Commodity Markets: An untapped Solution in a Resource Constrained World

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Capital markets are driving climate action

- CDP provides 822 institutional investors representing > US$95 trillion in assets with carbon risk information
- >5,000 companies voluntarily report GHG data through CDP
- Stranded assets associated with fossil fuel holdings “awakened” markets to carbon risk
- Divestment + new low GHG financial products signal movement of financial capital away from carbon

Action previously driven by regulators is also being driven by investors
## Capital markets differ from compliance markets

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<td>Modality</td>
<td>Dynamic: No set target and market forces drive efficiency</td>
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Legal definitions have a significant role to play in facilitating the inclusion of carbon risk in capital markets.
Raw material inputs = unique opportunity

All commodities are not created equal

- Multiple commodity origins feed a global market
- Markets will differentiate (via price signal) where information is available & credible
- Circular inputs (generally) have lower impact

Source: authors’ calculations

Note: Unlike the other OCI test oils, Cold Lake dilbit is not comprised of a full barrel of oil. It is about 75 percent bitumen mixed with diluent to allow it to flow.

INTEGRITY is the road & SCALE is the destination

Information integrity & transferability at scale is critical for inclusion of environmental metrics in global markets

• Standards & Legal definitions must be:
  – Globally accepted
  – Applied programmatically
  – Simultaneously foundational & dynamic
New tools enable transformation

**Mobile Technology**
- GPS & remote tracking
- Real-time information feeds

**Blockchain**
- Global, transparent & secure registry for environmental metrics
- Reduced transaction fees, quicker settlement, mobile payment

**Big Data Analytics**
- Large, secondary data sets (i.e. satellite imagery) can verify primary data

**Global Solution Networks**
- Online collaboration tools and networks
Integrating environmental metrics and commodity markets

1. CIF System leverages several types of GSNs, e.g.:
   • Operational & Delivery
   • Knowledge
   • Standards
   • Platforms

2. Apply standards through a robust, pre-qualification process for market producers to determine specific impacts

3. Utilize secondary data sets according to stipulated verification processes to confirm integrity of data associated with production

4. Place environmental data into blockchain format, creating a transparent, secure and global “registry” for environmental metrics accessible to commodity market participants

5. Let market forces work
Global markets react to information via price signals

• In a resource constrained world where resource intensity equates to financial risk, markets will value carbon efficiency

• The principle is particularly relevant for raw material inputs with multiple points of origin flowing into the global market

• Standards, Legal and Operational definitions are critical components in harnessing the power of the markets to curb GHG emissions

>800 kg CO₂e/bbl

~450 kg CO₂e/bbl

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Standards & Legal definitions for intangible attributes will quickly become the new frontier

The concept of integrating intangible attributes within existing global markets creates new challenges:

- How will standards & legal definitions be established, applied and transferred across owners and/or geographic jurisdictions over time?
- How can buyers of low carbon attributes be assured of the validity of their products?
- How will intangible attributes be incorporated into international treaties?
Harnessing the power of the global market economy to address the challenges of climate change, water scarcity and equitable human rights is a daunting task.

Mobilizing multi-stakeholder communities with the intention of creating the standards and legal definitions necessary to integrate “intangible impacts” into existing global market mechanisms requires mass collaboration within an established & trusted framework.

GSN is leading the way.
Thank You.

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