

# Initiative for Climate Action Transparency

Transport Pricing Guidance

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# Introduction to ICAT



Source: Penn State

# ICAT objectives

Provide policymakers around the world with tools and support to assess the impacts of their climate policies and actions, to further transparent and ambitious climate action.

Two components:

- ICAT series of guidance
- Country support to build capacity

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# ICAT Guidance



# -- Introductory Guide --

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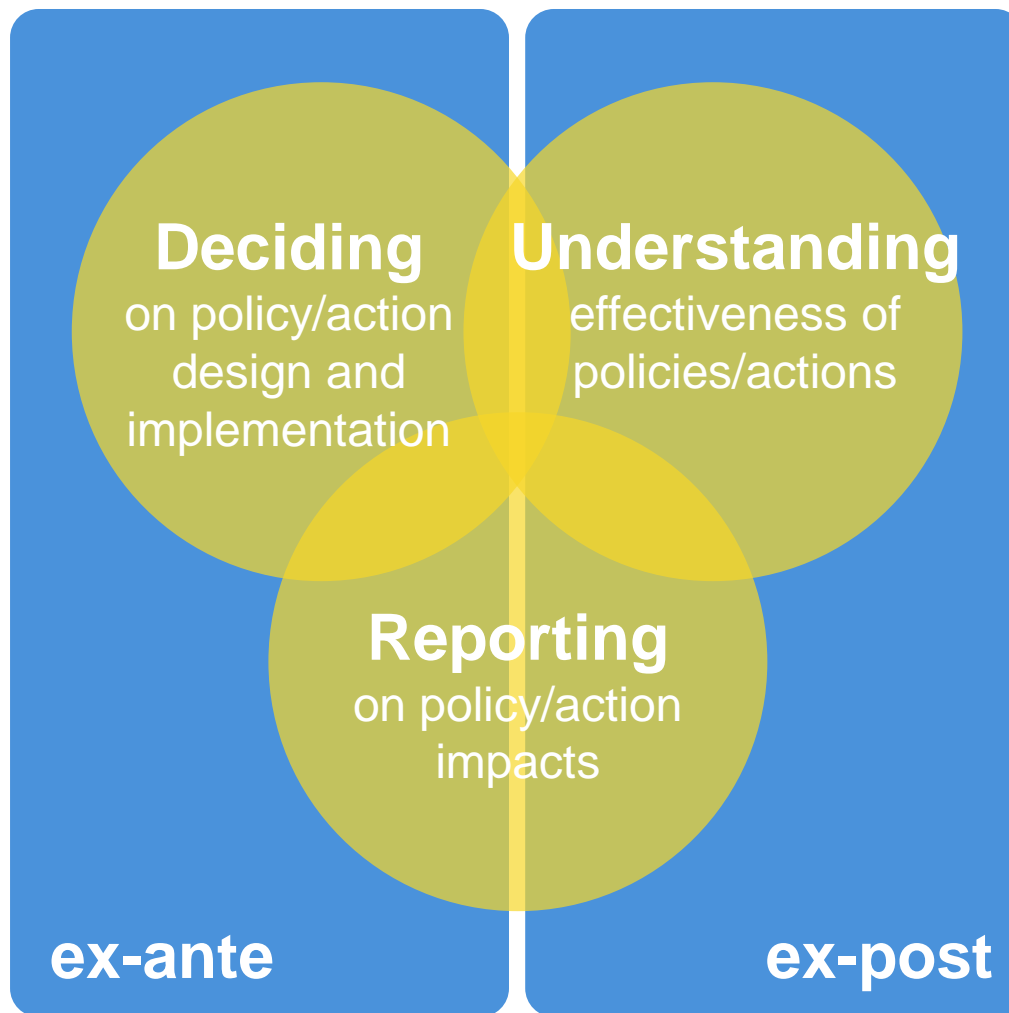
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# Who can use the guidance?

- Governments
- Donor agencies and financial institutions
- Businesses
- Research institutions and non-government organisations (NGOs)
- Stakeholders affected by policies and actions, such as local communities and civil society organisations

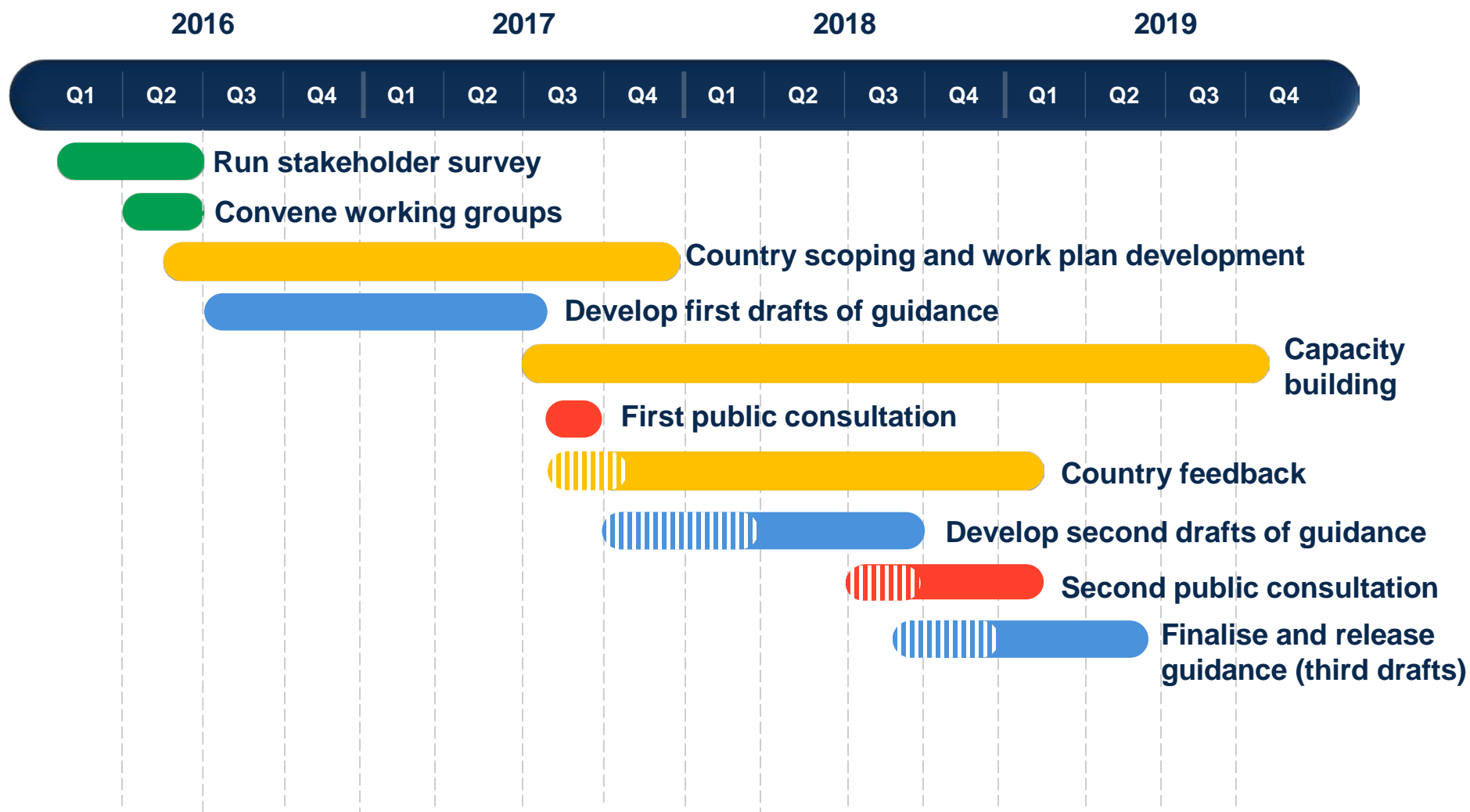


# Goals for the guidance



Adapted from: GIZ 2016,  
*Reference Document on  
Measurement, Reporting and  
Verification in the Transport  
Sector*

# An inclusive, multi-stakeholder process



# Transport Pricing Guidance

*Guidance for assessing the greenhouse gas impacts of transport pricing policies*

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# Purpose of the guidance

- Provide methodological guidance for assessing the impacts of pricing policies in the transport sector
- Simple, straight-forward approach for policymakers and practitioners
- In the context of NDC, NAMA and further national or regional transport strategy or policy development

# Applicability - pricing policies addressed

- Fuel subsidy removal
- Increased fuel tax or levy
- Road pricing (road tolls and congestion pricing)
- Vehicle purchase incentives for more efficient vehicles



# Guidance document - overview

## **Part I: Introduction, objectives, steps and overview of transport pricing policies**

Understand the purpose and applicability of the guidance (Chapter 1)

Determine the objectives of the assessment (Chapter 2)

Understand transport pricing policies (Chapter 3)

Understand assessment steps and principles (Chapter 4)



## **Part II: Defining the assessment**

Clearly describe the policy to be assessed (Chapter 5)

Identify GHG impacts, define the GHG assessment boundary and assessment period (Chapter 6)



## **Part III: Assessing impacts**

Calculate base year emissions using approach A, B or C and project baseline scenario (Chapter 7)

Choose price elasticity values and calculate GHG impacts using approach A, B or C (Chapter 8)

Assess GHG impacts ex-post (Chapter 9)

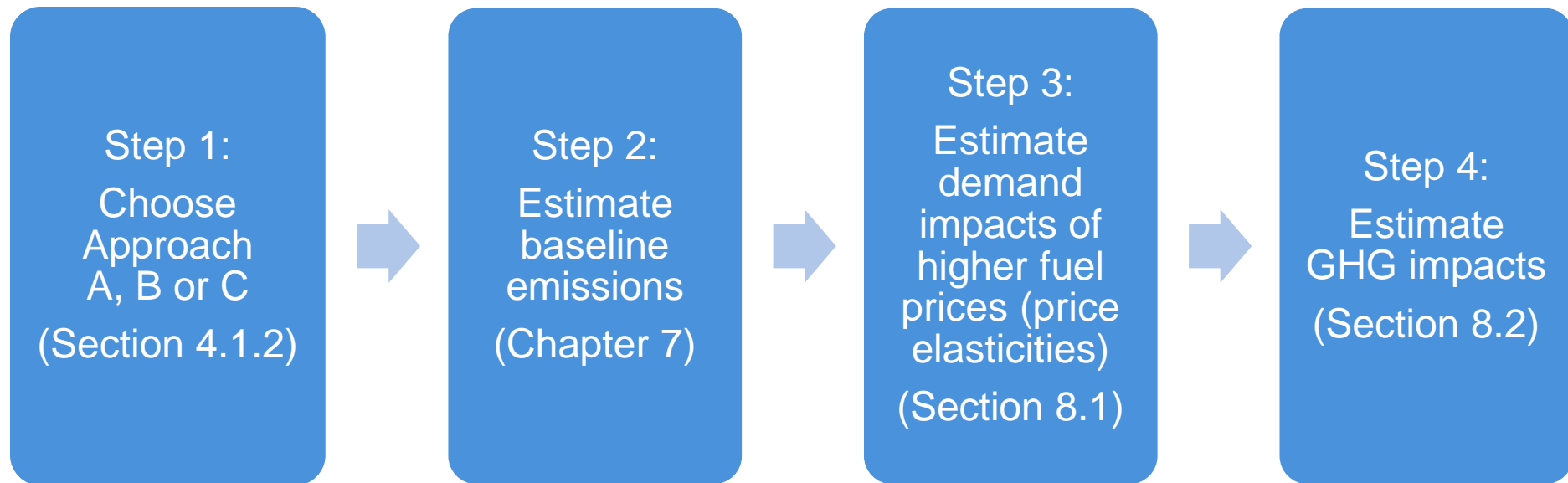


## **Part IV: Monitoring and reporting**

Identify parameters and monitor the performance over time (Chapter 10)

Report the results and methodology used (Chapter 11)

# Part III: Assessing Impacts - Steps



# Approaches A, B and C

Approach	Data requirements	Boundaries / Coverage		
		Geographical system boundaries	Passenger / Freight	Fuel types
Approach A	Only general fuel consumption data (Basis for calculation: top-down energy use data)	National	National transport (passenger and freight)	Fuel mix (gasoline/diesel)
Approach B	Specific gasoline and diesel consumption data (Basis for calculation: top-down energy use data)	National	National transport (passenger and freight)	Gasoline and diesel
Approach C	Comprehensive bottom-up travel activity data (e.g., distance travelled by mode j) (Basis for calculation: top-down energy use and bottom-up travel activity data)	Regional, urban	Only passenger transport in an urban context  However, the assessment can be conducted for several (large) cities to enable a more extensive geographical coverage	Gasoline, diesel and electricity



Example: Approach A

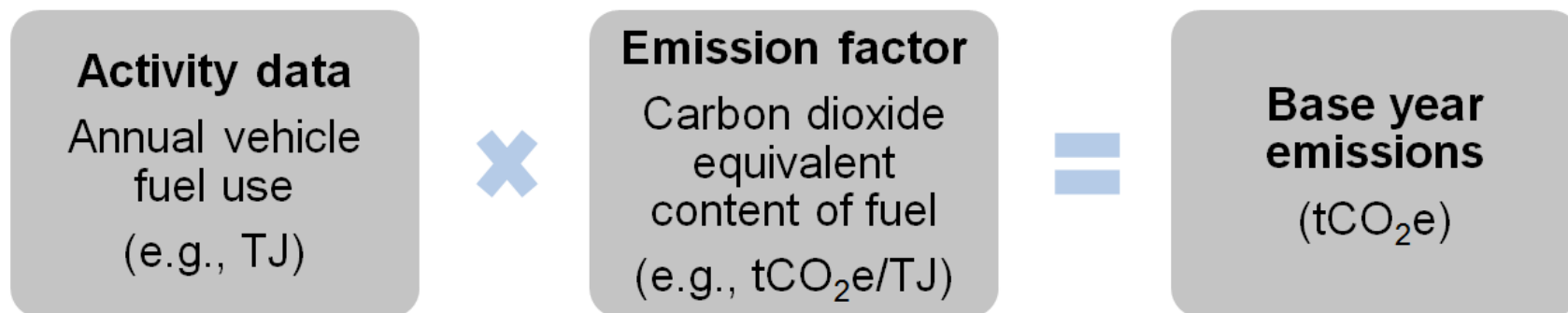
## Example: Approach A assessment (ex-ante)

A government plans to implement a national fuel levy. The only data available is total annual energy use in transport sector (aggregated gasoline and diesel consumption)

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## Step 2: Baseline emissions (I)

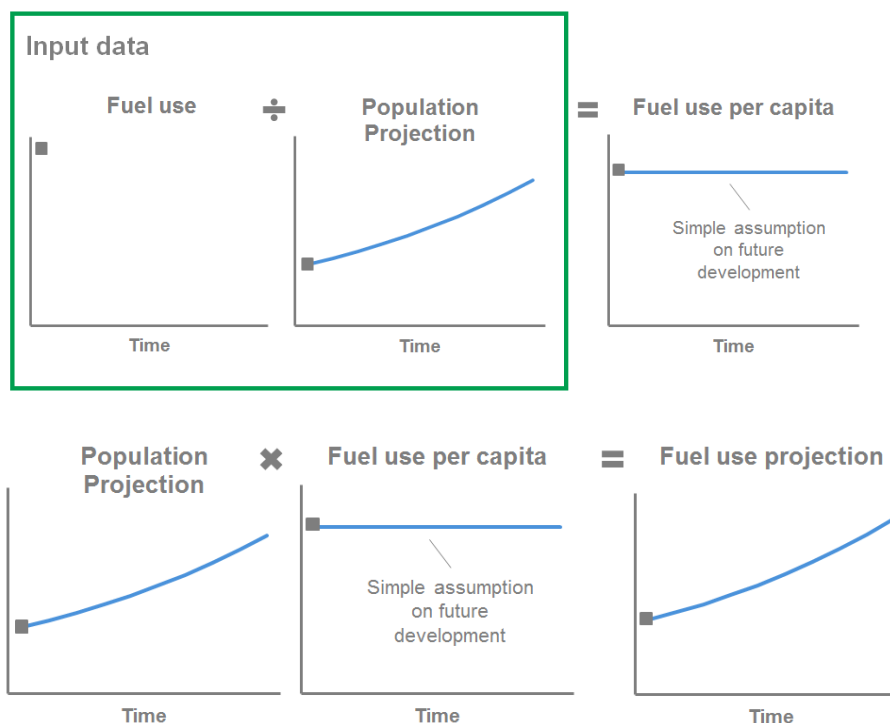
- Estimate base year emissions (top-down)
  - Compile activity data (fuel used)
  - Estimate shares of different fuel types (if possible)
  - Compile emission factors, in order of preference:
    1. National energy or environmental statistics
    2. National fuel providers
    3. Default values (provided in guidance)





# Step 2: Baseline emissions (II)

- Estimate base year emissions
  - Option 1: Simplified method for projecting scenarios



- Option 2: Advanced methods (comparable growth rates, trend analysis, modelling)

# Step 2: Baseline emissions (III)

Example: Approach A

	unit	Year y (historic; base year)	Year y+1 (proj.)	Year y+2 (proj.)	Year y+3 (proj.)	Year y+4 (proj.)	Year y+5 (proj.)
Population (in millions)	Millions per capita	50.0	50.8	51.5	52.3	53.1	53.9
Per capita ratio: gasoline consumption	GJ per capita	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Per capita ratio: diesel consumption	GJ per capita	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
F <sub>gasoline,y</sub> (projected)	TJ	391,000	396,865	402,818	408,860	414,993	421,218
F <sub>diesel,y</sub> (projected)	TJ	391,000	396,865	402,818	408,860	414,993	421,218
BE <sub>gasoline,y</sub> (projected)	ktCO <sub>2</sub>	27,096	27,503	27,915	28,334	28,759	29,190
BE <sub>diesel,y</sub> (projected)	ktCO <sub>2</sub>	28,973	29,408	29,849	30,297	30,751	31,212
BE <sub>total,y</sub> (projected)	ktCO <sub>2</sub>	56,069	56,910	57,764	58,631	59,510	60,403

Input data for base year

Calculated emissions  
for base year

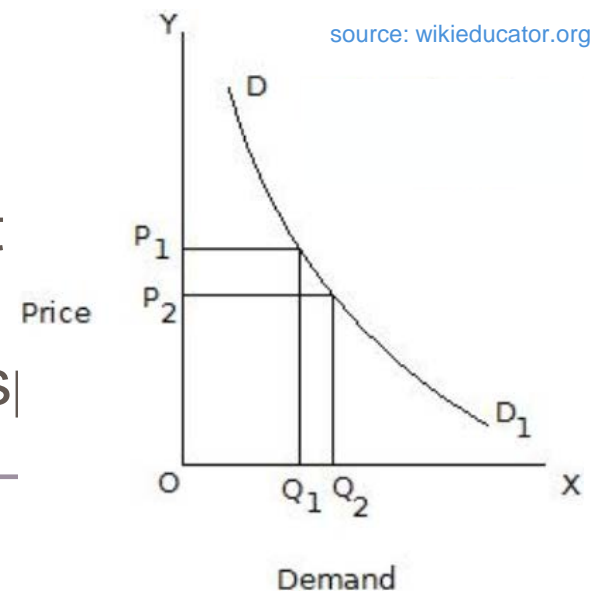
# Step 3: Fuel demand impact (I)

- Ex-ante: how does a change in fuel price affect fuel demand?

## Own-price elasticity

Price changes by +10%, demand changes by -5%, price elasticity of demand equals demand change divided by price change:  
 $-5\%/+10\% = -0.5$ .

- Possible (major) impacts:
  - Reduced vehicle travel
  - Increased switching to more efficient fuelled vehicles
  - Increased switching to different trans



# Step 3: Fuel demand impact (II)

- Choosing accurate own-price fuel elasticities:
  1. Use country-specific price elasticity data (empirical)
  2. Use default elasticity values provided in the guidance:

Fuel mix price (2016 US ¢ per litre)	Income per capita (2016 USD/population)		
	≤ 12,000	12,000 – 24,000	≥ 24,000
≤ 30	-0.15	-0.11	-0.22
30 - 80	-0.22	-0.24	-0.22
≥ 80	-0.26	-0.32	-0.33

*Values adapted from Dahl 2012*

- **Example:** Average income in 2016 = USD 13,000 per capita;  
 Average fuel mix price = USD 0.40 per litre  
 → own-price elasticity of demand = -0.24

# Step 4: GHG impacts (I)

- The increase of fuel prices leads to decreasing fuel demand, which subsequently reduces GHG emissions.
- The GHG impact is the difference between GHG emissions in the policy scenario and the baseline scenario.
- Needed input data (from earlier steps):
  - Baseline fuel use (gasoline/diesel) for each year  $y$
  - Baseline emissions (from gasoline/diesel) for each year  $y$
  - Fuel mix own-price elasticity
  - Relative (%) fuel mix price increase



# Step 4: GHG Impacts (II)

Label	Approach A	unit	Data collection/calculation	Example year
A	Baseline fuel use ( $F_V$ )	TJ	Input value: from Section 7.2.1 and 7.4	782,000
B	Baseline emissions ( $BE_{fuel\ mix, y}$ )	tCO <sub>2</sub>	Input value: from Section 7.2.1 and 7.4	56,069,400
C	Fuel mix price elasticity ( $\epsilon_{fuel\ mix}$ )	-	Input value: from Section 8.1.2	-0.24
D	Relative fuel mix price increase	%	Input value: according to planned policy	4.5%
E	Anticipated fuel use	TJ	= ((C x D) + 1) x A	773,550
F	Anticipated GHG emissions	tCO <sub>2</sub>	= ((C x D) + 1) x B	55,463,850
G	Anticipated GHG impacts (emissions reductions)	tCO <sub>2</sub>	= F – B	-605,650
H	Anticipated relative impact	%	= G ÷ B	-1.1%

from step 2 – baseline emissions

from step 3 – fuel demand impacts

# Interpretation of results

## ➤ High uncertainties

- Activity data estimation (e.g., fuel consumption)
- Emission factors, other conversion factors (e.g., net calorific values NCV, etc.)
- Projection of base year emissions
- Estimation of price elasticities (even more so if default values are used)

→ It is crucial to be transparent about high uncertainties and to be cautious with the interpretation of the results (i.e., indicate a range of the possible GHG impact rather than a single result)



Example: Approach C

## Example: Approach C assessment (ex-ante)

A government also wants to assess the substitution of individual motorised transport by car with public transport

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# Comparison of Approach C with A/B



Example: Approach C

- Different system boundaries:
  - Focus on passenger transport (no freight transport is included in the assessment)
  - Inclusion of (urban) public transport system in the analysis, therefore focus on urban transport
- Not only gasoline and diesel, but also electricity as a fuel (users can also extend the guidance to different fuels in a similar manner)
- Bottom-up and top-down approach
- Cross-price elasticities

# Step 2: Baseline emissions

- Bottom-up travel activity data:
  - Average vehicle kilometres travelled (car/bus)
  - Distance travelled
  - Load factors / occupancy
  - Average fuel consumption per vehicle kilometre
- Top-down fuel consumption and PKM data:
  - Electricity and diesel use in rail transport
  - Passenger kilometres (PKM) in rail transport

# Step 3: Fuel demand impact

## ➤ Cross-price elasticities

### Cross-price elasticity

Price of substitute good changes by +10%, demand changes by +20%, cross-price elasticity of demand equals demand change divided by price change:  $+20\%/+10\% = +2$ .

## ➤ Default values:

Gasoline price (2016 US ¢ per litre)	Income per capita (2016 USD/population)		
	< 12,000	12,000 – 24,000	> 24,000
< 30	Bus 0.09	Bus 0.07	Bus 0.14
	Rail 0.15	Rail 0.11	Rail 0.22
30-80	Bus 0.14	Bus 0.15	Bus 0.14
	Rail 0.22	Rail 0.24	Rail 0.22
> 80	Bus 0.16	Bus 0.20	Bus 0.21
	Rail 0.25	Rail 0.31	Rail 0.32

# Step 4: GHG impacts

- More input data needed compared to Approaches A and B
- Results reflect mode shifts and increasing capacity needs for public transport (in PKM) due to fuel price increase
- Increased public transport demand compensates a part of the emission reduction through reduced fuel consumption



# Stakeholder Participation



*Guidance to support stakeholder participation in design, implementation and assessment of policies and actions, including of GHG impacts*

Source: Africa Center

# Elements covered in the guidance

## **Part I: Introduction, objectives and key concepts**

Understand the purpose and applicability of the guidance (Chapter 1)

Determine the objectives of stakeholder participation (Chapter 2)

Understand key concepts, elements and principles (Chapter 3)



## **Part II: Key elements of effective stakeholder participation**

Develop a stakeholder participation plan (Chapter 4)

Identify and understand the stakeholders of the policy (Chapter 5)

Create multi-stakeholder bodies (Chapter 6)

Provide information to stakeholders (Chapter 7)

Design and conduct consultations (Chapter 8)

Establish a grievance redress mechanism (Chapter 9)



## **Part III: Reporting on stakeholder participation**

Report how stakeholder participation was designed and conducted (Chapter 10)

# Stakeholder participation in transport policies

Chapter/step in this guidance document	Why stakeholder participation is important at this step	Relevant chapters in Stakeholder Participation Guidance
Chapter 7 – Estimating the baseline scenario and baseline emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inform assumptions on expected effects of existing and planned policies</li></ul>	Chapter 8 – Designing and conducting consultations

# Technical Review



*Guidance to support the review of the impacts of policies and actions*

*Source: Asia Development Bank*



# Overview of the guidance

## **Part I: Introduction, objectives, and key concepts**

Understand the purpose and applicability of the guidance (Chapter 1)

Understand key concepts, steps and technical review principles (Chapter 2)



## **Part II: Overview of technical review**

Understand the types of technical review that can be pursued (Chapter 3)

Learn about reviewer qualifications to inform team design and meet review objectives (Chapter 4)



## **Part III: Technical review process**

Establish the objectives, scope and criteria of the technical review (Chapter 5)

Prepare the documents and evidence for technical review (Chapter 6)

Develop a technical review plan (Chapter 7)

Conduct the technical review using an established process (Chapter 8)

Report on the results of the technical review (Chapter 9)

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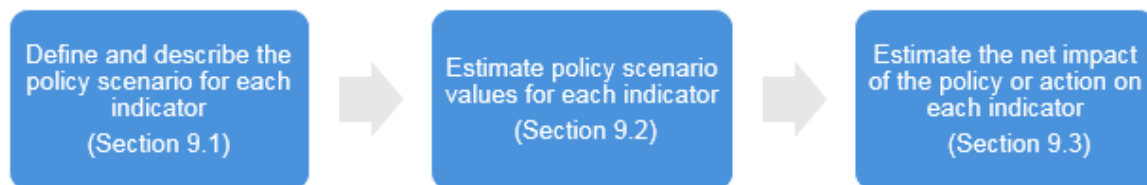
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Figure 9.1: Overview of steps in the chapter



### Checklist of key recommendations

- Define a policy scenario that represents the conditions most likely to occur in the presence of the policy or action over time for each indicator being estimated, taking into account all specific impacts included in the quantitative assessment boundary
- Estimate the net impact of the policy or action on each indicator by subtracting baseline values from policy scenario values, taking into account all specific impacts included in the quantitative assessment boundary
- Separately assess the impacts of the policy or action on different groups in society where relevant

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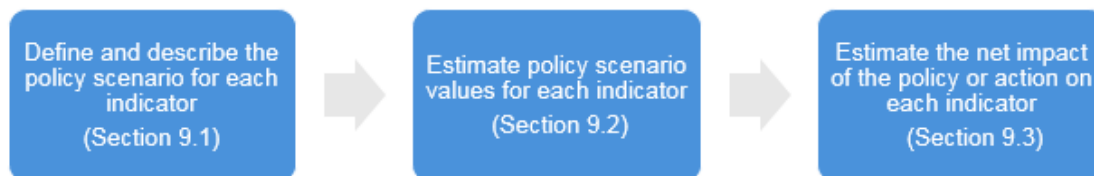
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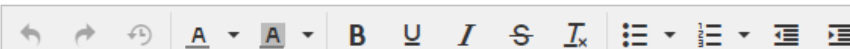
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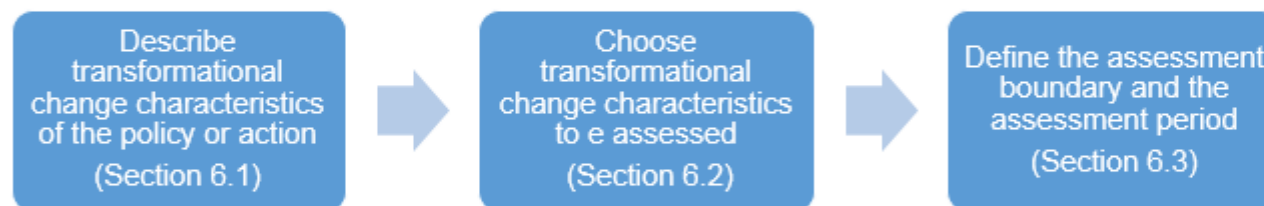
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*This chapter provides guidance on identifying and choosing transformational change characteristics that are relevant for a policy or action. It also defines the transformational change assessment boundary and the assessment period.*

*Figure 6.1: Overview of steps in the chapter*



### Checklist of key recommendations

- Identify and describe transformational characteristics of the policy or action
- Choose characteristics to be assessed based on their relevance to a policy or action and the society in which it is implemented
- Define the assessment boundary in terms of geographical and sectoral coverage of transformational characteristics selected for assessment
- Define the assessment period



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## 6 Choosing Which Transformational Change Characteristics to Assess

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This chapter describes characteristics of transformational impact. Are the descriptions of characteristics sufficient and clear enough to enable assessment of impacts for transformation specific to a policy or action? If not, how can we improve them?

→ It would be helpful if these descriptions could be more detailed.

In Table 6.4 users are asked to describe characteristics of transformational outcomes for GHG and SD at scale and over time. Is further guidance needed on how to use other ICAT guidance for GHG and SD impact assessment and how to assess impacts of multiple outcomes for GHG and SD?

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