

# 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 COP 27, 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 East and Southern Africa (RCC EAS Africa), is organizing a four-day training workshop on Carbon Pricing and Article 6, aiming to build the capacity of regional stakeholders to contribute towards the operationalization of Article 6 in East and Southern Africa 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 Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM);
- 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 three-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

## 4. Workshop Programme

The workshop will combine interactive presentations with the aim of providing 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)	
INTRODUCTION	
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Welcome Remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Representative from the Ministry of Environment</li> <li>- Representatives from the UNEP</li> <li>- Representative from the UNFCCC secretariat</li> <li>- Introduction to the programme</li> <li>- Introduction of the participants and the resource people</li> </ul>
09:30 – 09:40	<b>Group Picture</b>
SESSION 1	
09:40 -10:30	<b>Taking stock of the Carbon Pricing in East and Southern Africa: Main Instruments and Trends</b> <b>UNFCCC and Partners (tbc)</b> <i>Format: Presentations and discussion</i> <p>The session will provide a macro-level overview of the state of carbon pricing in the globally to reiterate the need and the various forms of carbon pricing policies around the world, particularly across developing countries across different regions.</p> <p>Participants will be invited to share their views on main challenges, opportunities and possible solutions for each participating country.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Break</b>
SESSION 2	
11:00-12:45	<b>Aligning Carbon pricing with the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)</b> <i>Format: Panel Discussion moderated by UNFCCC</i> <p>This session will explore how well-designed carbon pricing policies can bolster climate ambition under the Paris Agreement, particularly in the context of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0) in 2025.</p> <p>It will examine and present country experiences in aligning these policies with NDCs, national circumstances and sustainable development priorities, while also featuring insights on leveraging carbon markets for mitigation actions and investment acceleration.</p>
12:45-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
SESSION 3	
14:00-15:15	<b>Harnessing Voluntary Carbon Markets for NDC Implementation</b> <b>GIZ and IETA</b> <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>
15:15 – 16:00	<b>Cooperative Mechanisms under Article 6</b> <i>Format: Presentation by UNFCCC Secretariat</i> <p>This session will have a presentation by UNFCCC providing an initial introductory</p>

	<p>overview of Article 6, covering its mechanisms (6.2, 6.4, and 6.8) and next steps in the implementation of Art 6.</p> <p>This session aims to develop a broader understanding of Article 6, with detailed discussions on the mechanisms to follow over the course of the workshop.</p>
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Break</b>
16:15 – 16:45	<p><b>Baku outcomes and the road ahead</b>  <i>Format: Townhall discussion led by UNFCCC</i></p> <p>The session will feature a presentation by the UNFCCC to synthesize the implications of the Baku decisions, particularly the operationalization of the PACM, an overview of the opportunities it presents for the region, and the roles of different stakeholders. The rest of the session will be open for questions and comments from the participants.</p>
16:45 -17:00	<p><b>Wrap up of day 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recap of main learnings</li> <li>- Outline of next day's proceedings</li> </ul>

<b>DAY 2 - Operationalizing Article 6</b>	
<b>SESSION 1</b>	
09:00 - 10:30	<p><b>Unlocking Article 6 Potential and catalysing climate action</b>  <b>UNFCCC and UNEP (tbc)</b>  <i>Format: Panel discussion</i></p> <p>COP29 has charted a decisive course for advancing global carbon markets through the finalization of Article 6 implementation rules, yet translating these frameworks into action demands robust national policies.</p> <p>This session examines the progress in operationalizing Article 6.2—focusing on bilateral cooperation and agreements taking shape among in the region, as well as support needed and received by countries in the region. It will engage at length with the PACM (Article 6.4), introducing the differences with 6.2, and the inter-relationships.</p>
10:30- 10:45	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION 2</b>	
10:45- 13:00  (with a 15 min break for coffee)	<p><b>Understanding the PACM</b>  <i>Format: Interactive walkthrough by the UNFCCC Secretariat</i></p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the Paris Agreement Carbon Markets (PACM) governance structure, including roles of the Supervisory Body (SBM), Expert Panels, and Designated National Authorities (DNAs).</p> <p>Further discussions in this session will include the operational processes (activity cycle, key methodologies, Mechanism Registry) and guidance for transitioning Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) activities into the PACM framework.</p>
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION 3</b>	
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Understanding the roles and responsibilities of Host Parties – Part I</b>  <b>UNFCCC</b>  <i>Format: Interactive presentation and group activities</i></p> <p>This session will provide a comprehensive walkthrough of Host Parties' roles and responsibilities under PACM, including participation requirements, methodological roles and responsibilities. Interactive exercises will guide participants through</p>

	practical applications including guidance on how to fill related documentation and the associated processes.
15:30 - 15:45	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION 4</b>	
15:45-17:00	<p><b>Understanding the roles and responsibilities of Host Parties – Part II</b>  <b>UNFCCC Secretariat</b>  <i>Format: Interactive Presentation and group activity</i></p> <p>This session will provide a comprehensive walkthrough of Host Parties' roles and responsibilities under PACM, focusing on activity specific roles and responsibilities, including matters related to authorization, as well as accounting and reporting responsibilities.</p> <p>Interactive exercises will guide participants through practical applications including guidance on associated documentations and processes.</p>
17:00 – 17:15	<p><b>Reflections and Closing</b>  The facilitator from the previous activity will provide a report back and summarize the key takeaways from the sessions.</p>
<b>End of Day 2</b>	

<b>DAY 3 – Engagement under PACM: Operational Aspects</b>	
<b>SESSION 1</b>	
09:00 – 10:00	<p><b>Key milestones and outcomes from the SBM discussions</b>  <b>UNFCCC Secretariat and SBM Members</b>  <i>Format: Panel discussion</i></p> <p>This session would provide an update on the key decisions and progress made on Article 6.4 operationalization since the COP 29 in Baku. In particular, this would include a roundup by the participating SBM members on the finalized rules for the PACM registry, CDM transition pathways, additionality standards, and streamlined activity cycle procedures. The session will also include discussions with the participants on the implications of these decisions and issues that are under continuing deliberations.</p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Understanding the rules and regulations: Activity Cycle</b>  <b>UNFCCC Secretariat</b>  <i>Format: Interactive Presentation</i></p>
11:00-11:15	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION 2</b>	
11:15-13:00	<p><b>Understanding and using the Sustainable Development Tool</b>  <b>UNFCCC Secretariat</b>  <i>Format: Interactive presentation and walkthrough</i></p> <p>This session will explain the mandatory use of the Sustainable Development tool, why it is needed and an explanation of how the SD Tool will be applied. Participants may be divided into groups for an exercise to fill up the related forms.</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>SESSION 3</b>	
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Transitioning of CDM Activities</b>  <b>UNFCCC Secretariat and SBM Members</b></p> <p>This session would provide the participants with the strategic and procedural guidance for transitioning Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) activities to the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM). The discussions will focus on application of the eligibility criteria, timelines, stakeholder collaboration,</p>

	documentation, and safeguarding against double counting.  Participants will also be invited to share their experience and insights on the transition process, including observed and foreseen implementation challenges to ensure compliance with Article 6.4 requirements.
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Understanding the Reporting and review processes under Article 6 UNFCCC Secretariat</b>  This session will provide the participants with an overview of the key reporting and review processes under Article 6, including AEF, Initial Reports, Regular Information, as well as the expected roles and responsibilities of the Article 6.4 DNAs.
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Review and wrap-up of the day</b>
<b>End of Day 3</b>	

<b>DAY 4 - Operationalization and Action Planning</b>	
<b>SESSION 1</b>	
09:00: 10:00	<b>Article 6.8: Background and Experiences UNFCCC</b> <i>Format: Presentation followed by a group discussion/activity</i> 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	<b>Private sector roles in A6 for NDC Implementation</b> <i>Moderated Panel discussion: UNFCCC, UNEP and Private sector representatives</i>  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 - 11:30	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION 2</b>	
11:00 -12:30	<b>Overview of Article 6 Capacity Building Initiatives UNFCCC, UNEP, World Bank, GIZ and A6IP</b> <i>Presentations and Discussions</i>  This session will feature presentations by select international and regional development partners on their capacity building initiatives in the region. Additionally, there will be presentations highlighting the ongoing efforts and activities of the RCC and A6 Capacity Building teams to support the full operationalization of Article 6 in the region.
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION 4</b>	
14:00-15:30	<b>Embedding Workshop Learnings into National Strategies UNFCCC</b> <i>Guided discussion followed by an activity</i>  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 into NDCs and designing evidence-based policies. This will be followed by an individual activity.

	<p><b>Individual Activity:</b> Participants will draft a basic framework or action plan for incorporating carbon pricing 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>
15:30 -16:00	<p><b>Wrap up and Closing remarks</b>          UNEP, Government of Kenya and UNFCCC</p>