

PUTTING PEOPLE INTO GREENHOUSE GAS REMOVAL

Engaging stakeholders early in greenhouse gas removal will help to build social acceptance, inform policy and regulatory development and stimulate innovation. Participation of the various publics will allow key questions about how we undertake greenhouse gas removal to be identified and addressed. Though this starts at the local level, it can and should influence much wider decision-making about GGR and climate action.



Prioritising mitigation

- Can a company claim to be net-zero if it has not maximised its mitigation effort?
- What if greenhouse gas removals are cheaper than mitigation?
- When is it legitimate to start using greenhouse gas removal?



Achieving net-zero

- Do we all need to be net-zero at the same time?
- If there are constraints on the availability of removals, will demand outstrip supply?



Future markets

- Does access to GGR need to be regulated?
- Should GGR credits have a standard price?
- How will the price reflect the different risks and benefits on offer?



Avoiding a pure 'least-cost' pathway

- How should GGR be valued?
- How can quality (stability and permanence) be emphasised alongside cost and volume of GHG removed?



Carbon accounting, reporting and verification

- How can trust be built into the carbon accounting and reporting process?
- Who will be liable for ensuring GHGs are stored securely?



Stimulating and capturing innovation opportunities

- Can engagement generate novel solutions and new opportunities?



Maximising co-benefits

- Who decides the balance between conflicting policy objectives?
- How will non-financial values be balanced with financial concerns?



Social legitimacy

- How do the various publics perceive climate action and the use of GGR?
- How can public trust be built into climate action and GGR?



Local impacts of deployment

- What social, cultural, environmental and ethical issues will GGR deployment raise?
- How will they affect deployment?

Securing legitimacy at the individual and community level creates a strong foundation for greenhouse gas removals that is legitimate in a wider sense