

# Third Party Audit for GHG Projects

## Training for TPE Candidates



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- Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)
- Registration of Methodology
- PDD and Registration as a JCM project
- Monitoring and Issue of Credit
- Validation and Verification

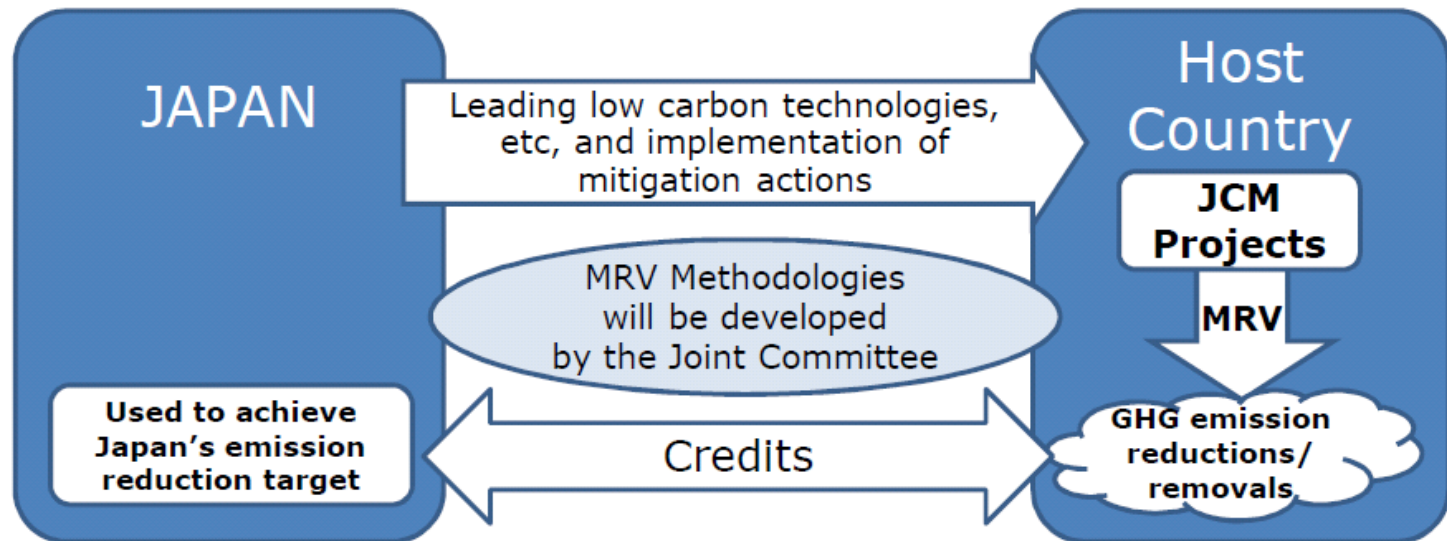
# 1. Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)

# Basic Concept of the JCM

Facilitating diffusion of leading low carbon technologies, products, systems, services, and infrastructure as well as implementation of mitigation actions, and contributing to sustainable development of developing countries.

Appropriately evaluating contributions to GHG emission reductions or removals from Japan in a quantitative manner, by applying measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) methodologies, and use them to achieve Japan's emission reduction target.

Contributing to the ultimate objective of the UNFCCC by facilitating global actions for GHG emission reductions or removals, complementing the CDM.



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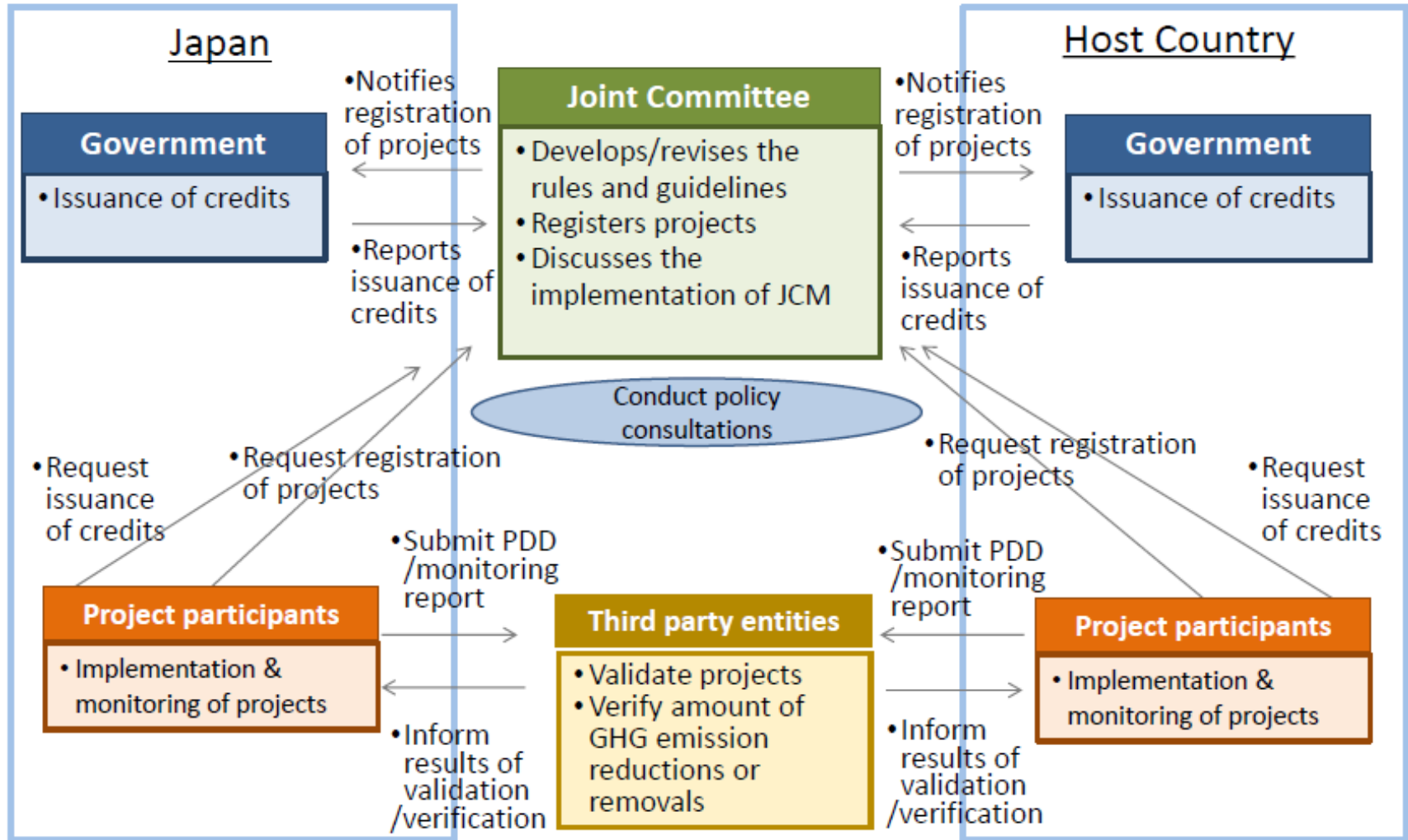
# Features of the JCM

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- (1) The JCM starts its operation as the non-tradable credit type mechanism.
- (2) Both Governments continue consultation for the transition to the tradable credit type mechanism and reach a conclusion at the earliest possible timing, taking account of implementation of the JCM.
- (3) The JCM aims for concrete contributions to assisting adaptation efforts of developing countries after the JCM is converted to the tradable credit type mechanism.
- (4) The JCM covers the period until a possible coming into effect of a new international framework under the UNFCCC.

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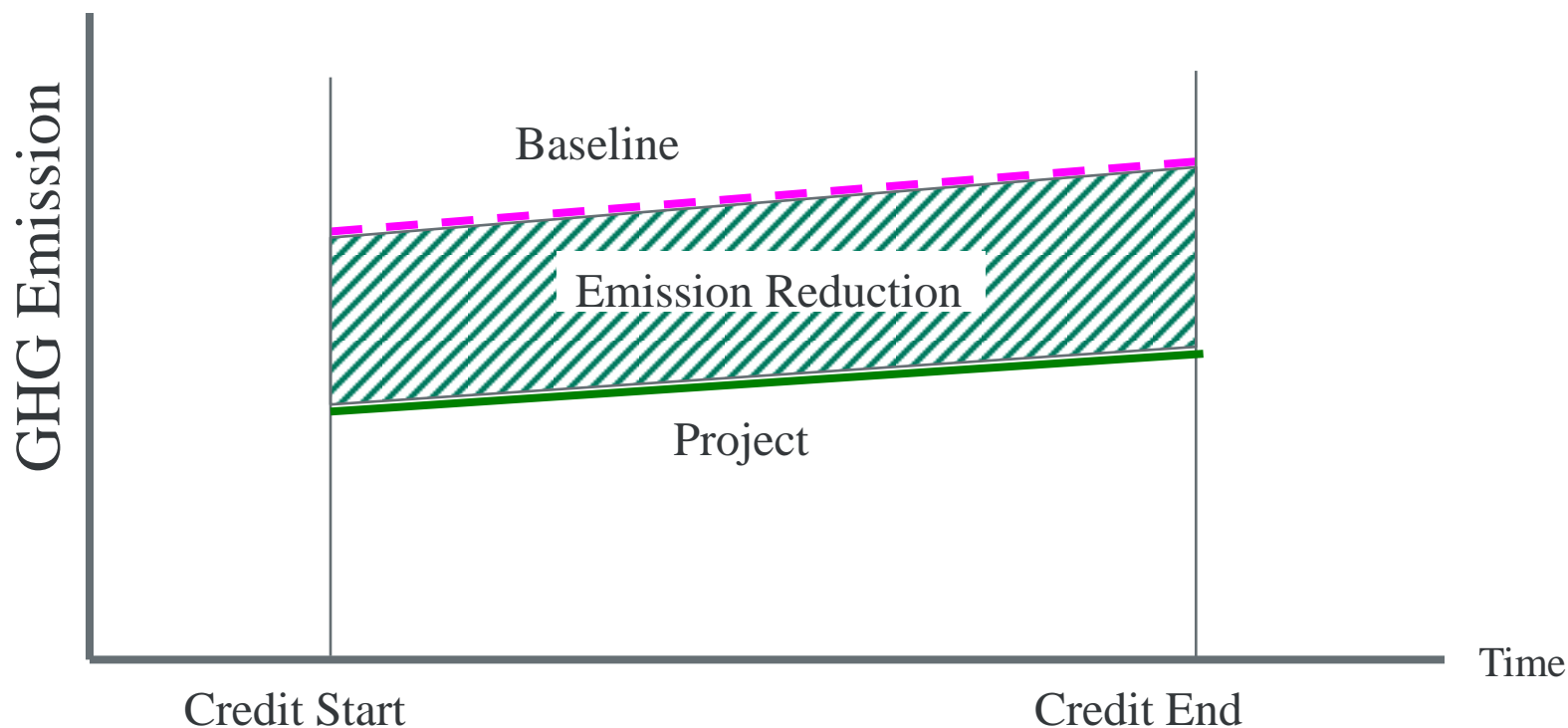
# Governance Scheme of the JCM



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# Basic Concept for Crediting under the JCM

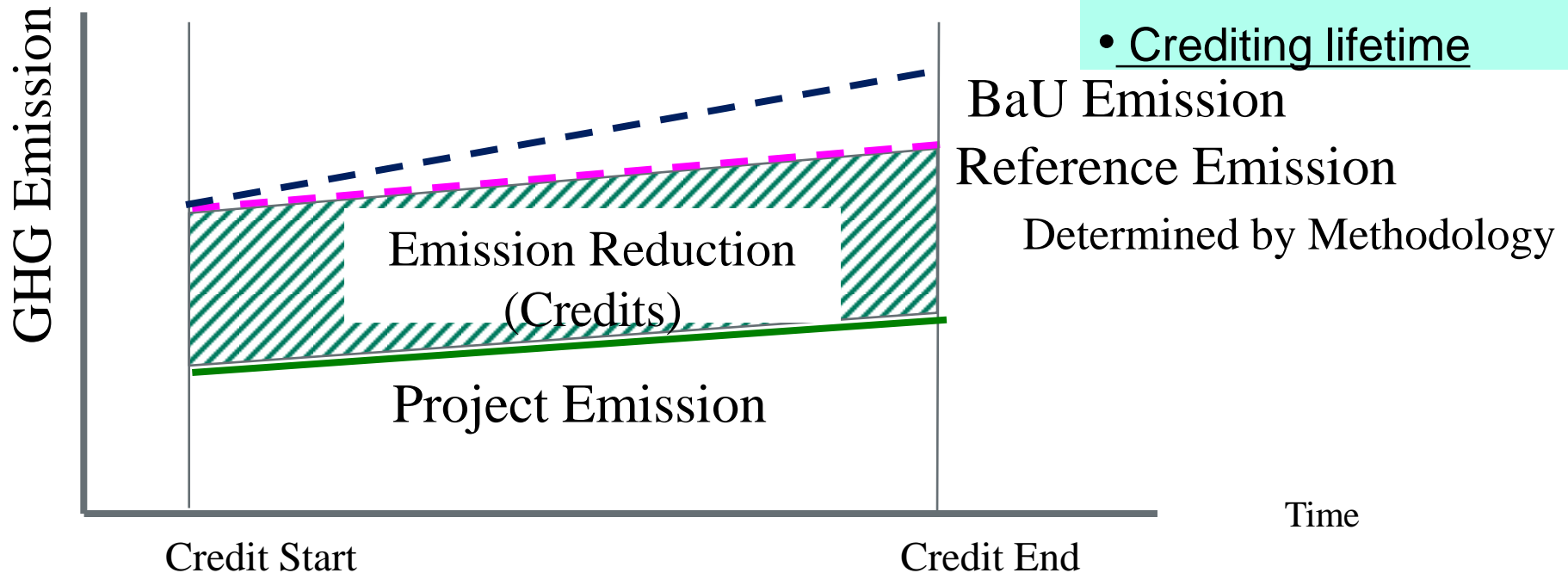
- Emission reduction is determined by;
- Baseline level
  - Crediting lifetime



# Basic Concept for Crediting under the JCM

JCM ⇒ Emission reduction is determined by;

- Reference level
- Crediting lifetime



Reduce the burden of

- ✓ Analyzing hypothetical scenarios
- ✓ Demonstration of additionality

Increase transparency for calculation of GHG emission reductions.

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# Basic Concept for Crediting under the JCM

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## Reference Emissions

Emission reductions to be credited are defined as the difference between “reference emissions” and project emissions.

The reference emissions are calculated below business-as-usual (BaU) emissions which represent plausible emissions in providing the same outputs or service level of the proposed JCM project in the host country.

This approach will ensure a net decrease and/or avoidance of GHG emissions.

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# Documents for the JCM

		Rules and Guidelines
Overall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules of Implementation</li> <li>• Project Cycle Procedure</li> <li>• Glossary of Terms</li> <li>• Guidelines for Designation as a Third-Party Entity (TPE guidelines)</li> </ul>
Joint Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules of Procedures for the Joint Committee (JC rules)</li> </ul>
Methodology		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for Developing Proposed Methodology (methodology guidelines)</li> </ul>
Project Procedures	Developing a PDD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report (PDD and monitoring guidelines)</li> </ul>
	Monitoring	
	Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for Validation and Verification (VV guidelines)</li> </ul>
	Verification	

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# Templates for the JCM

	Templates
<b>Methodology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed Methodology Form</li><li>• Approved Methodology Revision Request Form</li></ul>
<b>Project Planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project Design Document Form</li><li>• Project Registration Request Form</li><li>• Proposed Methodology Spreadsheet Form</li><li>• Modalities of Communication Statement Form</li></ul>
<b>Project Implementation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Post-Registration Changes Request Form</li><li>• Registration Request Withdrawal Form</li><li>• Project Withdrawal Request Form</li><li>• Credits Issuance Request Form</li><li>• Issuance Request Withdrawal Form</li></ul>
<b>TPE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application Form for Designation as a Third-Party Entity</li><li>• Validation Report Form</li><li>• Verification Report Form</li></ul>

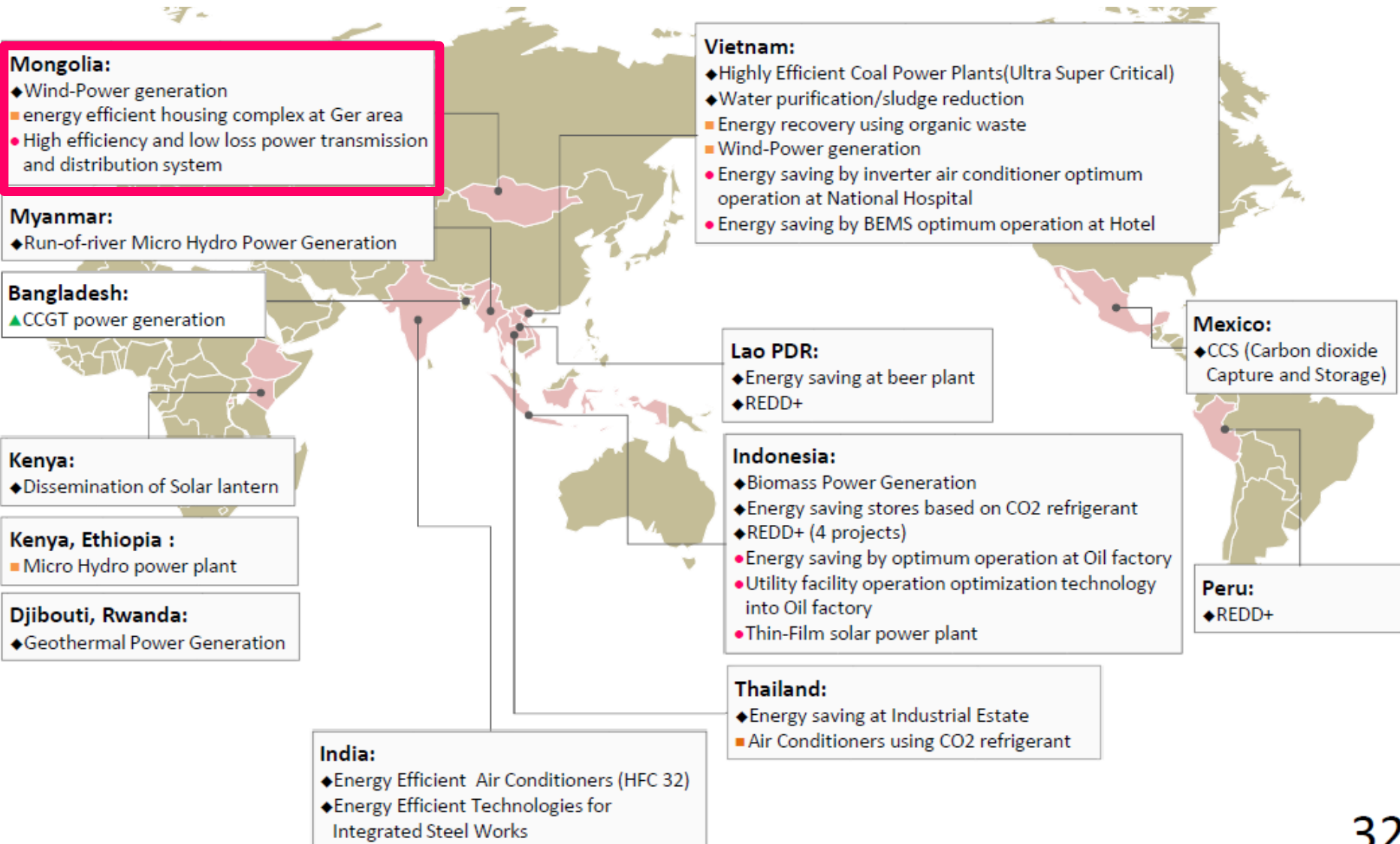
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## Sectoral Scopes

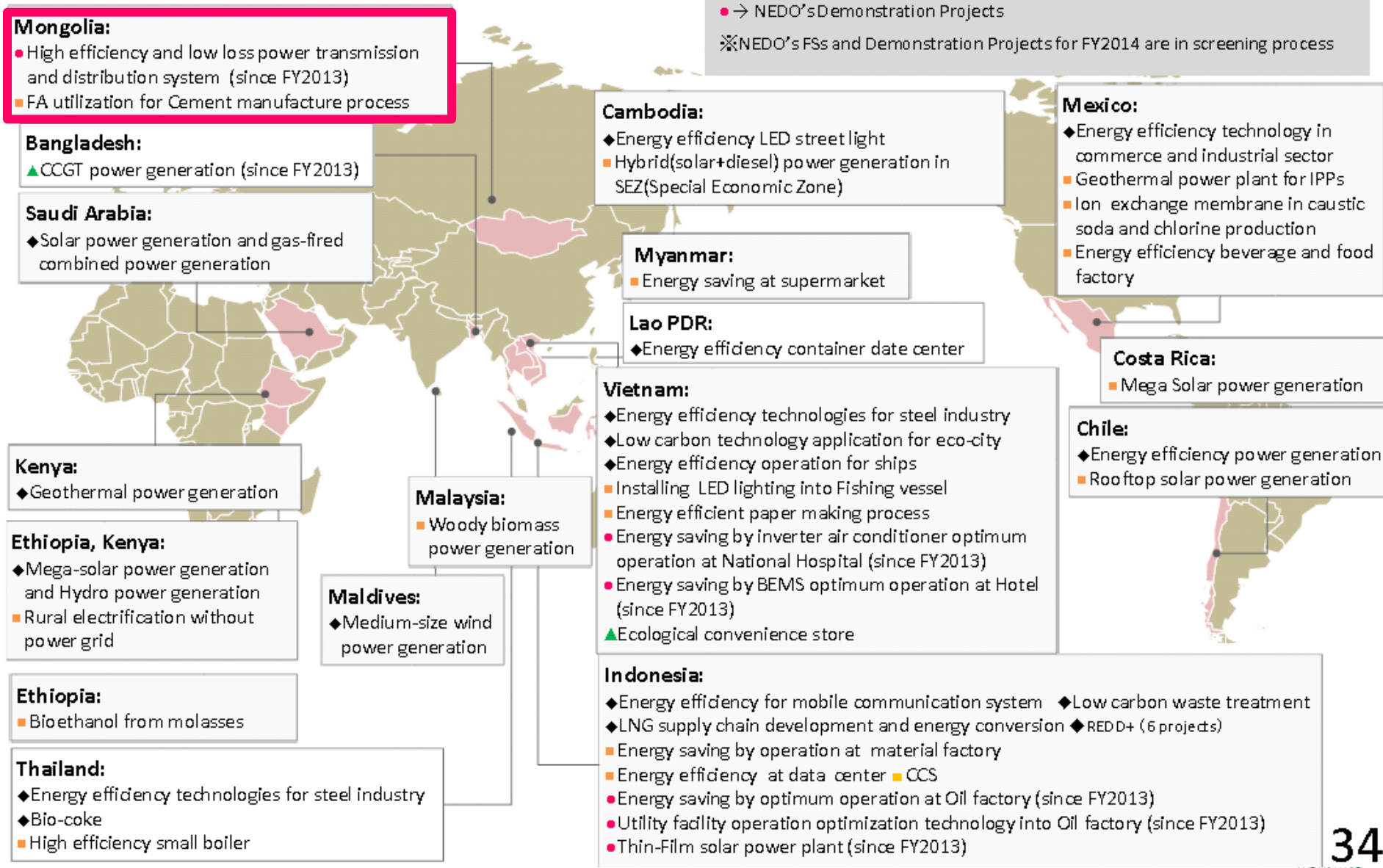
1. Energy industries (renewable - / non-renewable sources)
2. Energy distribution
3. Energy demand
4. Manufacturing industries
5. Chemical industry
6. Construction
7. Transport
8. Mining/Mineral production
9. Metal production
10. Fugitive emissions from fuels (solid, oil and gas)
11. Fugitive emissions from production and consumption of halocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride
12. Solvents use
13. Waste handling and disposal
14. Afforestation and reforestation
15. Agriculture

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# JCM Japan project (FY2013)

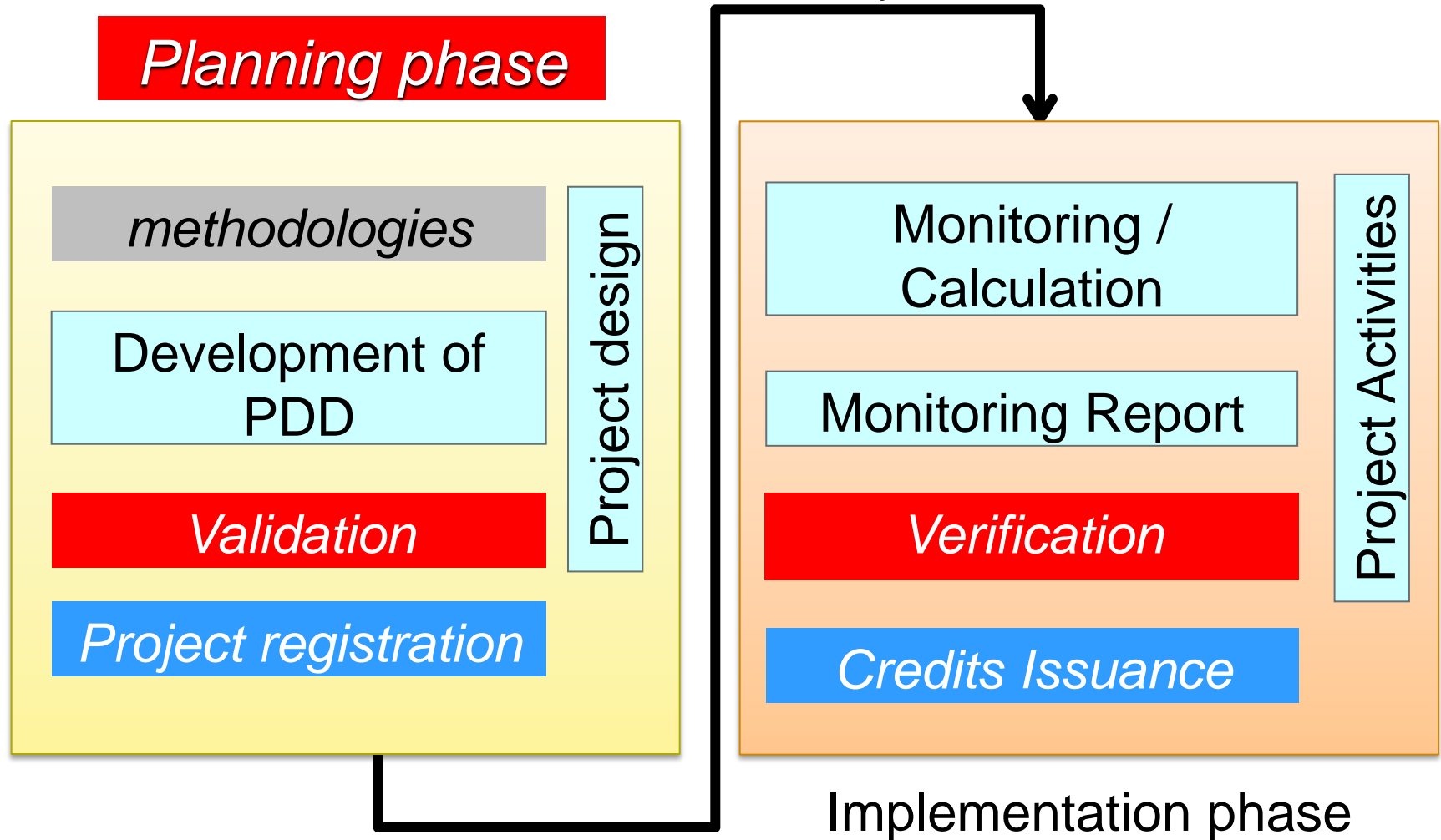


# JCM Japan project (FY2014)



## 2. Registration of Methodology

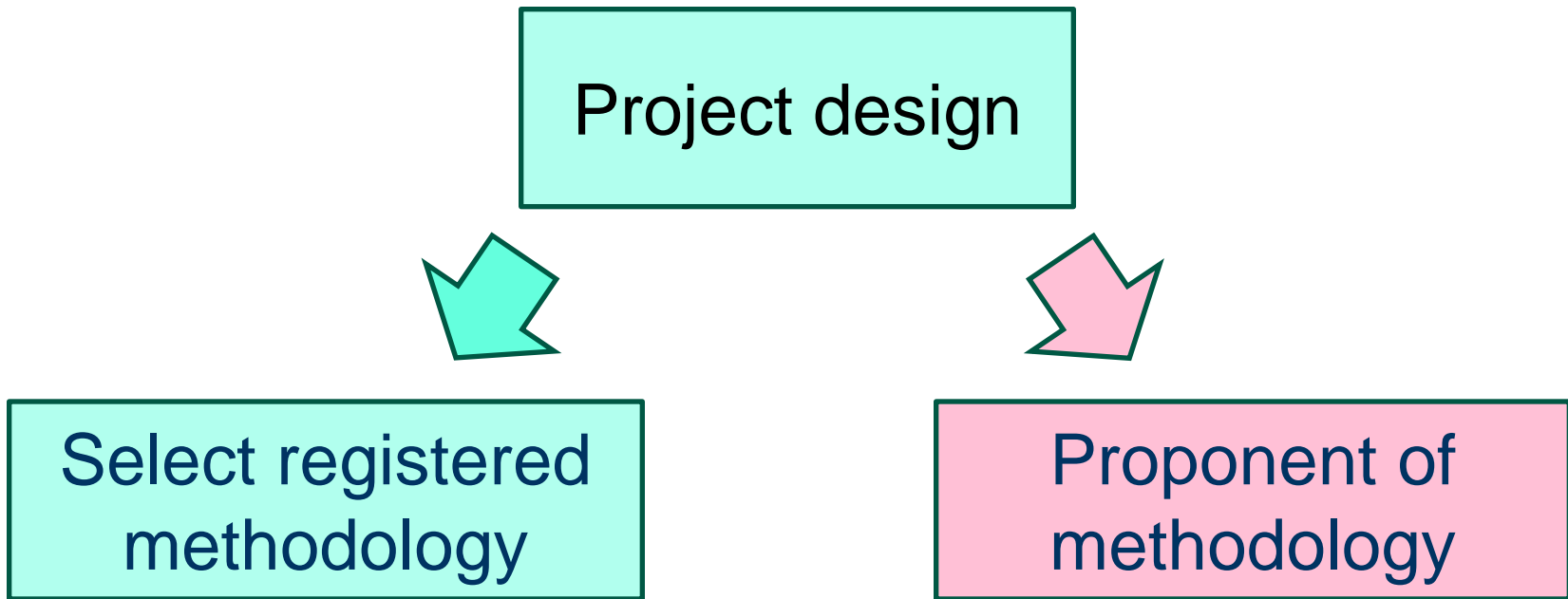
# Implementation of GHG Project





# JCM Methodology

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Step: Registration of Methodologies

*Submits a proposed methodology.*

*Completeness check by Secretariat.*

Within 7 calendar days

*Publicly available for public comments.*

15 calendar days

*Review the proposed methodology by Secretariat.*

*Submit the outcomes to the JC.*

*Conclusion by JC.*

Within calendar 60 days

- Approval
- Approval with revision
- Non-approval

*PPs*

*TPE*

*JC*

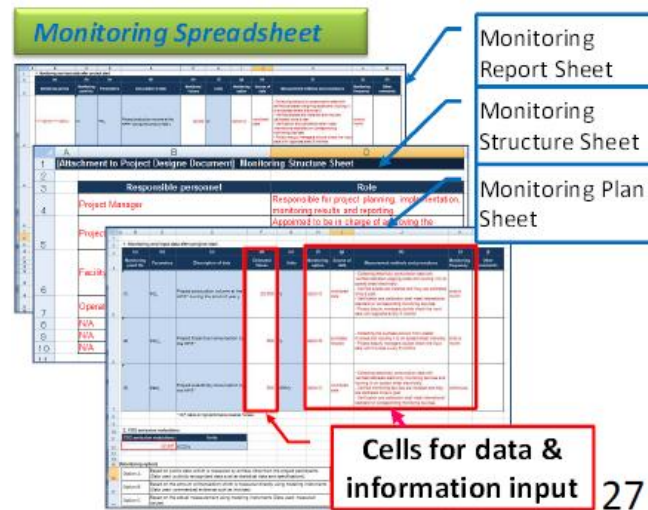
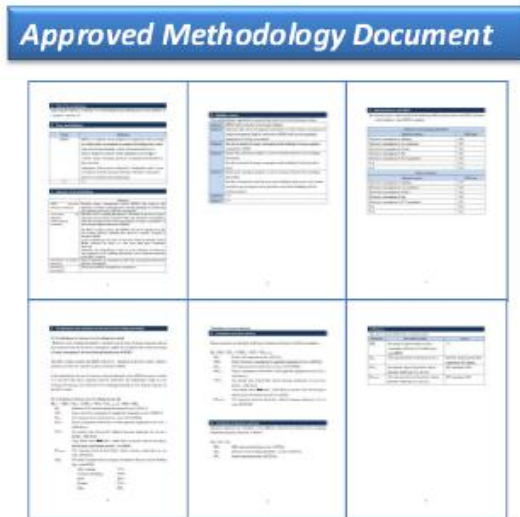
*Publicly available the outcome.*

Within 5 calendar days

# JCM Methodology

JCM methodology consists of the followings.

- ❑ Approved Methodology Document
- ❑ Monitoring Spreadsheet
  - Monitoring Plan Sheet (including Input Sheet & Calculation Process Sheet)
  - Monitoring Structure Sheet
  - Monitoring Report Sheet (including Input Sheet & Calculation Process Sheet)



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# JCM Methodology

Easily to use for project participants and verifier.

To reduce monitoring burden ⇒ default values, conservative manner.

Eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A “check list” will allow easy determination of eligibility of a proposed project under the JCM and applicability of JCM methodologies to the project.</li></ul>
Data (parameter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• List of parameters will inform project participants of what data is necessary to calculate GHG emission reductions/removals with JCM methodologies.</li><li>• Default values for specific country and sector are provided beforehand.</li></ul>
Calculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Premade spreadsheets will help calculate GHG emission reductions/removals automatically by inputting relevant values for parameters, in accordance with methodologies.</li></ul>

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## Eligibility criteria;

All the criteria have to be met

### Criteria 1

The requirements in order to be registered as a JCM project.

#### Examples,

Regarding the electrolysis of brine, the ion-exchange membrane method is employed in electrolyzers in place of the mercury method.

The cation exchange membrane used for this brine electrolysis is a laminate that incorporates a porous base material made of woven fabric, and has either of the following features: (i) surface contour composed of protrusions of the porous base material directed toward the anode side that are at least 1/2 of the thickness of the porous base material, or (ii) grooves on the surface of the laminate's porous base material.

### Criteria 2

The requirements to be able to apply the JCM methodology.

#### Examples

Power consumption of the existing electrolyzer of mercury method is monitored and the specific electricity consumption of the electrolyzer over the past three years, up to the year previous to the year the draft PDD was submitted for validation, can be calculated

## Guidance for

### 1. Calculation for emission reductions

- Emission sources
- Reference emissions
- Project emissions
- Emission reductions
- Data and parameters fixed ex ante

### 2. Monitoring and reporting.

- Procedures
- List of data and parameters monitored

# JCM Methodology

## Registered methodologies (Example)

#	Name	Country	Sectoral scope:
MN_AM001	Installation of energy-saving transmission lines in the Mongolian Grid	Mongolia	02
ID_AM001	Power Generation by Waste Heat Recovery in Cement Industry	Indonesia	01
ID_AM002	Energy Saving by Introduction of High Efficiency Centrifugal Chiller	Indonesia	03
ID_AM003	Installation of Energy-efficient Refrigerators Using Natural Refrigerant at Food Industry Cold Storage and Frozen Food Processing Plant	Indonesia	03
ID_AM004	Installation of Inverter-Type Air Conditioning System for Cooling for Grocery Store	Indonesia	03
MN_AM002	Replacement and Installation of High Efficiency Heat Only Boiler (HOB) for Hot Water Supply Systems	Mongolia	01
PW_AM001	Displacement of Grid and Captive Genset Electricity by a Small-scale Solar PV System	Palau	01
VN_AM001	Transportation energy efficiency activities by installing digital tachograph systems	Viet Nam	07
VN_AM002	Introduction of Room Air Conditioners Equipped with Inverters	Viet Nam	03
VN_AM003	Improving the energy efficiency of commercial buildings by utilization of high efficiency equipment	Viet Nam	03
MV_AM001	Displacement of Grid and Captive Genset Electricity by Solar PV System	Maldives	01

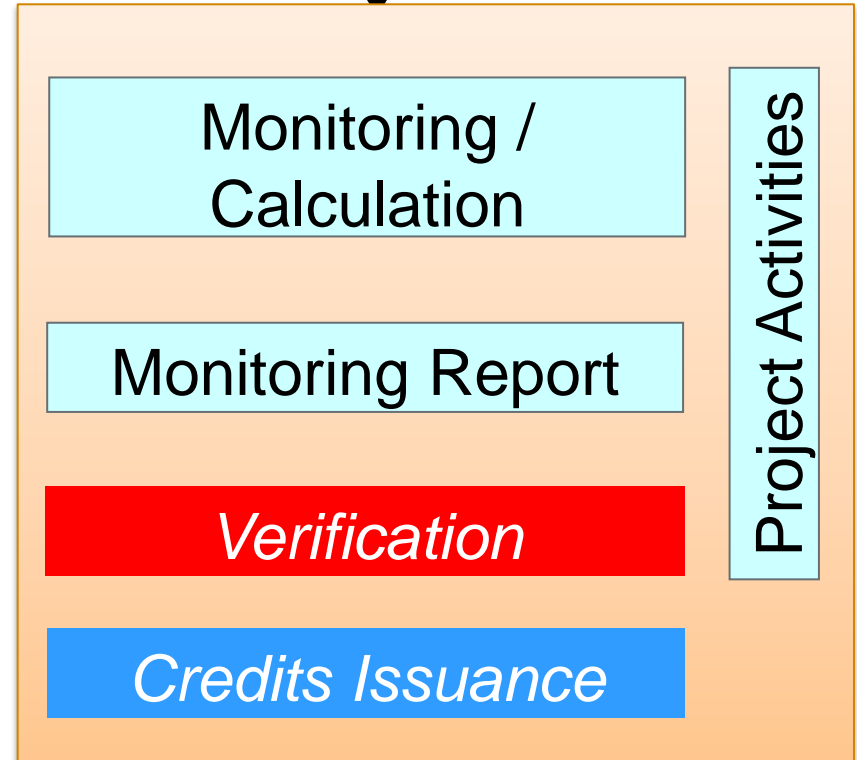
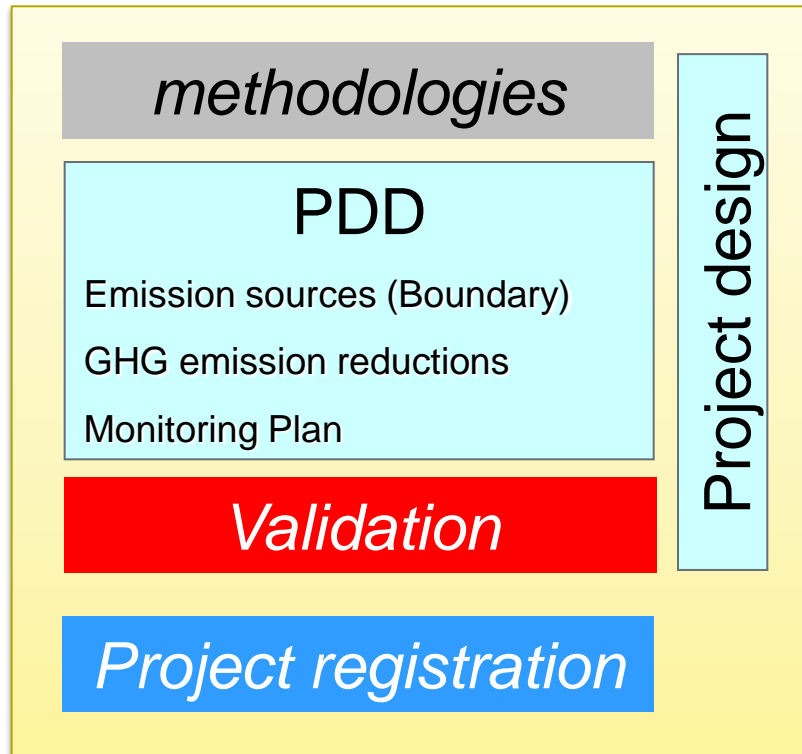
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### 3. PDD and Registration as a JCM project

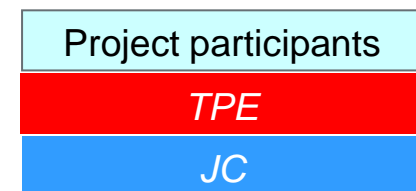


# Reporting of GHG Project

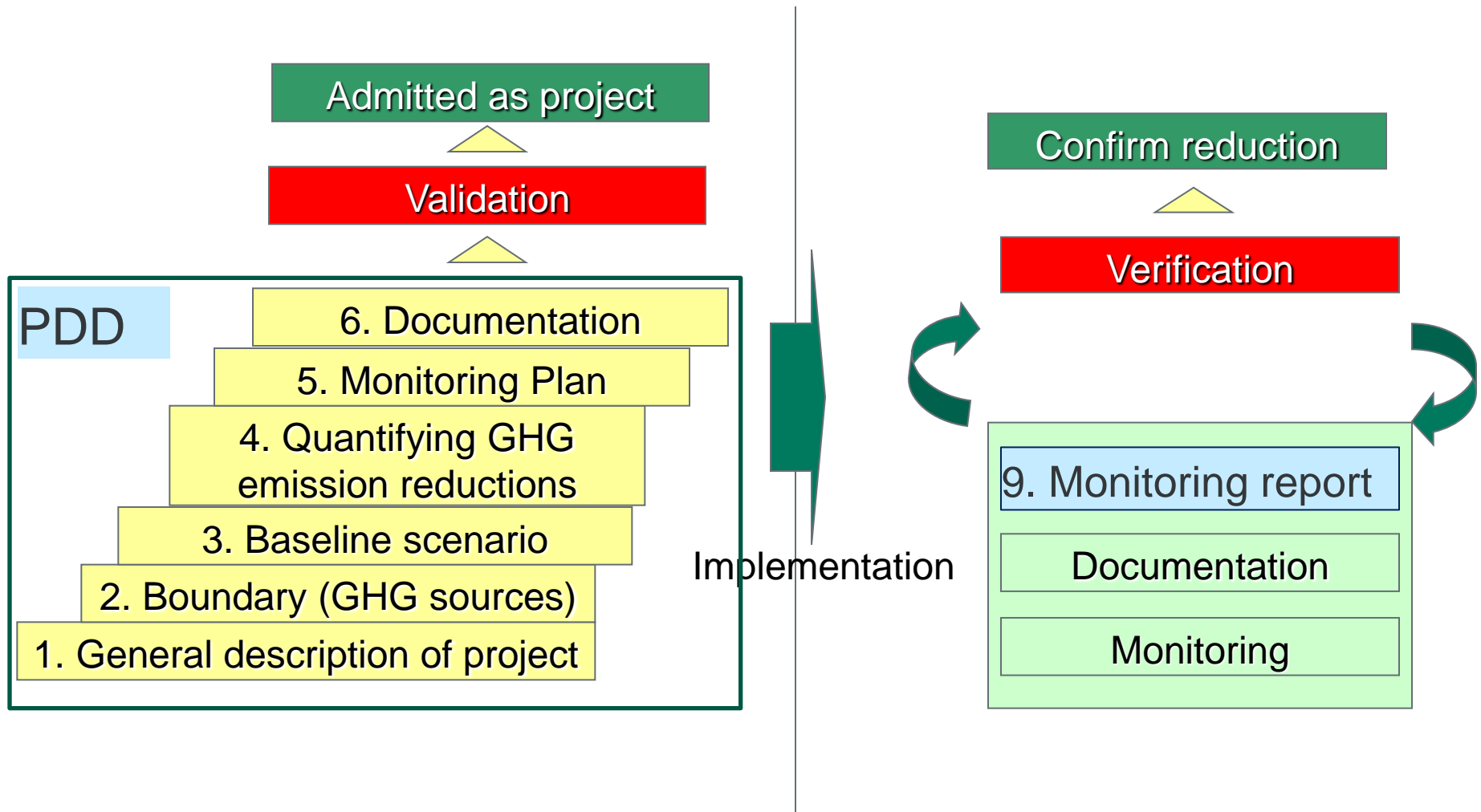
## Planning phase



## Implementation phase



# Reporting of GHG Project



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# Principles of Reporting of GHG Projects

## Principles

### Relevance

Select GHG sources, GHG sinks, GHG reservoirs, data and methodologies appropriate to the needs of the intended user.

### Completeness

Include all relevant GHG emissions and removals.  
Include all relevant information to support criteria and procedures.

### Consistency

Enable meaningful comparisons in GHG-related information.

# Principles of Reporting of GHG Projects

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## Principles

### Accuracy

Reduce bias and uncertainties as far as practical.

### Transparency

Disclose sufficient and appropriate GHG-related information to allow intended users to make decisions with reasonable confidence.

### Conservativeness

Use conservative assumptions, values and procedures to ensure that GHG emission reductions or removal enhancements are not over-estimated.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Step: PDD development

*Draft PDD and submits to TPE and JC secretariat.*

*Issues a unique reference number by JC secretariat*

30 calendar days (calling for public comments)

*Publicly available through the JCM website for public comments.*

Name of the proposed JCM project  
Location of the proposed JCM project  
Name of all project participants  
Name of the TPE for validation  
Estimated annual ERs o removals  
Name of an approved methodology applied  
Proposed starting date and operation period

*Validation*

*PPs*

*TPE*

*JC*

# Project Design Document (PDD)

**PDD**

**Monitoring Structure**

**Monitoring Plan**

Roles and responsibilities of personnel for monitoring should be described

Cells for data input (ex ante)

Other necessary information on parameters to be monitored are:

- Monitoring options
- Source of data
- Measurement methods and procedures
- Monitoring frequency

Responsible personnel	Role
Project Manager	Responsible for project planning, implementation, monitoring results and reporting.
Project Deputy Managers	Appointed to be in charge of approving the archived data after being checked and corrected when necessary.
	Appointed to be in charge of monitoring (ex ante data collection and storage) includes:

PDD

- A. Project Description
- B. Application of approved methodology
- C. Emission Reduction
- D. Environmental impact assessment
- E. Local stakeholder consultation

Others,

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Excel sheet for Monitoring and calculation

Refer to “Joint Crediting Mechanism Guidelines for Developing Project Design Document and Monitoring Report”

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# 4<sup>th</sup> Step: Registration

*Receives a positive opinion from TPE*

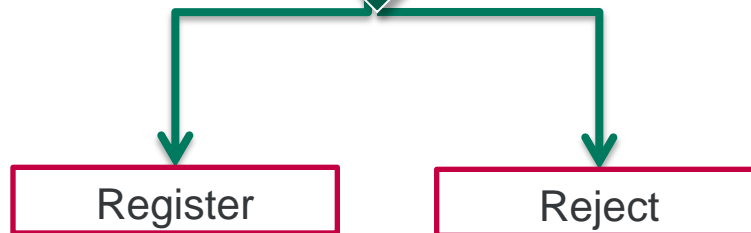
*Requests for registration*

*Publicly available though the JCM website*

*Conducts completeness check*

*Reviews the submitted documents by PPs.*

*Decides whether to register the proposed JCM project*



within 7 calendar days.

*PPs*

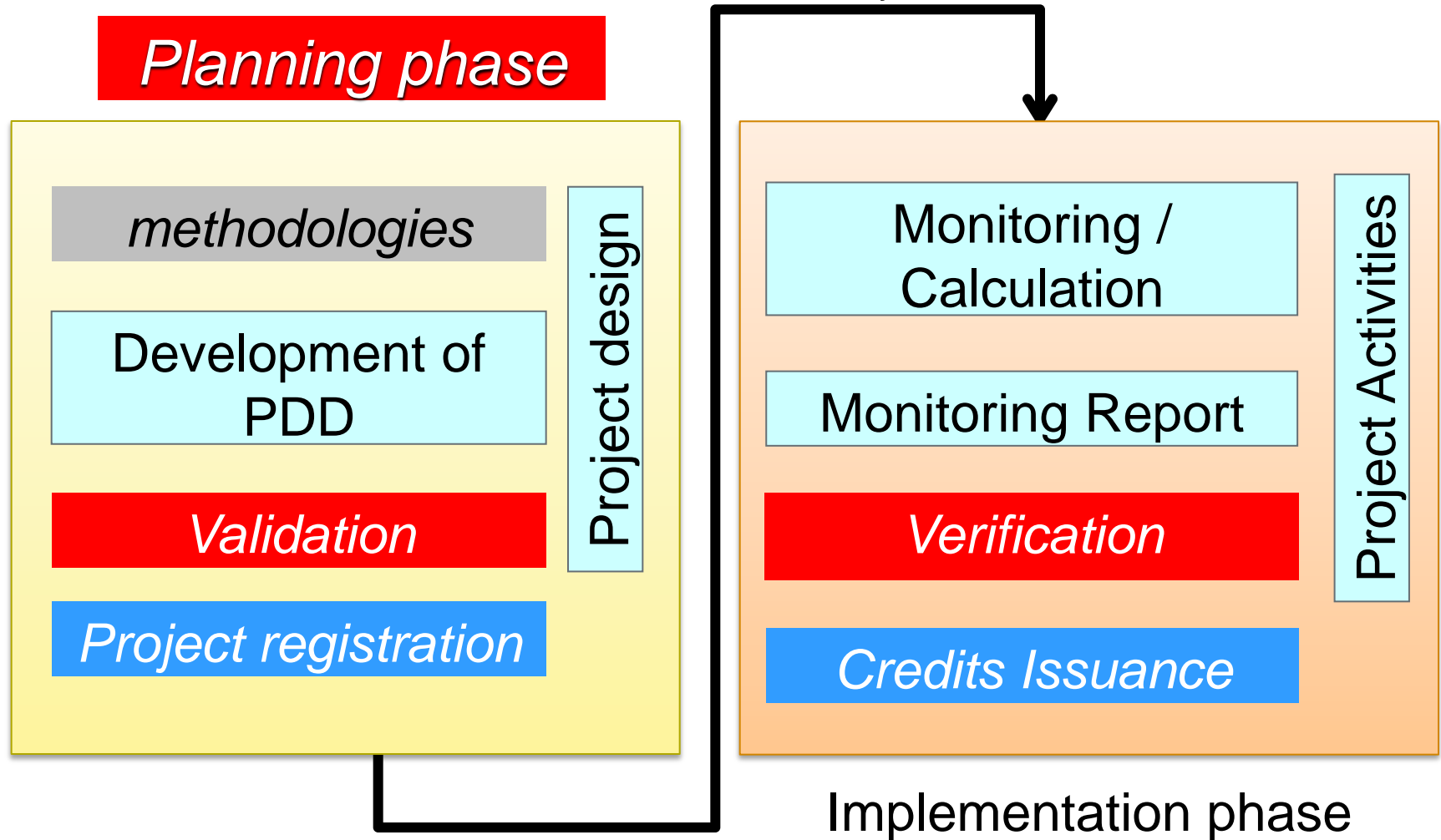
*TPE*

*JC*

## 4. Monitoring and Issue of Credit



# Implementation of GHG Project



# 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Step: Monitoring and Report

Conduct monitoring in line with the monitoring plan of the registered PDD

## Making a Monitoring Report

- Made by filling cells for data input (ex post) in the Monitoring Report Sheet with monitored values.
- Prepare supporting documents which include evidence for stated values in the cells for data input.

Monitoring Report Sheet (input sheet) (or verification)										
Table 1. Description of data	PDD No.	Parameters	Description of data	Measurement Value	Date	Source of data	Measurement methods and procedures			Other comments
							Method	Frequency	Location	
Verification	01	GHG <sub>2</sub>	Project-level fuel consumption during the period of year y	4,200 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	2020/01	Supplier records	Company records (fuel consumption records) are used to calculate the total fuel consumption. The total fuel consumption is multiplied by the emission factor (EF) to calculate the total GHG <sub>2</sub> emissions. The EF is based on the latest IPCC data.	NA	NA	NA
Verification	02	GHG <sub>3</sub>	Project electricity consumption during the period of year y	6,000 MWh <sub>2</sub>	2020/01	Supplier records	Electricity consumption data with meter readings is used to calculate the total electricity consumption. The meter readings are converted to the standard unit (MWh) and multiplied by the emission factor (EF) to calculate the total GHG <sub>3</sub> emissions. The EF is based on the latest IPCC data.	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	GHG <sub>4</sub>	Project GHG emissions during the period of year y	10200 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	2020/01	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	GHG <sub>5</sub>	Project total GHG emissions during the period of year y	10200 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	2020/01	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	GHG <sub>6</sub>	Project total GHG emissions during the period of year y	10200 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	2020/01	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Table 2. Project-specific parameters based on year

Parameters	Description of data	Estimated Value	Date	Source of data	Other comments
EF <sub>GHG2</sub>	GHG <sub>2</sub> emission factor (based on the latest IPCC data)	25.0 tCO <sub>2</sub> e/t	2020/01	IPCC data	
EF <sub>GHG3</sub>	GHG <sub>3</sub> emission factor (based on the latest IPCC data)	0.4 tCO <sub>2</sub> e/MWh	2020/01	IPCC data	

Table 3. Project-level GHG emissions calculation

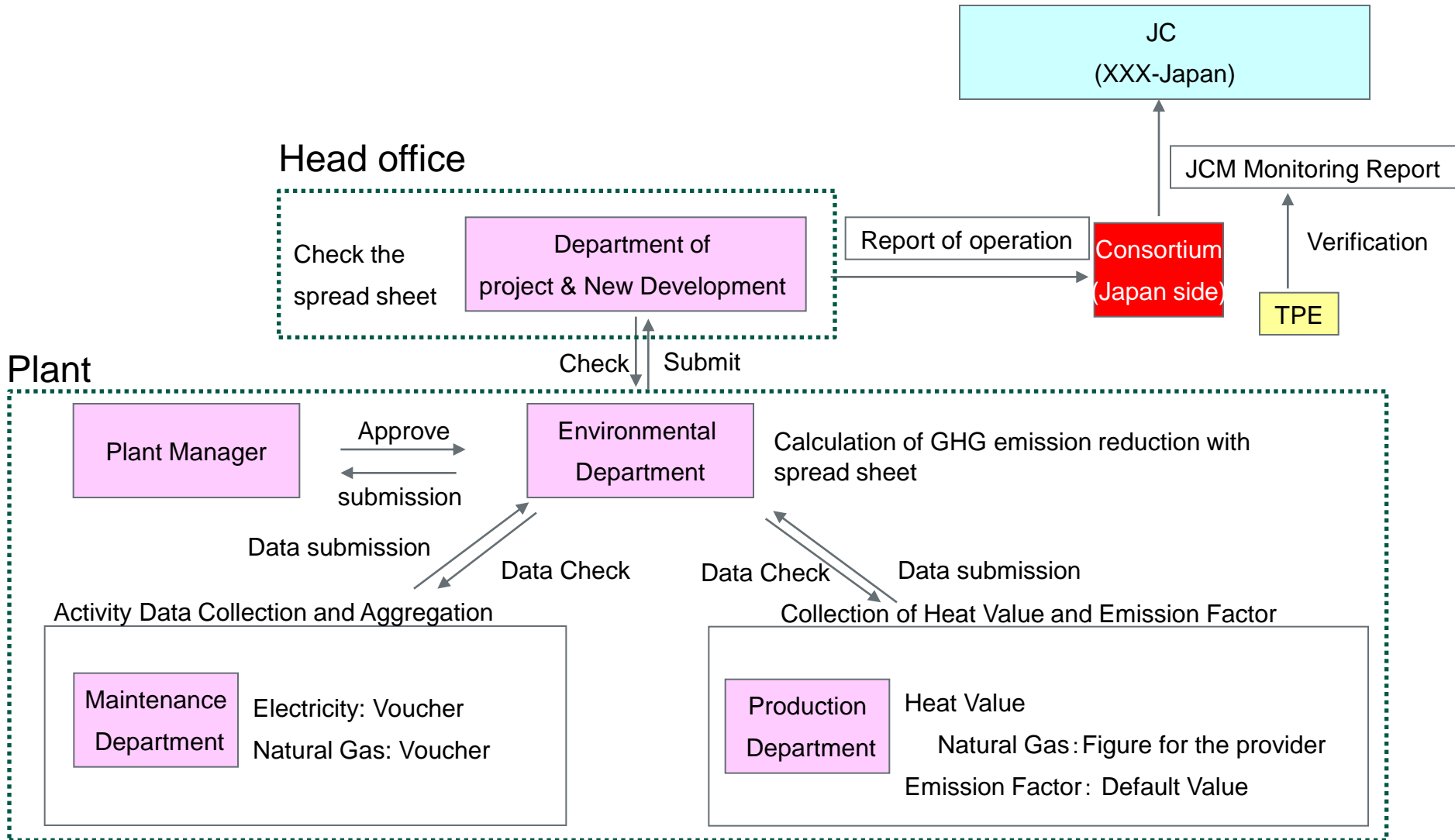
Monitoring Indicator	GHG <sub>2</sub> emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	GHG <sub>3</sub> emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	GHG <sub>4</sub> emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	GHG <sub>5</sub> emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	GHG <sub>6</sub> emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
GHG <sub>2</sub>	4,200				
GHG <sub>3</sub>		6,000			
GHG <sub>4</sub>	4,200	6,000	10,200		
GHG <sub>5</sub>	4,200	6,000	10,200		
GHG <sub>6</sub>	4,200	6,000	10,200		

Monitoring Report  
(Monitoring Report Sheet)

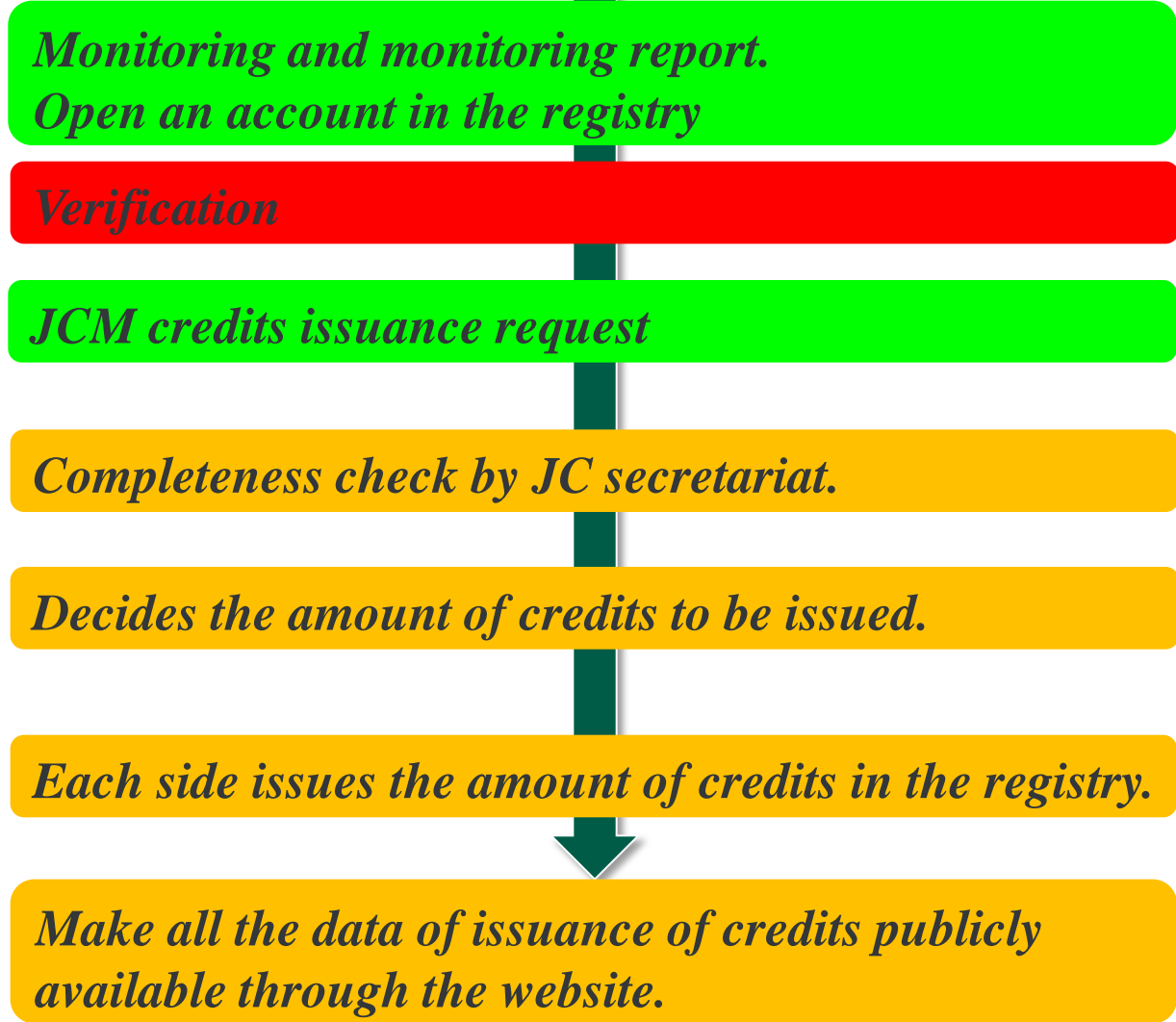


supporting documents

# Monitoring



# 8<sup>th</sup> Step: Issuance of credits

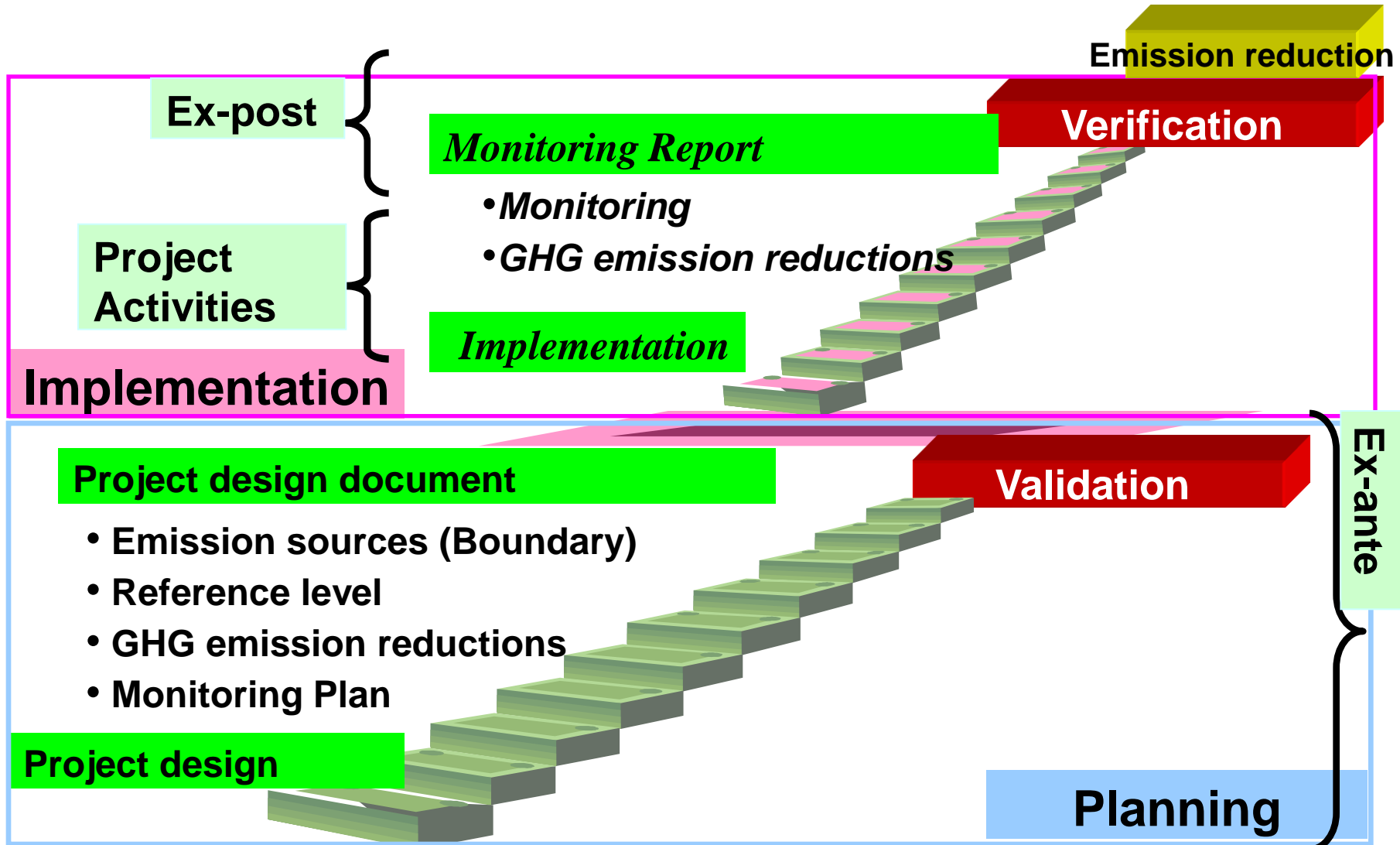


Within calendar 7 days



# *5 Validation and Verification*

# Process of GHG projects



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# Validation and Verification

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## Validation

Evaluation of the project design by independent third party.

- Ex-ante assessment (before project activity)

: Forecast – based on presumption about future.

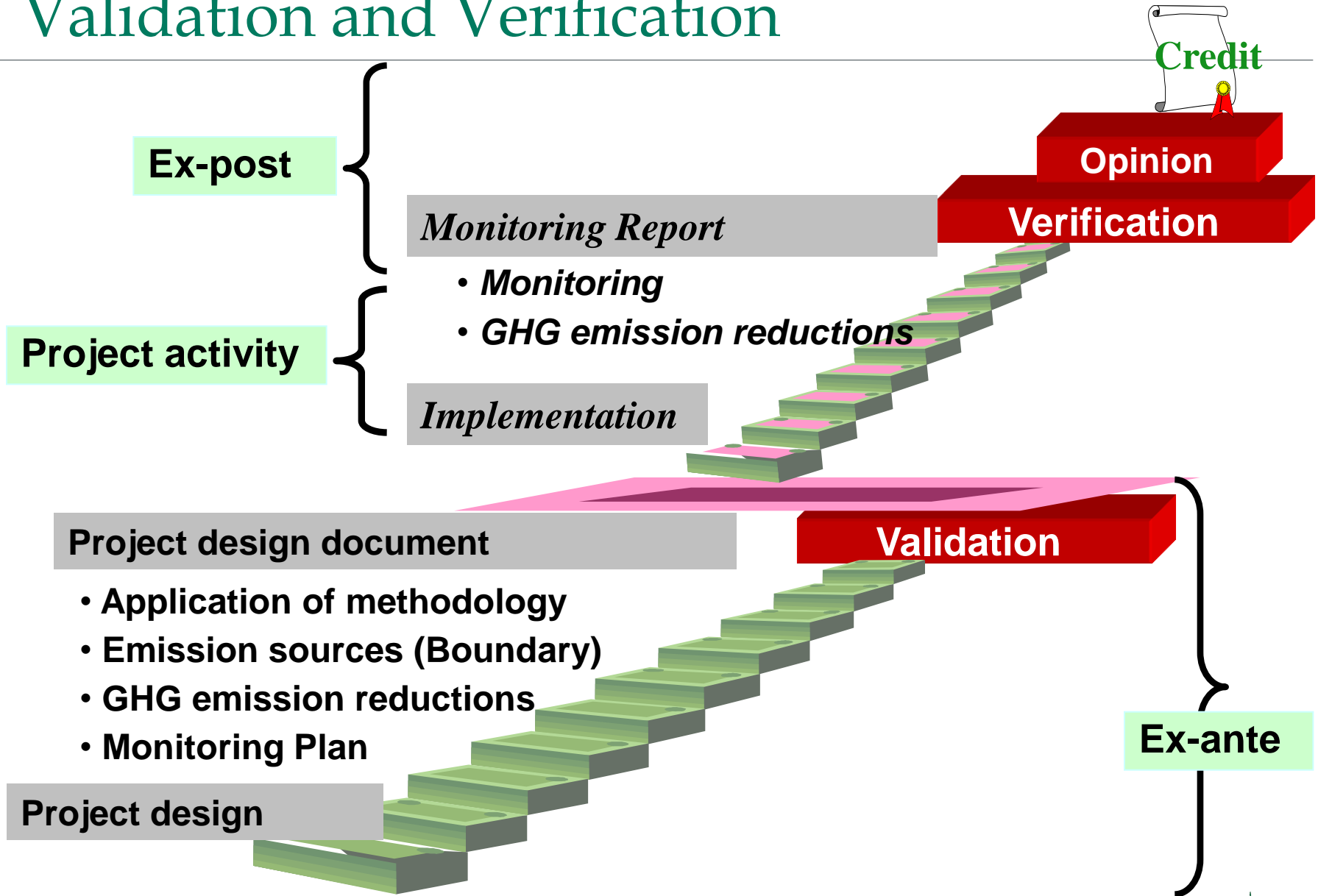
## Verification

Review and determination of project performance/emission reduction by independent third party.

- Ex-post review (after project activity)

: Based on actual data - verifiable

# Validation and Verification



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# Validation and Verification

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## What is Validation? ISO14064-3

Systematic, independent and documented process  
for the evaluation of a GHG assertion in a  
GHG project Plan

against agreed validation criteria

*(ISO14064-3, 2.32)*

# Validation and Verification

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## What is Validation? JCM

Process of independent evaluation of a proposed JCM project by a TPE.

Against these Guidelines

(JCM Guidelines for Validation and Verification, 5)

# Validation and Verification

## What is Validation?



Requirements

- JCM rule, guideline
- Methodologies
- and so on

**TPE**



Assessment

- PDD



Report

- Validation report

# Validation and Verification

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## What is Verification? ISO14064-3

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(ISO14064-3, 2.36)

# Validation and Verification

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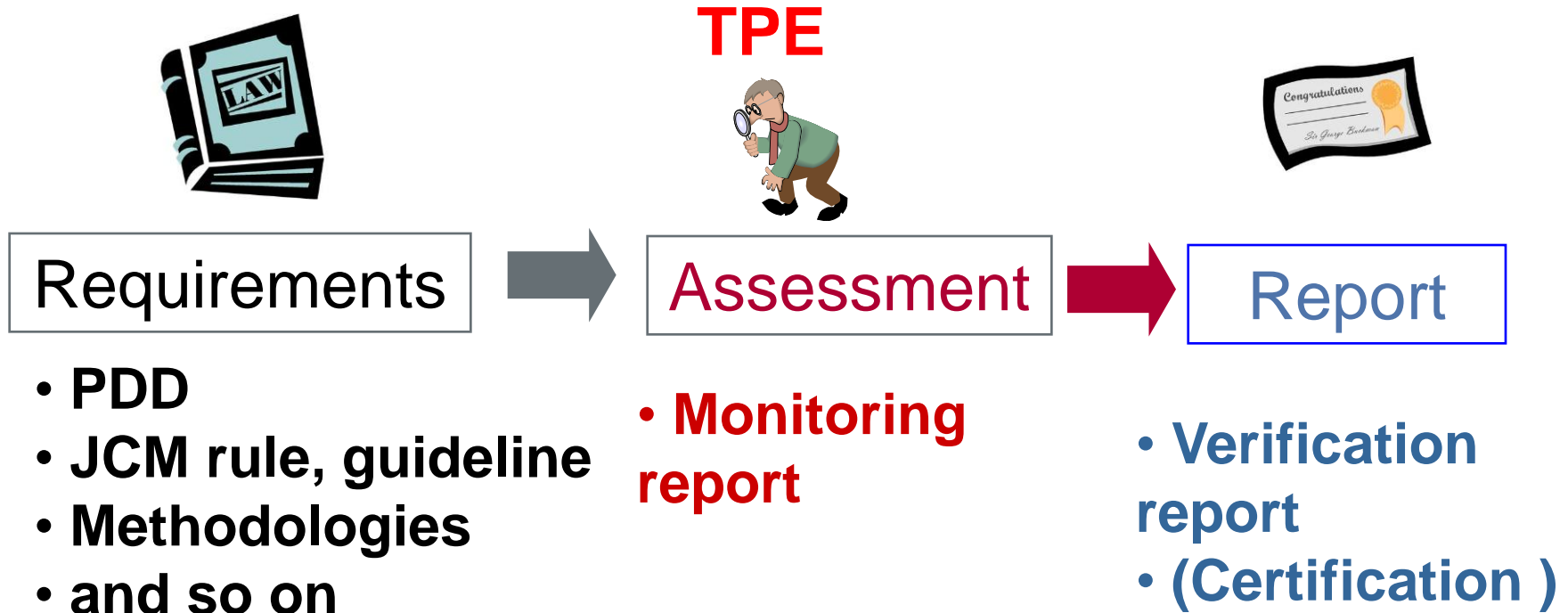
Periodic independent review, ex post determination of the monitored GHG emissions reductions by a TPE

As a result of a registered JCM project

(JCM Guidelines for Validation and Verification, 6)

# Validation and Verification

## What is Verification?



# Validation and Verification

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## ■ Validation:

- More assess on qualitative information; assumptions, justifications etc.
- Get more evidence through interview with stakeholders

## ■ Verification:

- More assess on quantitative information; monitoring data etc.
- Confirm implementation of project follows project plan; PDD

# Validation and Verification

