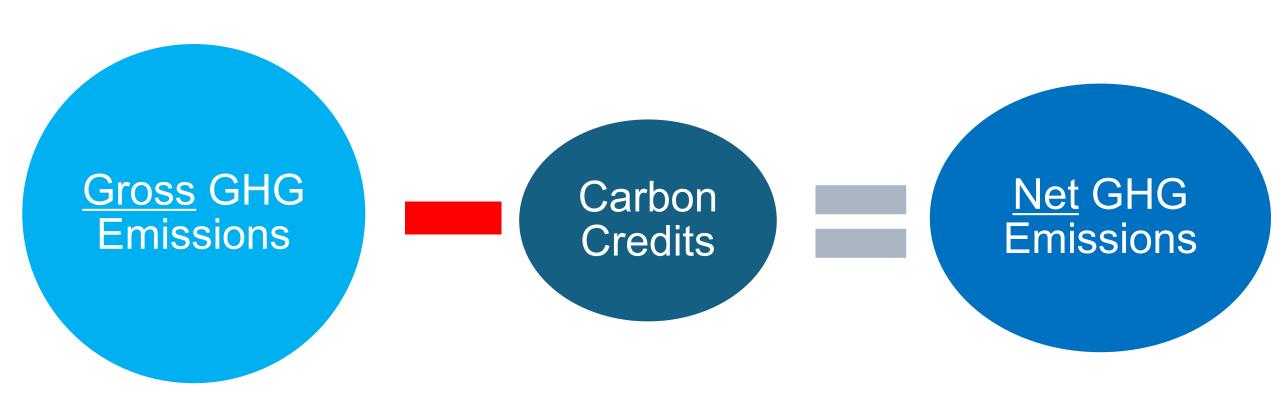
- Planned use of carbon credits to achieve net target
- Whether carbon credits are verified by third party

# Types of Credits

- Nature-based or technology-based
- Based on removals or reductions [avoidance], etc.

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# **Corporate Net Zero Emission Targets**



# **Question: Setting Gross and Net Emissions Targets**

Both Gross and Net Targets (17%) Mandate Gross and Net (50%)

Recommend Gross and Net (50%)

Setting Emissions Targets

Recommend Targets Without Specifying They are Gross and Net (25%)

Not Yet Decided (58%)

# 2. Improving the Integrity of Voluntary Carbon Markets in Asia

# Four Types of Carbon Projects

Type 2
Technology & Removal
(e.g., DAC)

Type 1
Technology & Avoidance

(e.g., Renewable Energy)

Type 4
Nature & Removal
(e.g., Reforestation)

Type 3
Nature & Avoidance
(e.g., Sustainable farming, land use)

# Risks Related to Mitigation Projects

Quality (e.g., Additionality)

No double counting & retiring

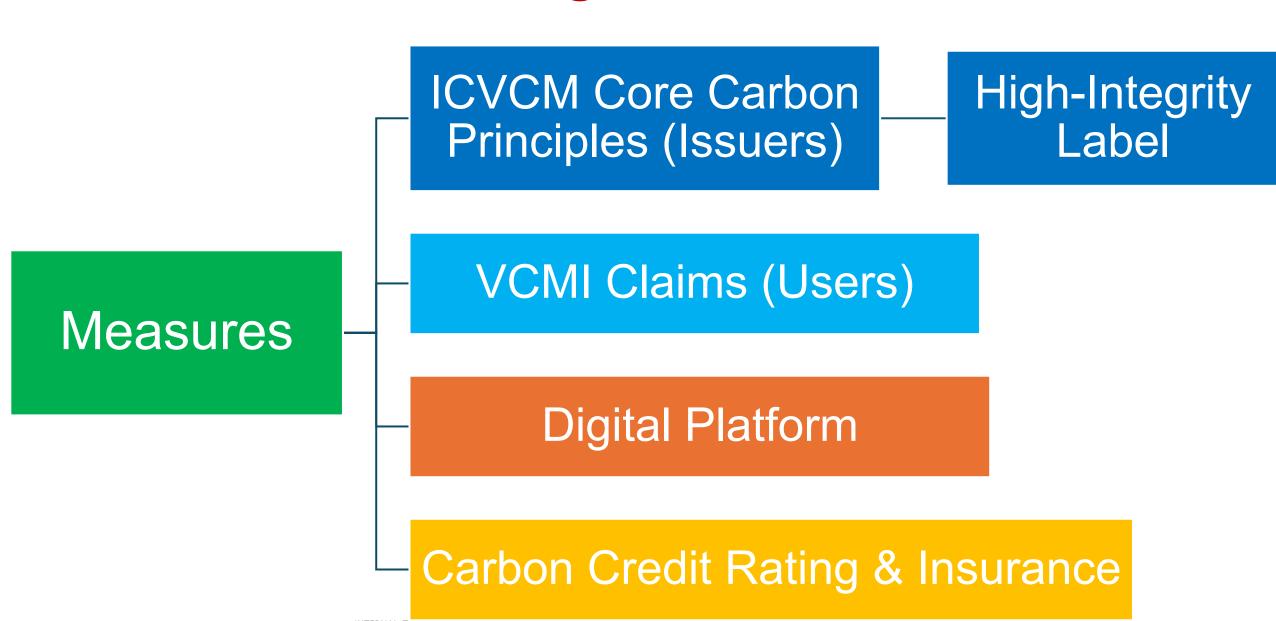
Leakage and reversibility risk

Monitoring

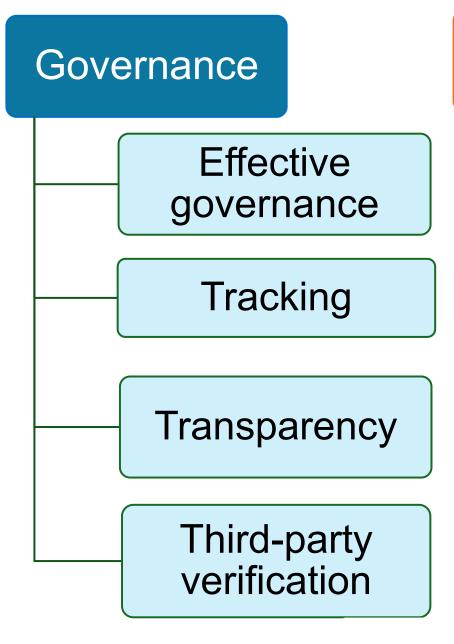
Credible verification

Impact on other issues (e.g., community, land, water usage)

# Measures to Mitigate Carbon Credit Risks



# **ICVCM 10 Core Carbon Principles (Issuers)**



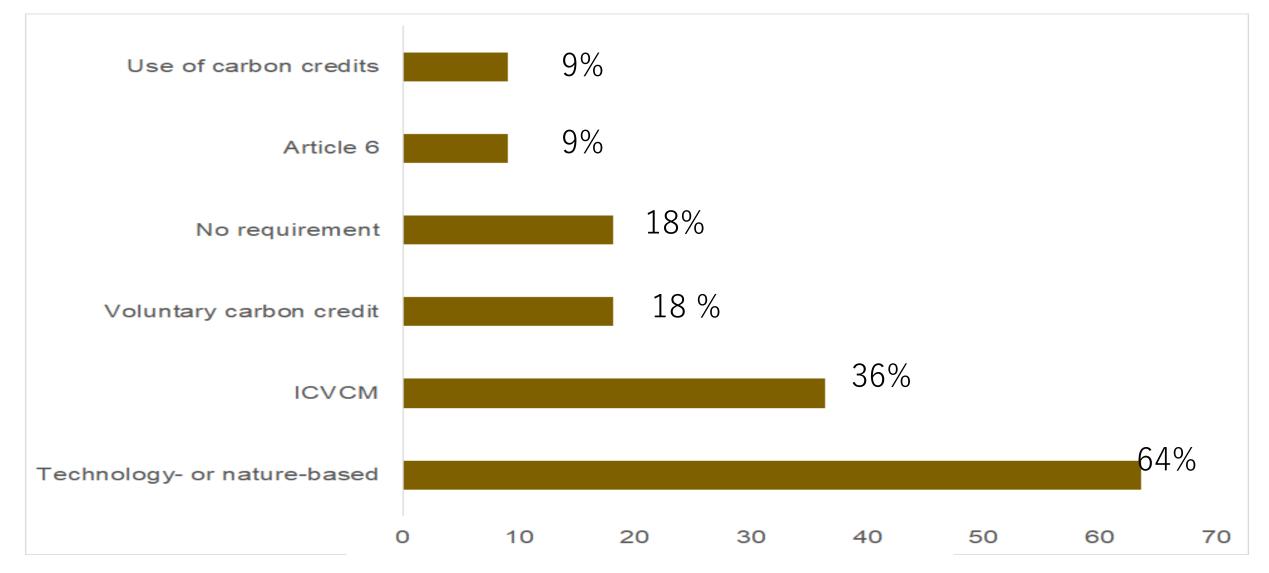
**Emissions** Impact Additionality Permanence Robust quantification No double accounting

Sustainable Impact

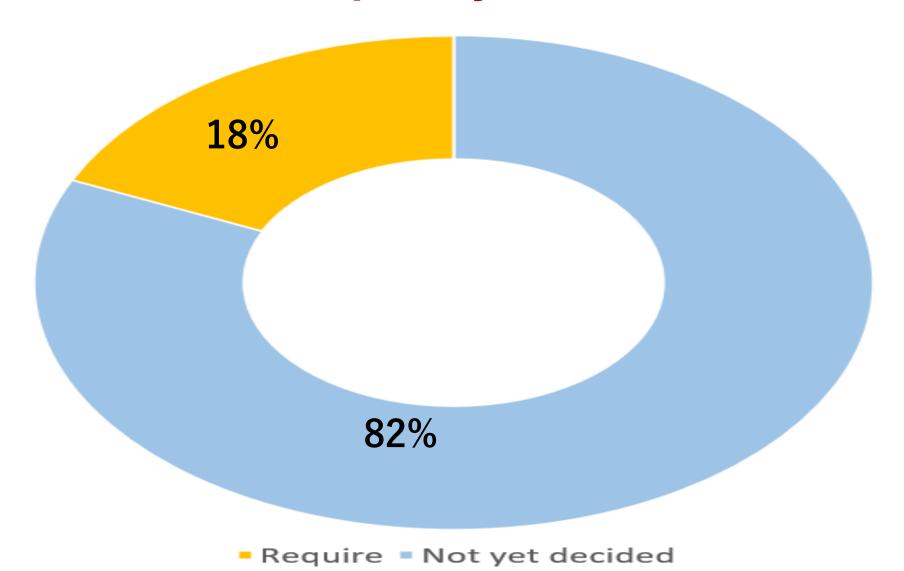
Sustainable development benefits

Contribution to net zero transition

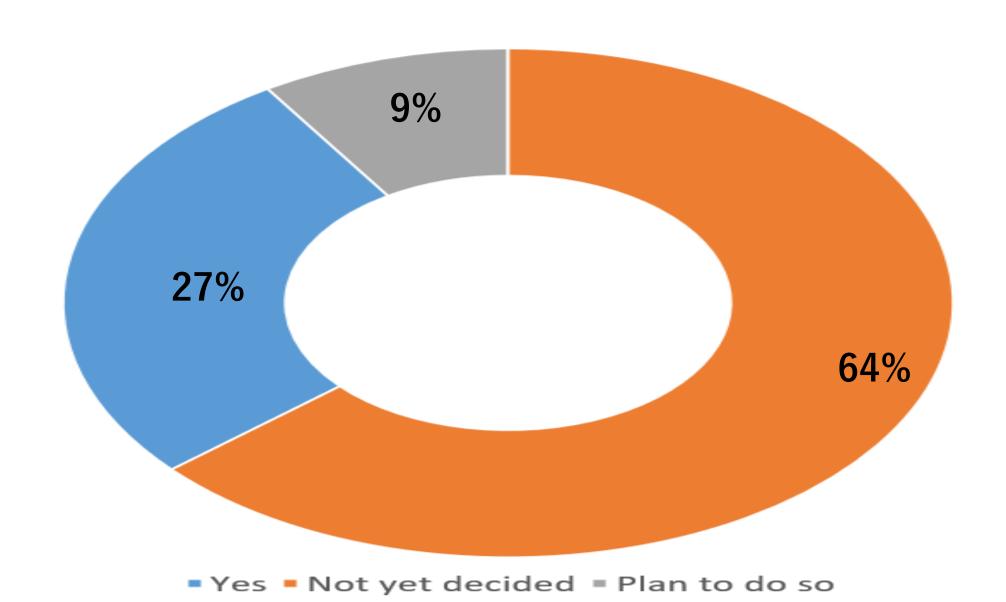
# Q1: Disclosure of Some Features of Carbon Credits in Relation to "Net" Targets (Multiple Options)



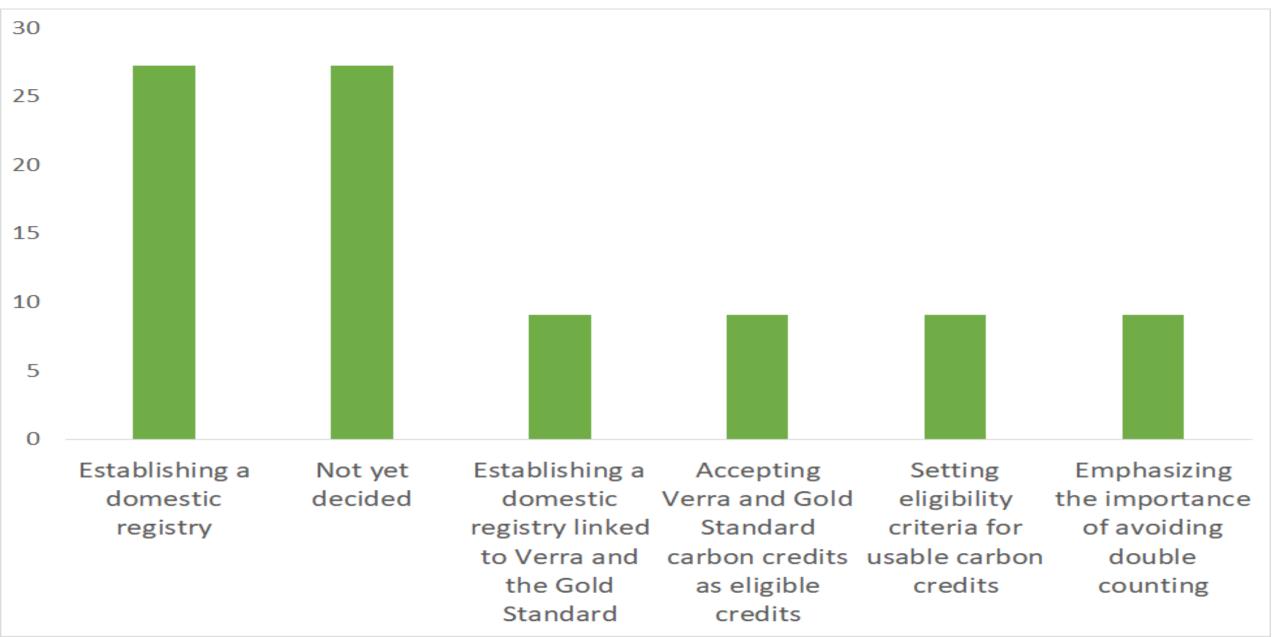
# Q2 Requiring or Plan to Require Core Carbon Principles Developed by ICVCM



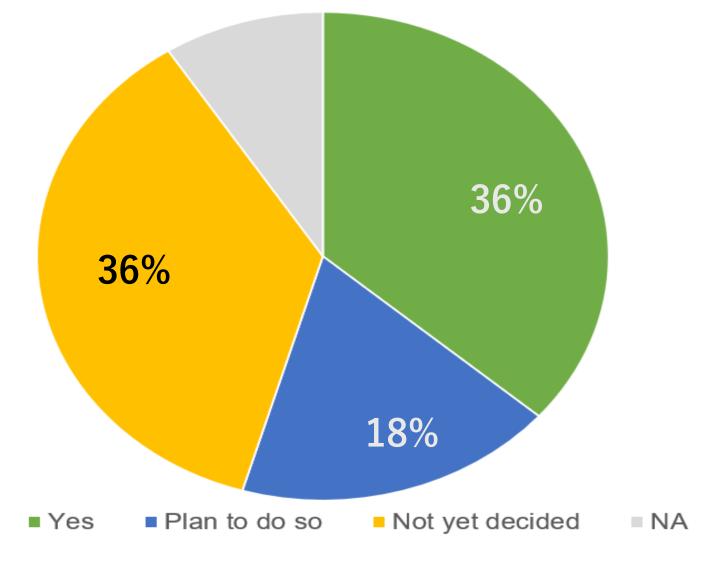
### Q3 E-Access to Information on VCM



# Q4: Measures to Improve the Quality (%)



# Q5 Adopting the Globally-Recognized Definition of "Additionality"



Projects would not have occurred in the absence of the incentive created by carbon credit revenues

### Government Initiatives in Asia: Malaysia

- •Bursa Malaysia operates the Bursa Carbon Exchange (BCX) since 2022.
- •The platform exclusively trades credits from internationally recognized standards such as Verra and Gold Standard.
- •In 2024, Securities Commission Malaysia and Bank Negara Malaysia developed a National Carbon Market Framework to enhance price transparency and credit traceability.
- •Market mechanisms and due diligence practices are increasingly aligned with ICVCM guidance.
- •A National Carbon Registry is under development to support tracking, reporting, and issuance of both voluntary and future compliance credits.

### Government Initiatives in Asia: Indonesia

- •The Indonesia Carbon Exchange (IDXCarbon) is operated by the Indonesia Stock Exchange since 2023.
- •All carbon credit projects must be registered with the National Registry System and meet eligibility rules defined by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry.
- •Projects are increasingly aligned with ICVCM Core Carbon Principles.
- •While Indonesia works with international standards such as Verra and Gold Standard, it requires pre-screening and government approval before foreign-issued credits can be used domestically.
- •The government plans to introduce a national carbon credit classification system to indicate credit quality, additionality, and co-benefits such as biodiversity or community development.

### Conclusions

#### 1. Disclosure is Foundational to Climate Action

 Many companies rely on carbon credits to meet net-zero targets. Clear disclosure of credit attributes is increasingly demanded by stakeholders.

#### 2. Voluntary Carbon Markets (VCMs) are Under Regulatory Oversight

 Although voluntary by nature, VCMs are now shaped by government interventions to improve credibility and NDC alignment.

#### 3. Global Principles are Guiding Market Integrity

• The ICVCM Core Carbon Principles and VCMI Claims Code offer voluntary markets a path to high-integrity standards. Financial regulators increasingly support convergence toward these global norms.

#### 4. A Regional Opportunity for Asia

 Asia could become a global leader in carbon markets. Regional harmonization will be key to scaling impact and mobilizing finance for credible climate action.

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