

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

May 19, 2017 Bonn, Germany

May 19, 2017; 9:00 – 13:30

Location: Bonn, Ministry of Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Robert-Schuman Platz 3, Rooms .0112 & .0174

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 19, 2017

9:00 – 9:30

Welcome

Chair: Andrei MARCU, Senior Fellow, ICTSD

Opening remarks: after SB 46

Carlos Fuller, Chair, SBSTA

Hugh Sealy, Maldives

Kelly Kizzier, EC

9:30 – 10:15

Outline of breakout sessions

Andrei Marcu, ICSTD

This session will include a short presentation of the process, followed by 15/20 min presentations for each of the three topics. This will ensure that while more in-depth discussions will take place in each group, all participants will have a good starting point, and stay informed on all topics

10:15 – 13:15

Breakout sessions

- 1) CDM & Art 6.4 (S. Greiner & M. Rocha)
- 2) Environmental integrity & sustainable development (A. Howard & K. Holm)
- 3) Accounting with different types of NDCs (C. Hood)

This sessions are intended to start in depth substantive discussions of “headings”/issues that are expected to be critical in ensuring that the rule book for Art 6 is completed by COP 24 in 2018.

Each topic will have a moderator/rapporteur and a resource person. The participants will be divided in three groups. The sessions will be moderated discussions, *and will start the process of defining options on how to treat the issues under discussion*. Each of the three groups will rotate topics, and discuss each topic for 1 hour.

There will be no agreement or attempt to reach a consensus at these sessions. While we will review the format after each meeting, determine how effective it is, and how it can be improved, it is very much the intention of this project to continue and discuss issues in depth at the upcoming post SB 46 sessions, before, and at COP 24.

13:15 – 13:30

Plenary session

This will be an opportunity for breakout session participants to update each other on the discussions. There will be short presentations, followed by discussions based on the reports from the breakout groups

13:30

End of meeting