



# Asia-Pacific Emissions Trading Forum

***CDM – Have we missed the bus?***

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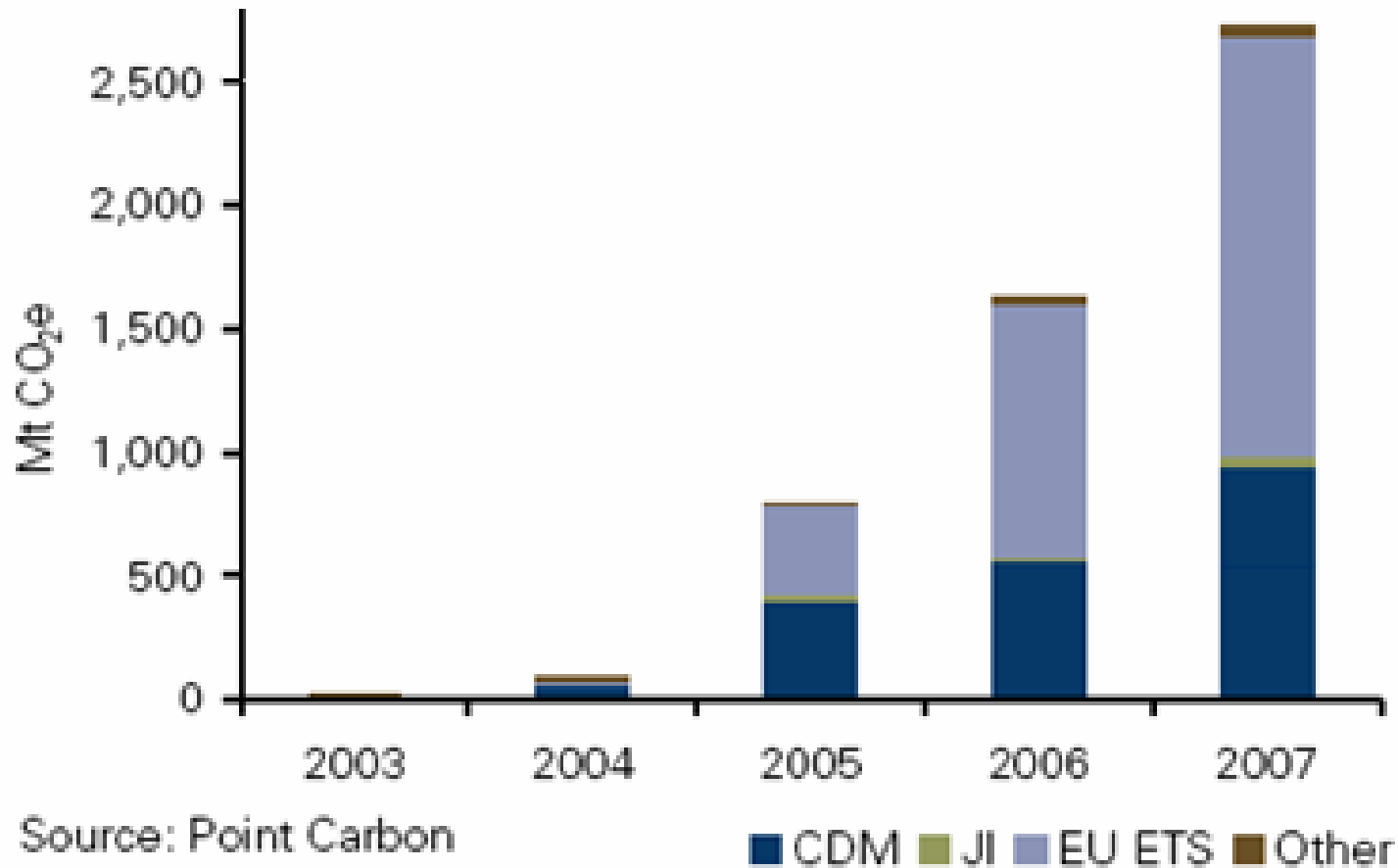


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# Clean Development Mechanism

- One of the **flexibility mechanisms** of the Kyoto Protocol
- New investment in abatement projects in developing countries generates tradable **certified emission reduction units (CERs)**
- Abatement must be **real, measurable and additional** to what otherwise would have occurred

# Growth in global emissions market

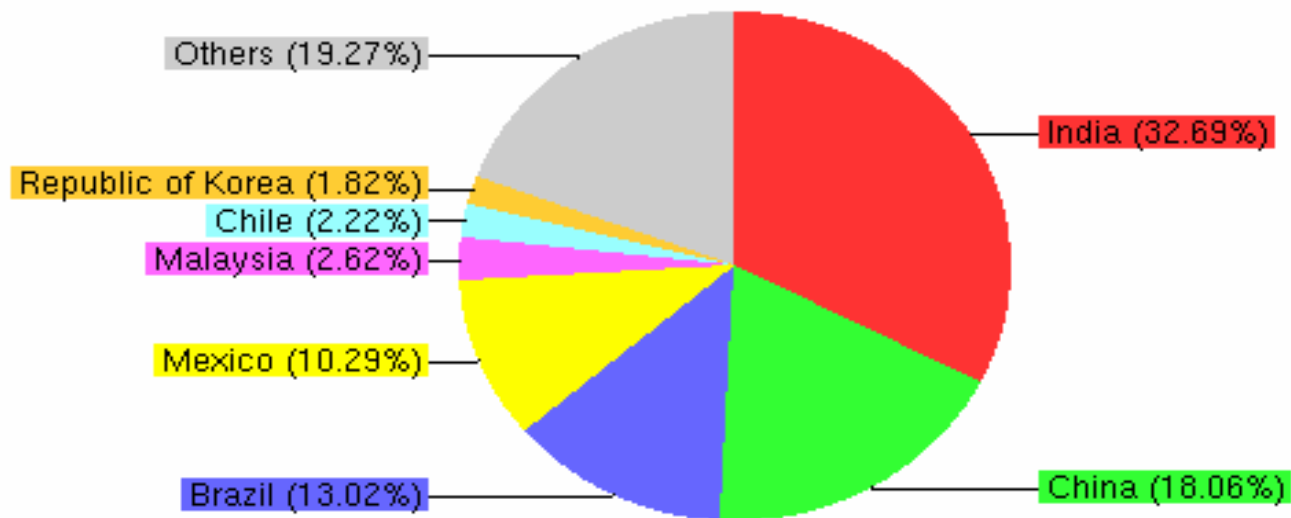


# Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

- Now over 990 registered projects
  - 60% in the Asia-Pacific
- Another 2000+ projects in the pipeline across 15 project categories
  - 2.7 billion tonnes abatement expected by 2012
    - = 2.7 billion tradable certificates (CERs) valued at A\$50 billion +?
- Support for continuation post - 2012

# CDM projects by host country

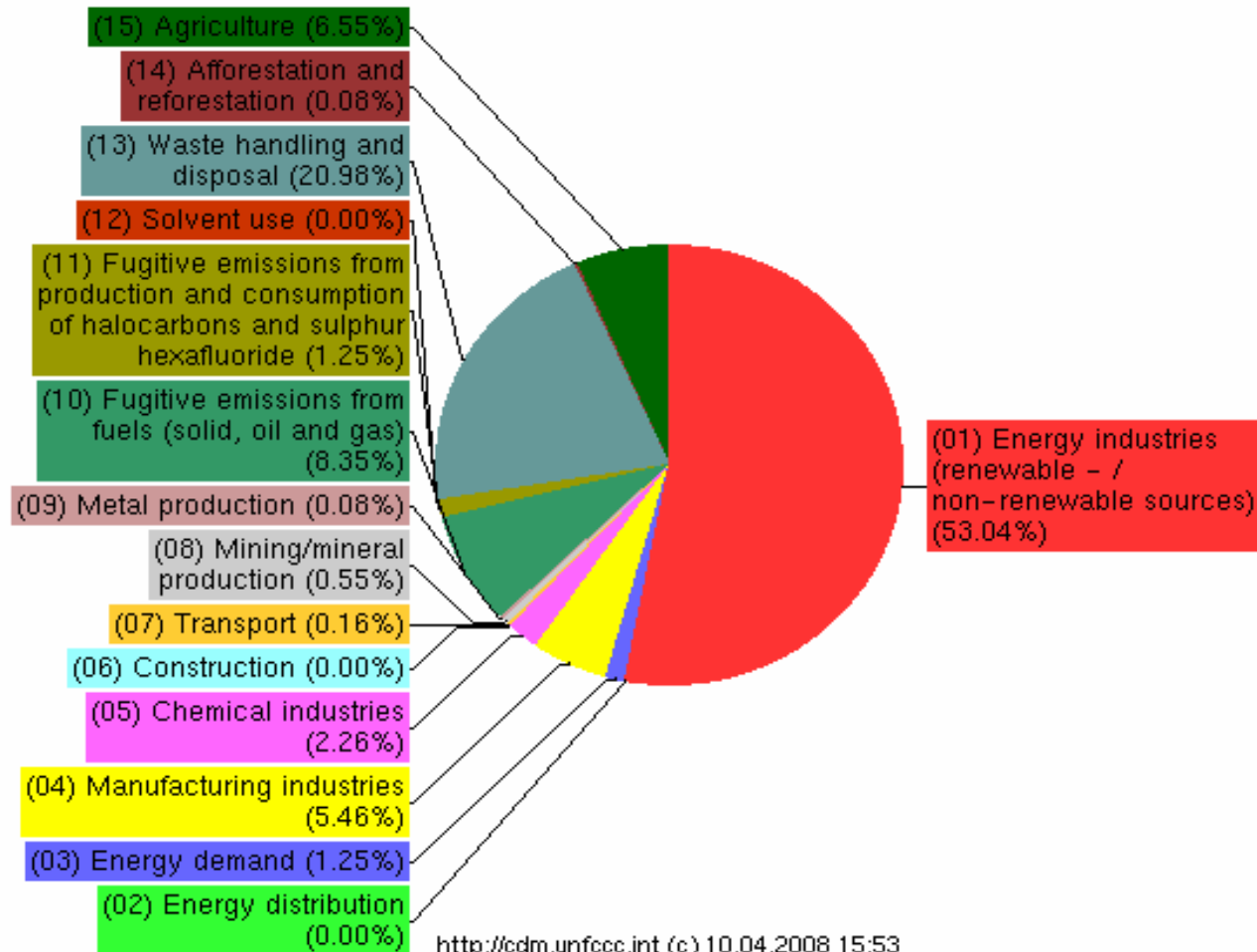
Registered project activities by host party. Total: 991



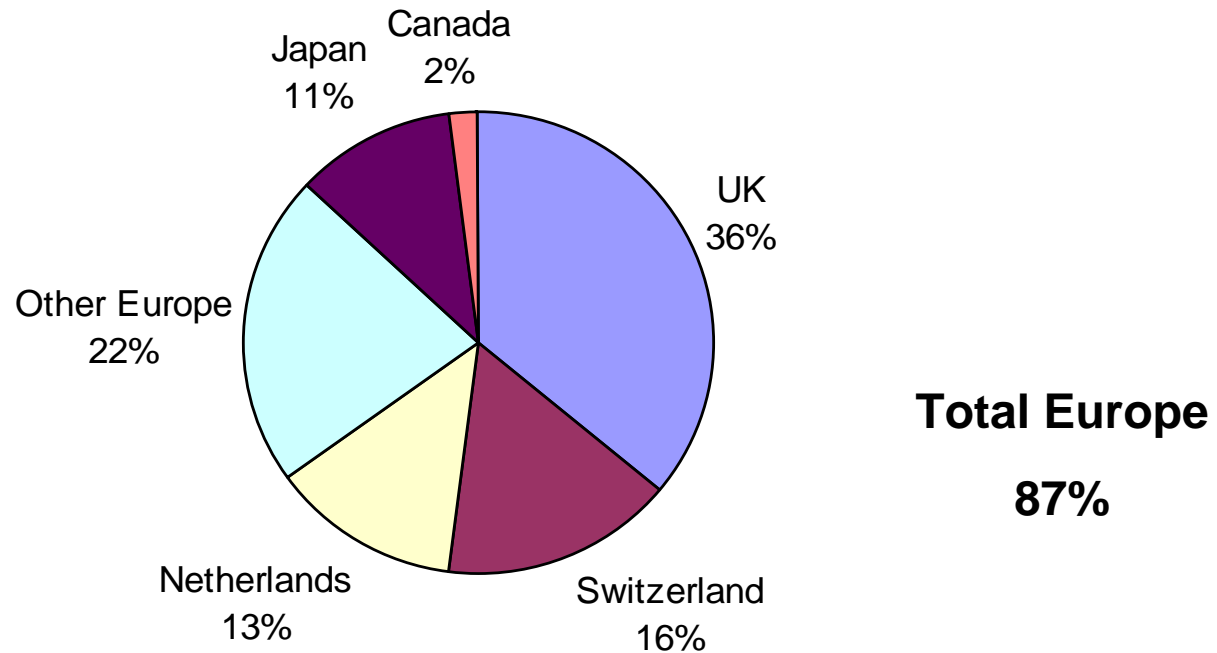
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# Scope of projects

## Distribution of registered project activities by scope



# Investor Parties - % of projects



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# Opportunities for Australia

- Tech. transfer, capacity building, project development and management,
- Monitoring and compliance, financial



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# But ... is it too late??

- Less than 4 years remain in 1<sup>st</sup> Commitment period
- *Need a Designated National Authority (DNA) and National Registry*
- *Coordinated push (private and public)*
- CDM becoming a pawn in negotiations
  - Uncertainty re post-Kyoto conditons

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# CDM in the Future

- More efficiency, simplicity, transparency, certainty
- Wider coverage? – sinks, avoided deforestation, carbon capture & storage, nuclear
- Sectoral, programmatic (eg. energy efficiency)
- National?? PNG
- *Long term potential but short term uncertainty*