Status of Negotiations on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

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Purpose of presentation

• Introduction to and context of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement
• Presentation of current state of work on Article 6
Introduction and Context of Article 6
Objectives of the Paris Agreement

- The Paris Agreement reflects global political acceptance of the scientific realities of climate change

- Long-term goals:
  - Limiting temperature increase to well below 2°C, pursuing 1.5°C (Art 2)
  - Aiming to achieve a balance between emissions by sources and removals by sinks of GHG in the second half of the century (Art 4.1)

- All Parties have committed to limiting their aggregate long term emissions to achieve these long-term goals (expressed through NDCs)
Recognises that Parties may cooperate in the implementation of their NDCs to allow for higher ambition

Provides a basis for the voluntary use of:
- Transferred mitigation outcomes between authorizing Parties from cooperative approaches – Article 6.2
- A mechanism to contribute to mitigation and sustainable development – Article 6.4
- A framework for non-market approaches to allow for holistic integration of differing aspects of action and support – Article 6.9

Provides Parties with tools for the achievement of the long-term goals of the Agreement
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Marrakech: CMA 1 - What was agreed?

• Decision 1/CMA.1
  • 5. Invites the Conference of the Parties to continue to oversee the implementation of the work programme under the Paris Agreement in accordance with the arrangements contained in decision 1/CP.21, and to accelerate work and forward the outcomes at the latest to the third part of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to be convened in conjunction with the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (December 2018) for its consideration and adoption;

• Expectation is thus to complete by the COP in November 2018; aligns with the co-facilitators’ informal work plan
Co-facilitators’ informal work plan – Where are we now?

**Art 6.2 – Guidance for Cooperative Approaches**
- Agree work to SBSTA46
- Intersessional work
- Priority areas identified
- Agree 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
- Recommend: Guidance for Cooperative Approaches

**Art 6.4 – Rules, Modalities and Procedures for the Mechanism**
- Agree work to SBSTA46
- Intersessional work
- Priority areas identified
- Agree 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
- Recommend: R&M&P for Mechanism

**Art 6.8 – Decision for Non-Market Approaches**
- Agree work to SBSTA46
- Intersessional work
- Priority areas identified
- Agree 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
- Recommend: Decision for Non-Market Approaches
• **Article 6.2** – Guidance for cooperative approaches  
  o Operationalization and scope of 6.2 accounting  
  o Operationalization of environmental integrity and transparency in 6.2

• **Article 6.4** – Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism  
  o Implications of NDCs on the mechanism  
  o Assimilating experience into the mechanism

• **Articles 6.8 and 6.9** – Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches  
  o Identifying and enabling non-market approaches  
  o Operationalization of the framework
This informal information note has been prepared to reflect the discussions under SBSTA agenda item 10 (a). It is a non-paper with no official standing.

The attachment to this informal note contains a non-exhaustive and unstructured list of elements prepared by the Co-Facilitators. The informal list represents our attempt to informally capture the views on elements expressed by Parties in their submissions and in their discussions during informal consultations at SBSTA 46. The informal list does not attempt to capture convergence or divergence. The informal list does not represent agreement; and does not represent agreed views, or agreed ideas or agreed text. The informal list does not represent a proposed structure and the location and numbering of elements does not denote any ranking and the elements raised by Parties are not in any order of priority.

In reflecting on the process of developing the informal list and on the elements within it, some Parties spoke of the need to ensure that the work of the group be governed by the provisions of the Paris Agreement (and decision 1/CP.21) and expressed their concern that some elements listed by Parties on the informal list were not included in the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement. Others also identified the need to ensure that the guidance does not contradict the Paris Agreement. Other Parties wished to collect the broadest list of elements reflecting Parties’ views.

Many Parties expressed their strong discomfort with certain elements on the informal list.

We want to give all Parties assurance that the informal list is not in any way a suggested basis for developing the guidance relating to Article 6 paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement. It is not a forecast of any future direction of work. It does not prejudge further work that Parties may want to undertake nor does it in any way limit Parties from expressing any views they may have in the future.
SBSTA 46 – Article 6.2 – Informal List of Elements

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- Overarching issues, principles, considerations, context, criteria
- Definitions
- Scope and applicability of guidance for Article 6.2
- Governance
- Participation
- Internationally transferred mitigation outcomes in Article 6.2
- Robust accounting
- Ensuring environmental integrity
- Promoting sustainable development
- Transparency
- Infrastructure
- Limits and safeguards
- Interlinkages
- Share of proceeds
- Overall mitigation in global emissions
- Transitional issues
- Other

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SBSTA 46 – Article 6.4 – Informal List of Elements

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- Overarching issues, principles, considerations, context, criteria
- Definitions
- Scope and applicability of rules, modalities and procedures for Article 6.4
- Governance
- Participation
- Scope of activities
- Aspects of activity
- Activity cycle
- Share of proceeds
- Overall mitigation in global emissions
- Limits and safeguards
- Infrastructure
- Transparency
- Accounting
- Interlinkages
- Transitional issues
- Other

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SBSTA 46 – Article 6.8 – Informal List of Elements

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- Overarching issues, principles, considerations, context, criteria
- NMAs under the framework
- Governance of the framework
- Participation
- Functions of the framework
- Work programme activities
- Modalities of work programme
- Transparency
- Interlinkages
- Other

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Article 6 – Next Steps

• SBSTA 46 adopted mirrored conclusions across all three Article 6 sub-items, that invited Parties-only submission of their views on (among others)
  o the content of the guidance, including:
  o the structure and
  o areas, issues and elements to be addressed, including those raised by Parties at SBSTA 46
• The secretariat to organize a Party-only roundtable in conjunction with SBSTA 47, to be based on the above submissions, for all three Article 6 sub-items
• The co-facilitators of the roundtables to prepare an informal document, having consulted with Parties during the round-table discussion, that factually reflects the views expressed by Parties during the roundtable
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