

Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GPC)

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Presentation outline

- 1. Global trend in city-scale inventories
- 2. Issues in the current and past GHG inventory practices
- 3. How will GPC address these issues?









1. Global trend in city-scale inventories





City-scale inventory is now a global trend



302 cities reported to cCCR (as of March 2013)







China

36 pilot low-carbon cities have either completed or are in the process of conducting GHG inventories

France

municipalities with a population >50,000 are required to prepare GHG inventories*

World Bank, IADB, OECD... are requiring/supporting their partner cities to conduct GHG inventories

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*as part of local climate-energy plans (http://www.covenantofmayors.eu/about/covenant-in-figures_en.html#signatories_actions_plans)



GHG tools developed over the last decade









2. Issues in the current and past GHG inventory practices

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Issues in the existing/past practices







1) Inconsistency issue

Reporting framework	Total emissionsCategorization of emissions					
Type of gases	• CO2, 6 gases, 7 gases					
Boundary definition	 Direct and indirect emissions 					
Emission sources	 Energy-related sources IPPU Agriculture, forestry, and land use change 					





1) Example 1 – New York City







1) Example 2 – City of Minneapolis







1) New York vs. Minneapolis

New York City

City of Minneapolis

Sectors:

- Building
- Transportation
- Streetlights and traffic signals
- Fugitive and process emissions (including waste/wastewater)

Sectors:

- Building energy
- Transportation
- Solid wastes
- Stationary, industrial and product use
- Wastewater
- Water
- Agriculture

Scope:

- Scope 1
- Scope 2
- Scope 3 (aviation)

Scope:

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2) Boundary issue

New York City

		2005				
	UNIIS	CONSUMED	MgCO _z e	Source GJ		
TOTAL Scope 1			36,575,792	566,626,566		
TOTAL Scope 2			24,799,409	580,130,132		
TOTAL Scope 3 included in total	15		2,475,157			
TOTAL Scope 1, 2, and 3*			63,623,769	1,147,249,911		
Scope 3* (not counted toy and c	ity total)					
iation emissions			14,345,894			
TOTAL Scoules	~		14,947,822			



King County (Seattle)





3) Incompleteness issue

The following are commonly NOT included in city inventories:

- Agriculture, forestry, and land use change
- Industrial process emissions
- Non-energy emissions
- Non-CO2 gases
- Indirect emissions

Example:

Covenant of Mayors requires cities to report only the following:

- Direct emissions due to fuel combustion in the buildings, equipment/facilities and transportation sectors
- Indirect emissions related to production of electricity, heat, or cold that are consumed in the territory



4) Double counting and transparency issues

- Double counting between direct and indirect emissions
- Methodologies and emission factors are not common disclosed







2. How will GPC address these issues?





Accounting and Reporting Principles

RELEVANCE	COMPLETENESS	CONSISTENCY	TRANSPARENCY	ACCURACY
 Reflect emissions occurring as a result of activities and consumption of the city Relevance to decision- making needs 	 All sources All Kyoto Protocol gases 	 Approach Boundary Methods 	 Activity data Emission sources Emission factors Methods Exclusions 	 Not systematically over or understate the emissions Sufficient for decision- making





Boundary Setting



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Emission "scopes"



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Reporting Requirements

Three Levels of Reporting

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Overview Reporting Framework

	Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3		
Sources	Basic			Basic+	Expanded
STATIONARY UNITS					
Residential Buildings	X	X			
Commercial/Institutional Facilities	X	X			
Energy Generation*	X	X			
Industrial Energy Use	X	X			
Fugitive Emissions	x	x			
MOBILE UNITS					
On-Road Transportation	X	X		X	
Railways	X	X		X	
Water-Borne Navigation	X	X		X	
Aviation	X			X	
Off-Road	X	X			
WASTE					
Solid Waste Disposal	X		X		
Biological Treatment of Waste	X		X		
Incineration and open burning	X		X		
Wastewater Treatment and discharge	X		x		
INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES AND PRODUCT USE (IPPU)	X				
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND LAND USE (AFOLU)	X				
OTHER INDIRECT EMISSIONS					X
TOTAL BY SCOPE	SCOPE 1	SCOPE 2		SCOPE 3	
		BASIC			
TOTAL BY SOURCE	BASIC+				
	EXPANDED				

Thank You!

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