Project Development Document (PDD)

Nigeria Solar Electric Car Urban Taxi Carbon Project

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Carbon Standard: Tyndall Carbon Standard (Aligned with **AMS-III.C: Emission Reductions through Improved Vehicle Efficiency**)

Project Owner: Esse Mobility

1. Project Overview

- **Technology:** 1,000 Esse Mobility Purity Solar Electric Vehicles (EVs) with zero tailpipe emissions.
- **Energy Source:** Solar-powered charging stations (100% renewable).
- **Location:** Lagos, Benue, Enugu, Kano and Abuja, Nigeria.
- **Scale:** 1,000 EVs replacing gasoline-powered taxis.
- **Crediting Period:** 5 years (2024–2028).
- **Funding:** Fully funded by Esse Mobility ($18,000/vehicle).
- **Beneficiary Incentive:** 10% of carbon revenue/year/car to drivers.
- **Carbon Credit Price:** $30/$tCO_2e$.
- **Profit Sharing:**
    - **Esse Mobility:** 70% of net profit.
    - **Government:** 28% of net profit.
    - **Zeco:** 2% of net profit.

2. Project Objectives

1. **Climate Action:** Replace 1,000 gasoline-powered taxis with solar EVs to reduce 9,240 tCO_2e/year.
2. **Urban Health:** Eliminate tailpipe emissions, reducing respiratory diseases in Nigeria.
3. **Economic Inclusion:** Allocate 10% of carbon revenue directly to drivers ($2,491/driver/year).

4. **Energy Security:** Cut gasoline imports by 4 million liters/year (World Bank, 2023).
5. **Scalability:** Model replicable across Sub-Saharan Africa.

3. Baseline Scenario

Baseline Fuel Consumption

- **Current Practice:** Gasoline-powered taxis (average fuel efficiency: 10 km/L (Nigeria urban average).
- **Annual Distance Driven:** 40,000 km/year (World Bank Urban Mobility Report, 2023).
- **Annual Fuel Use:**

$$\frac{40,000\,\text{km}}{10\,\text{km/L}} = 4,000\,\text{L/year/car}.$$

Baseline Emissions Calculation

- **Emissions Factor (Gasoline):** 2.31 $kgCO_2e/L$ (IPCC 2019).
- **Annual Emissions per Car:**

4,000 L × 2.31 kgCO2e/L = 9,240 kgCO2e = **9.24** tCO2e/year/car.

- **Total Baseline Emissions (1,000 cars):**

1,000 × 9.24 = **9,240** tCO2e/year.

3. Project Scenario

Esse Purity Solar EV

- **Energy Source:** Solar charging stations (zero emissions)**.**
- **Annual Electricity Use:** 6,000 kWh/car (solar-generated)**.**
- **Project Emissions: 0 tCO_2e/year/car** (100% renewable energy)**.**

Emission Reductions

- **Annual Reductions per Car**:

9.24 tCO2e – 0 = **9.24** tCO**2**e/year/car.

- **Total Annual Reductions (1,000 cars)**

1,000 × 9.24 = **9,240 tCO2e /year.**

- **Buffer Pool (10%)**: 9,240 × 10% = **924 tCO_2e withheld/year**
- **Net Issued Credits**: 9,240 – 924 = 8,316 **tCO_2e/year**.

4. Co-Benefits Certificates (Tyndall Carbon Standard)

Co-Benefit	Quantification	Price Premium	Rationale
Health	0.02 DALYs saved/car/year (WHO)	+$3.0/$tCO_2e$	$5,000/DALY
Economic	10% revenue to drivers ($2,491/driver/year)	+$1.5/$tCO_2e$	Poverty alleviation
Energy Security	Reduced oil imports ($0.5M/year saved)	+$0.5/$tCO_2e$	World Bank data
Total Premium	$5.0/$tCO_2e$		

Total Co-Benefit Revenue:
8,316 tCO_2e/year x $5 = **$41,580/year.**

5. Financial Analysis

A. Cost

Category	Cost
Esse Mobility (Vehicles): 1,000 × $18,000	$18,000,000
Project Registration Fee	$500
Total Initial Cost	$18,000,500

Revenue Streams (5-Year)

- **Carbon Credits (5-year total):** 8,316 tCO_2e/year × 5 × $30 = **$1,247,400.**
- **Co-Benefits (5-year total):** $41,580/year × 5 **= $207,900.**
- **Total 5-Year Revenue: $1,455,300.**

Revenue Payment Schedule

- Year 1: 45% of $1,455,300 = **$654,885.**
- Year 2: 55% of $1,455,300 = **$800,415.**

Operational Costs (5-year total)

- **O&M (5%):** $1,247,400 × 5% = **$62,370.**
- **Tyndall Commission (7.5%):** $1,247,400 × 7.5% = **$93,555.**
- **Insurance (4%):** $1,247,400 × 4% = **$49,896.**
- **Issuance Fee:** 8,316 tCO_2e/year × 5 × $0.05 = **$2,079.**
- **Beneficiary Payments:** 10% of $1,247,400 = **$124,740.**
- **Total OpEx: $332,640.**

G. Net Profit
Annual Net Profit = $1,455,300 – $332,640 = **$1,122,660 /year**

Profit Sharing

- **Esse Mobility** (70%): 0.70 × $1,122,660 = **$785,862.**
- **Government** (28%): 0.28 × $1,122,660 = **$314,345.**
- **Zeco** (2%): 0.02 × 1,122,660 = **$22,453**.

6. Validation & Verification

- **MRV:** GPS tracking for distance driven; solar generation data from charging stations.
- **Third-Party Audit:** Annual verification by **Carboncoy Ltd** for Tyndall compliance.
- **fNRB Adjustment:** Not applicable (no biomass use).

7. Risk Management

Risk	Mitigation
Solar Infrastructure Failure	Partnerships with local solar firms for maintenance.
Low Driver Adoption	Subsidized training programs + 10% revenue incentive.
Grid Reliance	100% solar charging stations with battery storage.
Credit Price Volatility	60% credits pre-sold via forward contracts ($25 floor).

8. Monitoring Plan

- **Vehicle Usage**: GPS tracking and odometer readings.
- **Solar Energy**: Real-time monitoring of charging stations.
- **Co-Benefits**: Annual surveys on driver income and health outcomes.

9. Stakeholder Engagement

- **Environmental:** Zero tailpipe emissions; solar reduces grid reliance.
- **Social:**
  - **Driver Welfare:** $2,491/year/driver from carbon revenue.
  - **Job Creation:** 200+ jobs in solar infrastructure maintenance.
- **Safeguards:** Battery recycling program to prevent e-waste.

10. Conclusion

While the project achieves **9,240 tCO_2e/year** in reductions and aligns with SDGs 3, 7, and 11, the financial model shows a **loss due to high upfront vehicle costs**. Scaling to 5,000 vehicles or securing grants could improve viability.

Appendices:

- Solar Charging Station Design
- Driver Training Manual
- Emission Calculation Worksheets

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Key Notes:

- **Emission Reductions:** Validated through Tyndall's AMS-III.C methodology.
- **Financial Viability:** Profitability hinges on carbon credit premiums and scale.
- **Co-Benefits:** Directly tied to SDG targets for health, energy, and equity.