

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

May 7 & 19, 2017 Bonn, Germany

May 7, 2017; 9:30 – 15:30

Location: Bonn, Hotel Kanzler

May 19, 2017; 9:00 – 13:30

**Location: Bonn, Ministry of Federal Ministry for the
Environment, Nature Conservation,
Building and Nuclear Safety**

Project background & 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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Agenda

May 7, 2017

9:00 – 9:30

Registration

9:30 – 9:45

Welcome and opening remarks

Chair: Andrei MARCU, Senior Fellow, ICTSD

Carlos Fuller, Chair, SBSTA

9:45 – 13:00

Views of submissions

Andrei Marcu, ICTSD

Martin Hession, EC

Martin Lajoie, Canada

Marcelo Rocha, Brazil

Kay Harrison, New Zealand

Mbaye Diagme, Senegal

Abdelrahman AL Gwaiz, KSA

Kazuhisa Koatutsu, Japan

This session will provide views on the submissions to SBSTA. The presenters will focus their presentations on two areas

1. What are the main “headings” which emerge from the submissions? After reviewing the submissions, the presenters should identify a number of “headings” or “issues” which will need to be addressed before Art 6 to become operational. Headings could be identified for Art 6.2, 6.4 and 6.8
2. The presenters will focus on “headings” of their own choosing, and comment on their views, and the views from the submissions, on the selected headings.

It is hoped that this session will provide an opportunity to get views from participants on what they regard as the main headings, and start to understand the perspectives on the different views that emerge from submissions.

The balance of the session will be a moderated roundtable with participants.

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch



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14:00 – 15:00

Discussions on Art 6 Roundtable and on...

Chair: Andrei Marcu, ICTSD

Remarks:

Carlos Fuller
tbc, UNFCCC
Kelley Kizzier, EC
Hugh Sealy, Maldives

Reactions:

Per Stiansen, Norway
Emil Calles, Venezuela
Yuji Mizuno, IGES
Sophie Closson, Belgium

SB 46 will be a critical session if we are to complete the work in time for COP 24. The Art Roundtables during SB46, discussions in the Contact Group and the work programme post SB 46 are critical component in the roadmap to COP 24.

This session aims at providing for an exchange of views of what can should and can be achieved during these sessions, and how the different participants see the way these sessions could unfold.

Initial interventions will be will be 5-7 min each, followed by 3-5 min reactions. The rest of the session will be a moderated roundtable with participants

15:30

End of meeting