

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

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Session: 'What would packages for Art. 6.2 and 6.4 look like?' Reaction

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Reactions

To the following presentations:

- Martin Hession, European Commission: Art. 6.2
- Peter Zaman, Reed Smith: Art. 6.2, updated *Straw Man* paper
- Felipe de Leon, Costa Rica: Art. 6.4

Are based on the Sustainable Development Dialogue (SDD) six Policy Briefs....

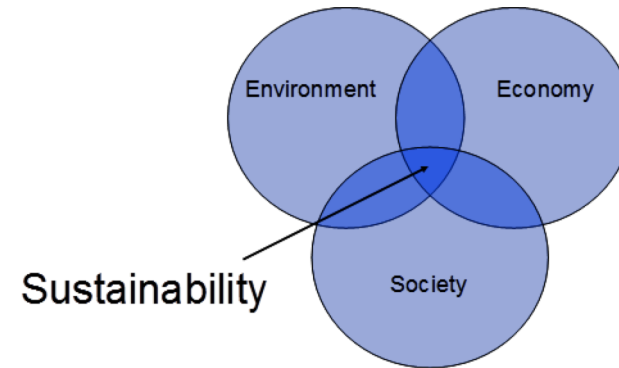
Background Slides

Sustainable Development Dialogue (SDD) on Implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC process

“A Party driven dialogue with the aim to help overcome knowledge and political barriers for Parties to promote sustainable development through voluntary cooperation under Article 6”


Recap: SD in the Paris Agreement

- **Preamble:** *“Emphasizing the intrinsic relationship that climate change actions, responses and impacts have with equitable access to sustainable development and eradication of poverty”*
- **Articles 2, 4 and 6:** *'Climate change shall not be seen in isolation but in context of sustainable development and poverty alleviation'*



- Yet, the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement are run as parallel but separate processes. Tools and approaches to ensure synergies and avoid trade-offs are largely missing in practice.

Article 6 cooperative approaches - SD provisions



Art. 6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unitary objectives for Art. 6 approaches:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase ambition• Promote sustainable development• Ensure environmental integrity
Art. 6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No international supervision, but guidance• Parties shall promote SD and• ensure environmental integrity
Art. 6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervision by UN Body• Rules, modalities and procedures• Contribute to GHG ERs and support SD
Art. 6.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Framework for non-market approaches to sustainable development

Article 6 approaches *shall* promote SD

The “shall” requirement for promoting sustainable development is a reality. It needs to be managed under Article 6. The question is how to operationalize it.

The three main aspects are:

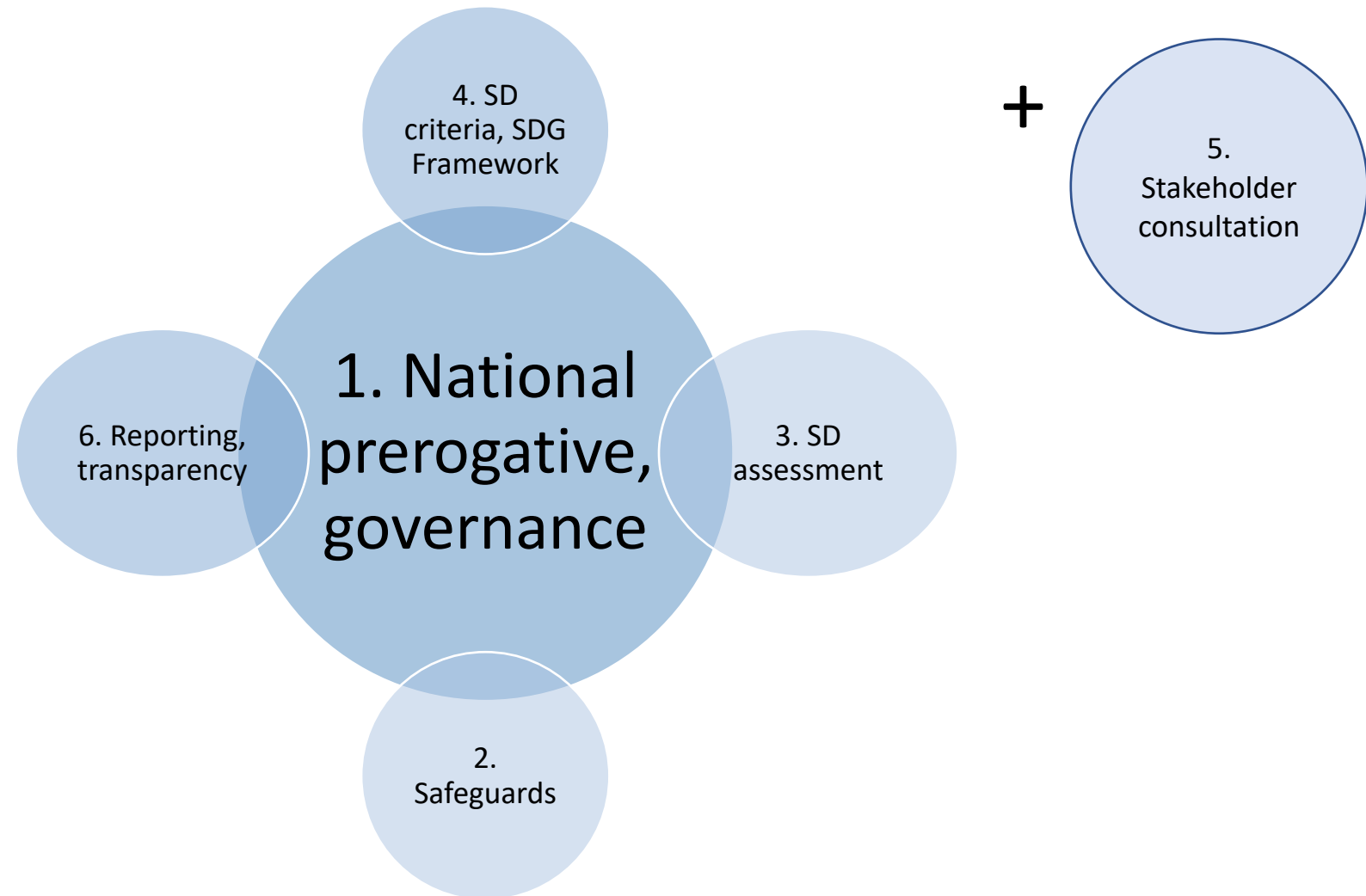
1. What *information* should Parties report relating to SD impacts (activity level and national/system level);
2. *When* should this information be reported (ex-ante and/or ex-post); and
3. If the information should be subject to *review*

Latest activities

Publication and distribution of six Policy Briefs:

- The Policy Briefs include:
 - Facts about the issues
 - Party and stakeholder views - convergence and divergence from Dialogue events
 - Text recommendations - preliminary, to be updated before COP24
- Views stated in these document are those of the authors, including proposals for text elements. Publication is made on behalf of GSF and UNEP-DTU
- Policy Briefs are to inform Parties in Bangkok, 2 September

Policy Briefs based on High-Level Options: Identified from Party Submissions



Next steps

Capture Party feedback on the Policy Briefs and revise text options:

- Carbon Mechanisms Review paper by end September - synthesize Policy Briefs incl. text options
- Integrate main findings of Parties feedback on the Policy Briefs to do a new 'Straw Man text' proposal after Glion and before COP24

SDD to assist Parties with the operationalization of SD provisions in Art. 6 at:

- Informal meeting of Art. 6 negotiators in Glion, 16th to 19th October (tbc)
- COP 24 in Katowice, 3rd to 12th December

Thanks!

*All Parties are invited to join the SDD event in Glion 16 October
- register with ICTSD*

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