

Regional Workshop on Article 6 and Carbon Pricing

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Draft Concept Note

1. Overview

To ensure that Parties fully harness the potential of carbon pricing and market mechanisms under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, which allows Parties to collaboratively mitigate GHG emissions through market and non-market mechanisms, the UNFCCC is currently engaged in a number of regionally focused capacity building activities.

While many Parties have the necessary capacity to engage in the process, lack of understanding on the rules, Article 6 processes, and a lack of clarity on the outcomes of the ongoing negotiations at the multilateral level, hinder the full and effective operationalization of Article 6. As an outcome of COP27, the UNFCCC secretariat launched the [Article 6 capacity-building work programme](#), to build the capacity of parties to participate in Article 6, including through its Regional Collaboration Centers (RCCs).

As part this, the UNFCCC Secretariat together with the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific, is organizing a four-day training workshop on Carbon Pricing and Article 6, aiming to build the capacity of regional stakeholders contribute towards the operationalization of the Article 6 in the East and South East Asia region.

2. Objectives

The overarching goal of this workshop is to enable a shared understanding of the opportunities presented by the cooperative approaches under the Article 6 mechanism, particularly in the aftermath of the landmark decisions on Article 6 at the COP 29 in Baku. In particular, this workshop aims to:

- i. Foster greater regional dialogues on effective carbon pricing strategies, stakeholder engagement, and implementation pathways;
- ii. Deepen the understanding of how to effectively engage with the market and non-market cooperative mechanisms under Article 6, including 6.2, 6.4 and 6.8;
- iii. Assist the participants in developing better strategies and plans to embed Article 6 in their NDCs, and climate action policies;
- iv. Facilitate a platform for sharing of best practices, challenges and experiences in engaging with Article 6 mechanisms
- v. Strengthen the technical and legal knowledge of the regional stakeholders about participation and compliance requirements under Article 6.

3. Target Audience

The format of this four-day capacity building workshop will be in-person training with the following target audience:

- i. UNFCCC National Focal Points, CDM and Art 6.4 DNA representatives
- ii. Representatives from relevant line ministries of target parties (Energy, Natural Resources, Environment, Climate Change, Forest, Finance, and other relevant ministries)
- iii. International Development Agencies, Multilateral Development Banks and other relevant regional partners
- iv. Private sector and civil society representatives

4. Workshop Programme

The workshop will combine interactive presentations with the aim of providing a hands-on learning experiences. Through carefully designed sessions, participants will engage in valuable peer-to-peer learning and knowledge exchange between countries, fostering a collaborative environment for sharing best practices and insights.

DAY 1 – Regional Dialogue on Carbon Pricing (REDiCAP)	
SESSION 1	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome and Introduction UNFCCC and Host Country
09:30 – 09:45	Ice Breaker Activity UNFCCC
09:45 - 10:45	Taking stock of the Carbon Pricing in East and Southeast Asia: Main Instruments and Trends UNFCCC and Partners (A6IP?, GGGI?, WB?, GIZ?, ICAP?) Format: Presentations and discussion The session will focus on a macro-level overview of the state of carbon pricing in the region, as well as experiences of a select group of countries in leveraging carbon markets for mitigation actions and investment acceleration. The objective is to highlight the overall trends in carbon pricing, evaluation process, key challenges and opportunities, and the associated policy responses by these countries.
10:45-11:00	Break
SESSION 2	
11:00-12:45	Aligning Carbon pricing with the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) Format: Panel Discussion moderated by UNFCCC This session will explore how effectively a well-designed carbon pricing policies could bolster climate ambition under the Paris Agreement, particularly with a view towards Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0) in 2025. The session will examine and present country experiences in aligning these policies with NDCs, national circumstances and sustainable development priorities.
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch
SESSION 3	
14:00-15:30	Developing effective carbon pricing policies Format: Presentations followed by a group discussion This session will unpack the main options/vehicles for carbon pricing and outline the complexities and strategic considerations for developing and implementing effective and equitable carbon pricing policies.
15:30 - 15:45	Break
SESSION 4	
15:45-16:15	Article 6 - Cooperative Approaches UNFCCC <i>Format: Presentation</i> This session will have a presentation by UNFCCC providing an initial introductory overview of Article 6, covering its mechanisms (6.2, 6.4, and 6.8) and next steps in the implementation of Art 6. This session aims to develop a broader understanding of Article 6, with detailed discussions on the mechanisms to follow in the coming days.

16:15 – 17:00	Baku outcomes and the road ahead <i>Format: Townhall discussion</i> As the closing session, a townhall discussion with some opening remarks from UNFCCC, IETA, GIZ and/or the World Bank/ADB to synthesize: what the Baku decisions mean for the region, what are the main challenges, and the roles of different stakeholders. After the initial comments, the rest of the time would be devoted to questions and comments from the participants.
17:00 - 17:15	Information on the Workshop and Closing Remarks

DAY 2 - Operationalizing Article 6	
SESSION 1	
09:00 - 10:30	Unlocking Article 6 Potential and Catalysing climate action for NDCs UNFCCC and RCC Asia Pacific <i>Format: Presentation and Discussion</i> This session will provide greater detail on the mechanisms of Article 6 under the Paris Agreement, focusing in particular on their role in enhancing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Participants will learn about Articles 6.2, 6.4, and 6.8, preparing for deeper discussions on their implementation. The session includes a 20-minute presentation by UNFCCC and RCC Asia and the Pacific on NDC implementation in the region and its linkages with Article 6, followed by a brief overview of the transition from the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and a moderated participant discussion.
10:30 - 10:45	Break
SESSION 2	
10:45 - 12:45	Article 6 Engagement: Key requirements and procedures UNFCCC and RCC Asia Pacific <i>Format: Presentation and discussion</i> The session will include an overview of Article 6.2 requirements, covering: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participation requirements in Article 6 (6.2 and 6.4) 2. Technical, regulatory, and institutional arrangements needed for implementation 3. Positive List development 4. Authorizations and corresponding adjustments approaches 5. Approved mechanisms and project cycle 6. Validation of Article 6.2 projects
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch
SESSION 3	

14:00-15:15	<p>Article 6.2- Reporting, Reviewing and Tracking UNFCCC and RCC Asia Pacific <i>Format: Presentation and discussion</i></p> <p>This session will explore the critical aspects of reporting, reviewing, and tracking under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement, focusing on ensuring the environmental integrity and transparency of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes (ITMOs) and supporting Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The session will include dedicated modules on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of Article 6.2 Reporting Requirements - Outlining the framework for reporting ITMO transactions, including required information, reporting documents (Agreed Electronic Format - AEF, Initial Report - IR and Regular Information, as part of BTR) methods, and frequency. 2. The Review Process under Article 6.2 - Detailed information on how ITMO transactions are reviewed, the role of international oversight, and how these reviews ensure transparency and accountability. 3. Tracking Systems for ITMOs - Explaining technologies and systems for tracking ITMO transfers, use, and retirement to prevent double-counting, with potential discussions on registries.
15:15 - 15:30	Break
SESSION 4	
15:30-16:45	<p>Article 6 - Simulated Exercise on Reporting, Reviewing and Tracking UNFCCC and RCC Asia Pacific <i>Format: Presentation and discussion</i></p> <p>The session will consist of an introductory presentation followed by a group activity.</p> <p>Presentation: The presentation will cover the prerequisites for Article 6 reporting, including interlinkages with NDC commitments and necessary documentation.</p> <p>Group Activity: Participants will engage in an exercise illustrating the practical aspects of reporting, reviewing, and tracking under Article 6 and Article 13. The exercise will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial Report 2. Agreed Electronic Format 3. MRV System - Registry Implementation <p>Additionally, the activity will explore the linkages of Article 6 forms with other UNFCCC document submissions. Pre-designed templates and instructions will be provided and may be substituted by another activity if necessary.</p>
16:45-17:00	<p>Reflections and Closing</p> <p>The facilitator from the previous activity will provide a report back and summarize the key takeaways from the session.</p>
End of Day 2	

DAY 3 - Operationalizing Article 6	
SESSION 1	
09:00 - 09:40	<p>Leveraging the Article 6: Institutional Engagement and Basic Requirements UNFCCC and Partners (tbc) <i>Format: Panel discussion</i></p> <p>This session will explore how a country's economic dynamics influence the process under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. It aims to equip participants with strategies to leverage political and economic factors to facilitate the engagement and implementation of Article 6 activities, and to navigate the complex landscape for selecting appropriate mitigation activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and Political Considerations: Examining how national policy goals and political factors impact the approval of Article 6 projects. • Institutional Framework: Designing institutional arrangements for efficient and transparent project authorization. • Economic Implications: Evaluating economic incentives and potential trade-offs in aligning Article 6.4 projects with national development strategies.
09:40-10:45	<p>Exploring Article 6.4 - Framework and Opportunities UNFCCC and Partners (tbc) <i>Format: Presentation followed by a discussion</i></p> <p>This session aims to provide a foundational understanding of Article 6.4, focusing on its role in promoting environmental integrity through cooperative approaches. Participants will learn about the design and operational aspects of the Article 6.4 mechanism, including its similarities and differences compared to the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).</p> <p>Possible inclusion of risks: overselling, pricing</p>
10:45-11:00	Break
SESSION 2	
11:00-12:00	<p>Roles, Responsibilities and Participation Requirements UNFCCC and RCC Asia and the Pacific <i>Format: Presentation followed by Group Work.</i></p> <p>This session will outline the role of Designated National Authorities and Article 6.4 eligible activities. It will start with an overview of the Article 6.4 Activity Cycle, detailing how host countries must approve mitigation activities before their registration. The session will then delve into assessing eligible sectors and technologies, allocating roles and responsibilities among government entities, and other specific tasks during the Article 6.4 Activity Cycle.</p> <p>It may also cover private sector engagement. The session will include a group activity focused on preparing host party participation requirements for the Article 6.4 mechanism (A6.4-FORM-GOV-001).</p>
12:00-12:45	<p>Group Activity</p> <p>The session will include a group activity focused on preparing host party participation requirements for the Article 6.4 mechanism (A6.4-FORM-GOV-001).</p>
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch
SESSION 3	
14:00-15:00	<p>Enhancing integrity and unlocking demand for carbon credits Panel discussion</p>

	UNFCCC/RCC and Partners <i>Format: Presentation followed by a discussion</i> This session will examine methodologies e.g. Sustainable Development tool, and other methodologies and their integration into project development, and verification mechanisms.
15:00-16:00	Digital Solutions to operationalise Article 6: Market infrastructure Panel discussion UNFCCC/RCC and Partners <i>Format: Presentation followed by a discussion.</i> This session will provide an overview of the infrastructure elements required for developing (an international) registry to track the ownership and transaction of ITMOs. It will cover various components such as registries, auctioning platforms, and market dynamics, including the roles of key actors and players such as project developers, financial intermediaries, and the private sector.
16:00-16:15	Break
SESSION 4	
16:15-17:00	Reflections and Closing Participants from countries that have engaged in or are planning to engage in Article 6 mechanisms will be invited to present, followed by an open discussion.
End of Day 3	

DAY 4 - Operationalization and Action Planning	
SESSION 1	
09:00: 10:00	Article 6.8 Background and Experiences UNFCCC Presentation followed by a group discussion/activity This session will feature a presentation by UNFCCC which will provide an overview of Article 6.8, including its definition, purpose, and how it differs from the market-based approaches of Articles 6.2 and 6.4. It aims to enhance participants' awareness of non-market approaches and their contribution to the goals of the Paris Agreement. The session will also include an activity for the participants to identify potential non-market opportunities in participants' respective countries.
10:00 - 10:45	Private sector roles in A6 for NDC Implementation Panel discussion This session will feature a presentation by a project developer on the role of the private sector in mitigation projects as well as on the linkages with Article 6 and NDC implementation
10:45 - 11:00	Break
SESSION 2	
11:00 -11:45	Overview of Article 6 Capacity Building Initiatives UNFCCC and Partners <i>Presentations and Discussions</i> This session will feature presentations by select international and regional development partners on capacity building initiatives in the region, with partner organizations presenting their ongoing activities and efforts to enhance the full operationalization of Article 6 in the region.
11:45 - 12:30	Placeholder for CIACA donor on global support UNFCCC, BMWK/GIZ, and 1 or 2 supported countries from the region <i>Presentation or Panel Discussion</i>

	<p>Presentation of the CIACA programme and its support for Global Carbon markets including with representatives of selected project countries in the region</p> <p>Discussion</p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
SESSION 3	
14:00 - 16:00	<p>Harnessing Voluntary Carbon Markets for NDC Implementation (GIZ)</p> <p>Expert Presentation or Panel Discussion about GIZ Project Support for Global Carbon markets including with representatives of selected project countries in the region.</p>
16:00 - 16:15	Break
SESSION 4	
16:15-17:00	<p>Embedding Workshop Learnings into National Strategies UNFCCC <i>Guided discussion followed by an activity</i></p> <p>This session will provide space for countries to present their positions on Article 6 and the tools needed to accelerate its integration into their respective NDC targets. This includes integrating carbon pricing and Article 6 cooperative mechanism into NDCs and designing evidence-based policies. This will be followed by an individual activity.</p> <p>Individual Activity: Participants will draft a basic framework or action plan for incorporating carbon pricing and Article 6 cooperative mechanism into their country's NDCs over the next five years. This will focus on identifying key data points needed for evidence-based policy design, assessing the support needed and currently received, and addressing main foreseeable risks.</p>
17:00 - 17:30	Wrap up and closing remarks