Status on the Implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

19th Meeting of the Partnership Assembly, October 2018
Buenos Aires, Argentina
The Paris Agreement and its objectives

**Collective goals**: long term temperature goal; resilience and low GHG emission development

**Collective efforts**: a global emission trajectory (peaking, reduction, balance between sources and sinks)

**Individual efforts**: successive Nationally Determined Contributions - NDCs
Article 6 – co-operation towards NDCs

Cooperative Approaches
Articles 6.2 and 6.3 and decision 1/CP.21 paragraph 36

The Mechanism
Articles 6.4 to 6.7 and decision 1/CP.21 paragraphs 37 and 38

Framework for non-market approaches
Articles 6.8 and 6.9 and decision 1/CP.21 paragraphs 39 and 40
Article 6 sits in a puzzle with other items

- Accounting for the NDC
- Conditional parts of NDCs
- Accounting for ITMOs used for NDCs
- 6.4 mechanism in the context of NDCs
- Role of non-markets in implementing NDCs
- Information to be reported and its review
- Facilitative compliance
- Global stocktake
## Progress report

### Art 6.2 – Guidance for Cooperative Approaches

- Agree work to SBSTA46
- Intersessional work
- Priority areas identified
- Agreement work to SBSTA 47
- Further intersessional work
- Frame request for SBSTA Chair to develop draft text
- SBSTA Chair publishes draft text
- Negotiate draft text
- Further intersessional work
- Negotiate draft text
- Further intersessional work

### Art 6.4 – Rules, Modalities and Procedures for the Mechanism

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### Art 6.8 – Decision for Non-Market Approaches

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[Annex of diagrams showing progress and recommendations for each article]
Outcome of September 2018 (SBSTA 48.2) negotiations

- In-session: Informal notes further worked on by Parties to prioritize the elements
  - Three sets of “draft text” documents published containing
    - what is needed this year
    - what can come next year
  - Mandate for “textual proposals” from the SBSTA Chair (published last week)
Key issues in guidance for 6.2

• **Extent of the obligations**
  • Just transfer and acquisition of ITMOs or also creation, issuance, use, retirement, carryover/banking etc.?

• **Nature of oversight**
  • Who decides if a Party can participate? Who decides if that participation was consistent with the guidance? An oversight body, a review team (under transparency or a specialized one for Article 6) or the committee for Article 15 compliance?

• **Recording and reporting**
  • Does the guidance need to be prescriptive about how and what is recorded, reported, and correspondingly adjusted?

• **Relationship with the Article 6.4 mechanism**
  • Share of proceeds (does this apply, and if so why?), overall mitigation in global emissions (does this apply, and if so why?), accounting for 6.4 emission reductions (do they fall within cooperative approaches guidance).
Key issues in RMP for the Article 6.4 mechanism

- **What can be credited?**
  - Emission reductions, removals, avoidance, mitigation co-benefits of adaptation?
  - Projects, programmes, but sectors, policies?
- **Supervisory Body**
  - Membership, composition, role.
- **Relationship with the NDC**
  - What does additionality mean in this context, how do baselines need to operate, and what is relevance of national NDC/other policies?
- **Implementing share of proceeds and overall mitigation in global emissions**
  - What is the rate of SOP and how is OMGE to be implemented?
- **Transition of the Kyoto mechanisms**
  - Projects, credits, infrastructure…
Key issues in the framework for non-market approaches

• **Vision for the longer term**
  • In the longer term, one of the most important instruments in the “cooperation tool box”.

• **Nature of oversight**
  • Does it need a task force, an in-session forum or is it too early to tell?

• **Activities, modalities and steps and phases**
  • Still a menu of possibilities that needs to be trimmed and refined to tangible work programme activities and implemented from 2019 onwards.
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