

# The Greenhouse Gas Abatement Cost Model GACMO

GACMO as a tool for establishing mitigation scenarios

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# What is GACMO ?

- Model GACMO = Greenhouse Gas Abatement Cost Model
- Bottom-up modelling tool for greenhouse gas emissions based on Excel
- IPCC / CDM Methodologies
- Developed by Jørgen Fenhann at UNEP DTU Partnership
- Available for free on the UDP website  
<https://unepdtu.org/publications/the-greenhouse-gas-abatement-cost-model-gacmo/>

## Que es GACMO ?

GACMO allows to analyze the mitigation options of a region, a country or a city and evaluate its impacts from the point of view of the GHG emissions reductions

- a) Establish the **BAU scenario** for emissions of a region / country
- b) Select **mitigation options** from a list of options included in the model. For each of these options, the model will **calculate the potential for emission reduction**, as well as the **additional cost (or savings)** for inversion and implementation in comparison with a reference option
- a) Establish a **mitigation scenario** based on the list of attenuation options for the different sectors (2025, 2030, 2050)
- b) Establishes a marginal abatement curve that compares the different attenuation options.

# Structure of GACMO?

**Welcome to the Greenhouse gas Abatement Cost MODEL GACMO, version of 19. February 2020**  
 The model was developed by Joergen Fenhann, UNEP DTU Partnership, e-mail jafe@dtu.dk, mobile: +45 4020 2789,

**GACMO news:** We have added macros so you can click on a mitigation option in a Main sheet and be transferred to the table for that option.

GACMO is utilised to make an analysis of the GHG mitigation options for a country or region to be used in the National Communication, the NDC or a Low Carbon Development Plan.

**General description of how the model works:**  
 The outcome of the use of the GACMO Model is a table providing an overview of the the cost and impact of different mitigation initiatives, outputted in the format of a table and an Abatement Revenue Curve. The input required for the model to run is a GHG balance for the country in question .

**Who can benefit from using the model?**  
 If your country has not done a Business As Usual (BAU) scenario to the desired future year you could use the first part of the GACMO model that calculates the BAU scenario.  
 If you country have not calculated the mitigation scenario you could use the second part of the GACMO model. You then skip the first part and insert the total BAU GHG emissions at the bottom of the desired "Main" sheet.  
 If you have not done calculation for all your desired mitigation option you could use the model to complete your calculations.

**Use of the model:**  
 All cells in the worksheets where inputs are needed are yellow. Most of these cells contain default values, these can be modified where appropriate.  
 Below a range of steps required for the use of the model will be explained. Text marked with blue indicates that the user has to either input data or perform other actions in order for the model to run.

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# Structure of GACMO?

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Total GHG mitigation in Country X		In 2025					
Type	Reduction option	US\$/tonCO <sub>2</sub>	Sub-type unit	Emission reduction t CO <sub>2</sub> /unit	Investment Million US\$	Annual costs MUS\$/year	Units penetrating in 2025
	<a href="#">Cover crops</a>	81.04	1000 ha	1,490	0.0	0.0	
	<a href="#">Nitrification inhibitors (1000 ha)</a>	67.69	1000 ha	790	0.0	0.0	
	<a href="#">Covering slurry stores (1 slurry store)</a>	937.83	1 slurry store	0.20	0.0	0.0	
	<a href="#">Fat supplementation in ruminants</a>	80.50	%DM fat added	4,336	0.0	0.0	
	<a href="#">Tobacco curing</a>	-26.05	100 t tobacco/yr	562	0.0	0.0	
<b>Biomass energy</b>	<a href="#">Rice husk cogeneration plants</a>	-90.80	1 MW cogeneration	9,719	0.0	0.0	
	<a href="#">Biomass power from biomass residues</a>	-184.60	1 MW CHP plant	2,428	0.0	0.0	
	<a href="#">Bagasse power</a>	-341.74	100 kt sugar cane/year	6,791	0.0	0.0	
<b>CCS</b>	<a href="#">CCS plant</a>	132.19	1 MW	6,014	0.0	0.0	
<b>Cement</b>	<a href="#">Clinker replacement</a>	4.91	1000 tonnes cement/day	166,584	0.0	0.0	
<b>Coal bed/mine methane</b>	<a href="#">Coal mine methane</a>	-30.71	10 Mm3 CMM/year	37,353	0.0	0.0	
<b>EE households</b>	<a href="#">Efficient residential airconditioning</a>	-307.41	1000 Airconditioners	780	0.0	0.0	
	<a href="#">Efficient lighting with CFLs</a>	-321.07	1000 Bulbs	38	0.0	0.0	
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	<a href="#">Efficient wood stoves</a>	-961.16	1000 stoves	2,055	0.0	0.0	
	<a href="#">LPG stoves replacing wood stoves</a>	88.29	1000 stoves	2,055	0.0	0.0	

Navigation tabs: Biomass energy | CCS | Cement | Coalmine CH4 | EE households | EE industry | EE own generation | EE service | EE supply side | Energy distribution | Forestry | Fossil fuel ...

# Data needed to use GACMO?

The data needed are those of the energy balance of the country and the growth projections for the different subcategories of activities.

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	<b>Assumptionst and Country settings</b>													
2	Country:	Country X												
3	Start year (latest inventory):	2015												
4	Currency:	Currency Y												
5	Exchange rate used:	1 US\$=	4	Currency Y										
6	Discount rate =	7.0%												
7														
8	<b>Energy prices used for the whole period:</b>													
9	Crude oil	60.0	US\$/bbl											
10	Crude oil	0.38	US\$/litre											
11	LNG	3.3	US\$/MBTU											
12	Natural gas	3.1	US\$/GJ											
13	Coal	100	US\$/ton											
14														
15	<b>Fuel prices</b>													
16	2020 prices	LPG	Gasoline	Bioethanol	Jet Fuel	Diesel Oil	Biodiesel	Heavy Fuel Oil	Kerosene	Coal	Coke	Petroleum coke	Lignite	Natural Gas
17														
18		0.90	1.40		1.40	1.20		0.80	1.40					
19	US\$/liter	0.34	0.53	0.83	0.53	0.45	1.20	0.30	0.53					
20	US\$/GJ	13.3	15.7		14.8	12.4		7.7	14.8	2.5	2.5	2.5		3.1
21	€/m3	0.54	0.75	0.76	0.80	0.84	0.88	0.98	0.80					(MJ/Nm3)
22	GJ/t	47.3	44.8	26.8	44.6	43.3	26.8	40.2	44.8	25.0	28.0	31.0	18.3	39.0
23														
24	<b>Electricity</b>	Isolated grids	Grid 1	Grid 2										
25	US\$/kWh		0.20											

1 Million BTU =	1.055	GJ
1 US gallon =	3.7854	litres
1 bbl =	159	litres

Ready

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1	<b>Fossil fuel energy balance in TJ</b>	<b>Country X</b>		<b>2015</b>														
2																		
3	<b>TJ units</b>	<b>LPG</b>	<b>Gasoline</b>	<b>Jet Fuel</b>	<b>Diesel</b>	<b>HFO</b>	<b>Kerosene and other</b>	<b>Total oil products</b>	<b>Coal</b>	<b>Lignite</b>	<b>Natural Gas</b>	<b>Coke</b>	<b>Petrocoke</b>	<b>Total energy (fossil)</b>				
4	<b>Unit</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>	<b>TJ</b>				
5	<b>Total</b>	188,964	90,854	58,814	872,276	18,809	2,596	1,232,312.8	791,364	1,032,230	1,735,812	138,180	126,852	5,056,751				
6	<b>Fossil power plants</b>	0	0	0	10,313	9,123	0	19,435.7	449,988	901,220	764,673	0	0	2,135,317				
7	<b>FINAL CONSUMPTION</b>	188,964	90,854	58,814	861,964	9,686	2,596	1,212,877.1	341,376	131,010	971,139	138,180	126,852	2,921,434				
8	Industry - steel	0	0	0	737	0	0	736.6	476	476	8,970	0	0	10,658				
9	Industry - chemical	426	0	0	173	121	0	719.6	11,032	5,948	101,010	0	0	118,709				
10	Industry - non metallic mineral	142	0	0	1,040	723	0	1,905.2	92,596	25,730	73,476	0	126,635	320,342				
11	Industry - food processing and beverage	946	0	0	260	1,487	0	2,693.0	6,384	14,402	38,298	1,372	217	63,366				
12	Industry - construction	0	0	0	6,370	0	0	6,369.5	28	55	14,040	0	0	20,492				
13	Industry - mining	0	0	0	16,292	0	0	16,292.1	532	1,720	5,070	0	0	23,614				
14	Industry - machinery	237	0	0	130	0	0	366.5	84	311	2,691	0	0	3,453				
15	Industry - non ferrous metals	1,750	0	0	563	0	0	2,313.4	30,408	1,244	80,223	135,464	0	249,653				
16	Industry - paper and pulp	47	0	0	433	0	0	480.6	1,204	3,697	8,658	0	0	14,039				
17	Industry - transport equipment	1,088	0	0	303	0	0	1,391.2	0	146	6,942	0	0	8,480				
18	Industry - textile and leather	568	0	0	260	0	0	827.6	9,940	19,874	46,722	0	0	77,363				
19	Industry - miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	18	24,219	0	0	24,237				
20	Transport - road	145,164	90,854	0	711,825	0	0	947,843.3	0	0	3,354	0	0	951,197				
21	Transport - rail	0	0	0	5,850	0	0	5,849.6	0	0	0	0	0	5,850				
22	Transport - domestic air	0	0	58,814	0	0	0	58,814.2	0	0	0	0	0	58,814				
23	Transport - navigation	0	0	0	0	7,355	0	7,354.8	0	0	0	0	0	7,355				
24	Households	11,589	0	0	0	0	2,596	14,184.0	42,448	42,566	429,000	0	0	528,198				
25	Services	27,008	0	0	0	0	0	27,008.3	146,244	14,823	123,279	1,344	0	312,698				

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1															
2	<b>Start year:</b>	2015													
3	<b>Growth from the start year</b>	<b>Annual % increase in the period</b>				<b>% increase from start year values</b>									
4	Growth and multiplication factors	2015 to 2020	2020 to 2025	2025 to 2030	2030 to 2050	2020	2025	2030	2050						
5	Population growth	0.83%	0.83%	0.83%	0.50%	4%	9%	13%	25%						
6	GDP growth	4.10%	4.10%	4.10%	3.00%	22%	49%	83%	230%						
7															
8	Industry - fuel in steel	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	2.0%	34%	79%	140%	256%						
9	Industry - fuel in chemical	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	2.0%	34%	79%	140%	256%						
10	Industry - fuel in non metallic mineral	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	2.0%	34%	79%	140%	256%						
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13	Industry - fuel in mining	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	2.0%	34%	79%	140%	256%						
14	Industry - fuel in machinery	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	2.0%	34%	79%	140%	256%						
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19	Industry - fuel in miscellaneous	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	2.0%	34%	79%	140%	256%						
20	Industry - electricity consumption	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	2.0%	34%	79%	140%	256%						
21	Transport - fuel in road	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	2.0%	34%	79%	140%	256%						
22	Transport - fuel in rail	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	2.0%	34%	79%	140%	256%						
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Type	Reduction option	US\$/tonCO2	Sub-type unit	Emission reduction t CO2/unit	Investment Million US\$	Annual costs MUS\$/year	Units penetrating in 2025	Emission reduction in 2025		Diesel saved ktoe	Gasoline saved ktoe	Electricity saved GWh	Electricity produced GWh
								Per option kt/year	Added kt/year	Frac. of total			
Agriculture	Rice crop CH4 reduction	1.20	Rice crop CH4 red.(1000 ha)	2,566	0.0	0.0		0.00	0	0.0%			
	Zero tillage	-194.39	1000 ha	86	0.0	0.0		0.00	0	0.0%			
	Cover crops	81.04	1000 ha	1,490	0.0	0.0		0.00	0	0.0%			
	Nitrification inhibitors (1000 ha)	67.69	1000 ha	790	0.0	0.0		0.00	0	0.0%			
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	Efficient lighting with LEDs	-354.68	1000 Bulbs	78	-5.0	-27.6	1,000	77.72	78	0.0%			130
	Efficient lighting with LEDs replacing CFL	-213.84	1000 Bulbs	9	0.0	0.0		0.00	78	0.0%			0
	Efficient wood stoves	-961.16	1000 stoves	2,212	0.0	0.0		0.00	78	0.0%			0
	LPG stoves replacing wood stoves	88.29	1000 stoves	2,055	0.0	0.0		0.00	78	0.0%			0
	Efficient electric stoves	-273.81	1000 stoves	155	0.0	0.0		0.00	78	0.0%			0
EE industry	Efficient refrigerators	-37.24	1000 refrigerators	1,203.8	0.0	0.0		0.00	78	0.0%			0
	Efficient electric motors	-309.02	1 kW	0.6	0.0	0.0		0.00	78	0.0%			0
	Energy efficiency in industry	0.94	10% red. of energy demand	13,282,494	0.0	0.0		0.00	78	0.0%			0
EE own generation	Building materials	-24.15	1 million bricks	937	0.0	0.0		0.00	78	0.0%			0
	Waste heat recovery at cement plant	-375.62	1 Cement plant	39,853	0.0	0.0		0.00	78	0.0%			0
	Waste heat recovery at steel plant	-390.79	1 Steel plant	36,704	0.0	0.0		0.00	78	0.0%			0

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# Technology sheet

<b>1 kW grid connected PVs in Greater Malé Region versus diesel fuelled power</b>			
Costs in US\$	Mitigation option	Baseline	Difference
Investment	3000		
Lifetime in years	20		
Levelized investment	283		283
Annual O&M	30		30
Annual fuel costs		453	-453
Total annual costs	313	453	-139
Annual emissions			Abatement
Fuel in tCO <sub>2</sub> e	0.0	1.1	1.1
Other			
Total in tCO <sub>2</sub> e	0.0	1.1	1.1
<b>US\$/tCO<sub>2</sub>e</b>			<b>-133</b>
<b>General inputs:</b>			
Discount rate		7%	
Baseline electricity generation costs		0.31	US\$/kWh
Emissions factor		0.72	tCO <sub>2</sub> e/MWh electricity
<b>Mitigation option: Solar PVs</b>			
Investment in PVs	3000		US\$/kW
Capacity factor	1825		full load hours
Efficiency factor	0.8		
Electricity production	1460		kWh/year
Annual O&M	1%		of capital costs
<b>Baseline: Electricity from diesel generators</b>			
Electricity production	1460		kWh
<b>Electricity generation costs</b>	<b>0.21</b>		<b>US\$/kWh</b>

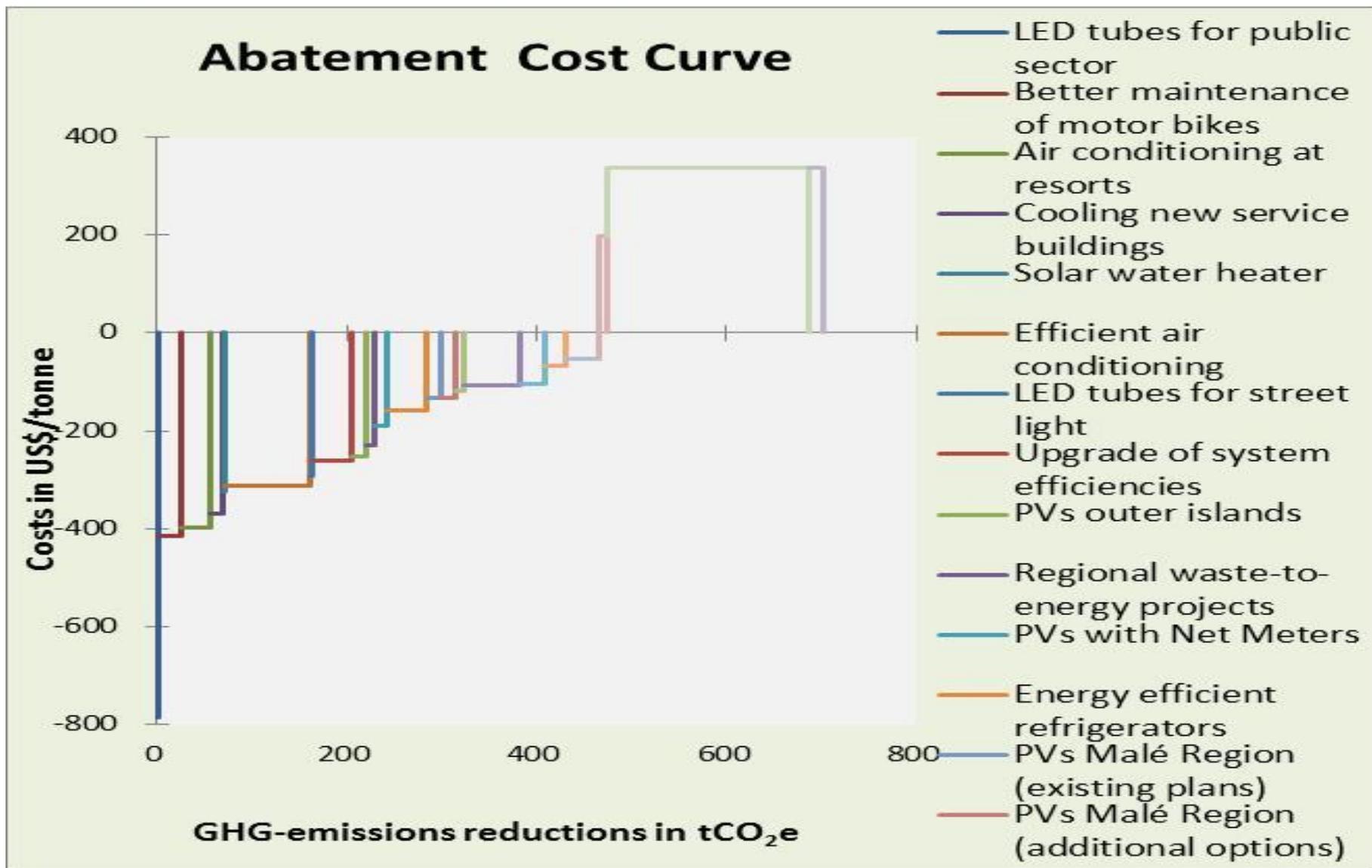
## Comments:

11 MW for the capital island of Male and 4 MW on Hulhumale along with inter-island grid connection through submarine cable.

Due to higher temperatures in the Maldives the output of the PVs will be reduced by the efficiency factor of 0.8.

GACMO incluye hojas idénticas para cada opción de mitigación incluida en el modelo

# Marginal Abatement Cost (MAC) curve - Maldives



## Conclusions GACMO

GACMO is a **simple tool, easily adaptable** to a specific national context used to make analysis of mitigation options and their effects in terms of GHG emissions reduction in the context of NDC preparation or update

The GACMO calculations are transparent and easy to follow, in line with the methodologies established by the IPCC and CDM

GACMO allows to establish a Business As Usual (BAU) project 2025/2030/2050

GACMO allows to establish a mitigation scenario projection (percentage of reduction of GHG emissions in comparison with BAU)

GACMO allows you to calculate the reduction of GHG and the cost related to each mitigation option compared to a technology used as a reference

GACMO allows to "play" with the scale of application of any mitigation option to reach a global reduction target

GACMO offers a clear description of the total reduction of GHG emissions, total inversion and total annual cost

**available at**

<https://unepdtu.org/publications/the-greenhouse-gas-abatement-cost-model-gacmo/>

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