

Informal Forum on Implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC process

September 2, 2018, Bangkok

Agenda

Speakers are being confirmed

Date: September, 2 2018

Start time: 9:00 am

Location: Royal Princess Larn Luang, Bangkok, 269 Larn Luang Road, Pomprab, Bangkok 10100, Thailand

Project Background and approach

The new climate change agreement, agreed in Paris in December 2015, is to be further defined with rules, modalities and procedures by the Conference of Parties. Article 6, which covers markets and non-markets, is an important element in the Agreement, which will need a substantial amount of political and technical decisions to be taken before it can be implemented.

This meeting is part of the project “Implementation of markets and non-markets provisions in the Paris Agreement” project, which aims to create an informal atmosphere, where the main objective is to explore, discover, explain and understand different points of view related to the issues in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. That is, to understand the options available to define rules, modalities and procedures on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, as well as the consequences of adopting each option.

What is also very important is, to the extent that participants are willing to explain, to understand the different views, and more importantly, WHY these views are held. The discussions will be free and informal. They are generally started with a presentation from ICTSD and launched with reflections from the participating negotiators. Discussions will be held under Chatham House rules (views expressed can be quoted but cannot be attributed to any of the participants). At the end of each meeting we will not produce summaries, but a Reflection Note, with what the Chair took back from the discussions.

Above all, this process is totally separated from the UNFCCC negotiating process. There is no intention, or mandate, to produce any text or negotiate an outcome.

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9:00 Coffee & registration

9:30 Welcome

- A. Marcu, ICTSD/ERCST
- P. Chamornmarn, Exec Director of Thailand GHG Management Org.

09:35 Reflections from SB48 in Bonn

- A. Steen, UNFCCC

This will be a recap of where we left off in Bonn as SBSTA 48 and what were the main accomplishments for that session – where are we with respect to the timetable that the co-chairs have set up for us, and what is needed from Bangkok to stay on schedule. Initial presentation by Amy, followed by reactions from the RT participants

10:00 Double counting & corresponding adjustments

- M. Anshari, Singapore
- A. Marcu, ICSTD
- M. Rambharos, S. Africa

Reactions

- A. Gwaiz, KSA
- K. Hancock, Australia

Double counting will be one of the important issues and a unifying theme between Art 6.2 & 6.4. It is one of the “must have” outcomes if Art. 6 is to become operational. As such, it deserves significant airtime in order to understand the options and the impacts that they each may have to address double counting under different circumstances.

There will be two initial presentations on the possible treatment of double counting through corresponding adjustments and they will cover issues such as what gets to be adjusted, timing, and how to use the information, etc. – this is by no means an exhaustive list, given the complexity of the situation.

The presentations will be followed by initial reactions of 5 min each, and RT discussions with participants.

11:15 Coffee break

11:20 Linkages between Art 6 and other elements of the PAWP

- K. Kizzier, Ireland
- H. Sealey, Maldives tbc

Reactions

- M. Diagne, Senegal
- M. Lajoie, Canada

One of the important discussions will be that of linkages between different elements of the PAWP. It will include issue such as, but not limited to, identifying the linkages, under which component of the PAWP does the work gets done, and type of information and input needed from other elements that have linkages.

There will be an initial presentation by Kelley and Hugh, followed by short interventions by Martin and Mandy and RT discussions with the participants

12:30 Lunch

13:30 What would packages for Art 6.2 and 6.4 look like?

- M. Hession, EC
- F. de Leon, Costa Rica
- P. Zaman, ReedSmith

Reactions

- D. Maosheng, PRC
- K. Koakutsu, Japan
- L. Andrade, Brazil
- K. Olsen, UNEP DTU Partnership

As we are reaching towards the Katowice COP, it is time to consider what a “package” or a “coherent landing” zone would be for Art 6.2 & 6.4. This will also help in determining how different elements in each package will work together and how Art 6.2 & Art 6.4 would articulate with each other.

Martin and Peter will present on Art 6.2, while Felipe will present on Art 6.4. The presentations will be distributed in advance and we will pause after each presentation to provide time for an initial 5 min reaction and RT discussion with participants.

15:00 Coffee break

15:20 Priorities for Katowice

Icebreakers

- K. Harrison, NZ
- L. Mortier, Switzerland
- M. Rambharos, S. Africa
- M.J. Mace, St. Lucia

16:30 **Closing Remarks and End of Meeting**

- A. Marcu, ICTSD/ERCST

16:30 **Welcome reception**