

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

Agenda

Date: February 20 & 21, 2018

Location: Room G602, Tokyo International Forum, 100-0005, Tokyo

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”, 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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February 19

19:00 **ICTSD Dinner (Shunju Tameikesannou, Sanno park tower 27F, 2-11-1, Nagatacho)**

Day 1 - February 20

09:15 **Coffee and Registration**

09:30 **Welcome**

- A. Marcu, ICTSD/ERCST
- Y. Takahashi, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment Japan

09:40 **Reflections from SBSTA 47**

- C. Fuller, Belize, former SBSTA Chairman
- P. Watkinson, France, SBSTA Chairman
- A. Marcu, ICTSD/ERCST
- A. Steen, UNFCCC

10:20 **Reaction to Informal Note of co-Chairs**

- M. Rambharos, South Africa
- P. Stiansen, Norway

11.00 **Robust accounting**

- Y. Mizuno, IGES

11:30 **Coffee break**

11:45 **Presentation of Text of Draft Negotiating Elements on Article 6.2**

At SBSTA 47 the co-chairs produced an Informal Note: “Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Art 6.2”. This note, together with prior submissions by Parties, will be used by the Chair of SBSTA to prepare an informal document containing the draft elements of guidance on cooperative approaches which will be used at SB 48 negotiations.

This session will include a presentation by Peter Zaman (Reed Smith LLP) & Andrei Marcu (ERCST/ICTSD) of a straw man outlining elements of guidance under Article 6.2, building on the informal note and prior submissions by Parties. The paper will have been peer reviewed by a number of prestigious institutions from both developed and developing countries, who follow Article 6 negotiations.

The straw man intends to eliminate duplications, but keep all substantive options, and produce a useful framework for discussion for negotiators in their informal deliberations and preparations leading to SBSTA 48 in Bonn, May 2018.

Presentation

- A. Marcu, ICTSD/ERCST
- P. Zaman, Reed Smith LLP

12:45 Lunch

13:45 Reactions

This section of the workshop will be dedicated to discussions of the paper presented by Peter Zaman and Andrei Marcu. It will start with reactions from invited commentators.

In their input, the presenters will provide their views on how the document reflects the discussions and SBSTA documents, and ways to improve it.

This session will examine the paper and discuss:

- Any overlaps or duplications in the headings or options
- Any missing options
- The need to eliminate overlaps to streamline the paper and provide clarity
- The substance in every option, with pros and cons

The initial interventions by the invited commentators will be followed by a moderated discussion with roundtable participants, which will be split into two moderated breakout groups.

After discussion in breakout groups, all participants will reconvene to hear and debate the conclusions of each group.

- T. Andrade, Brazil
- M. Hession, EC
- M. Rambharos, S. Africa
- K. Harrison, NZ
- M.J. Mace, St Lucia

14:45 Discussion in breakout groups (Room G604&G608)

16:15 Coffee break

16:30 Discussion in plenary

17:30 Overall reaction

- D. Forrister, IETA

17:45 End of Day 1

19:00 IGES & Min. of Environment Japan Dinner (Gonpachi (G-Zone Ginza))

Day 2 - February 21

9:15 Article 6.4 Issues

Reactions to Informal Note on Art 6.4

The outcome of SBSTA 47 was an Informal Note: “Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Art 6.4” prepared by the co-chairs.

This session will examine the Informal Note and discuss:

- Any overlaps or duplications in the headings or options
- Any missing options
- The need to eliminate overlaps to streamline the paper and provide clarity
- The substance in every option, with pros and cons

Each section will be introduced by a commentator (15 min) and will be followed by a moderated discussion with the participants.

- T. Forth, Germany
- S. Greiner, The Gambia
- M. Diagne, Senegal
- U. Raab, Sweden
- A. Gwaiz, KSA

- K. Anttonen, Finland
- F. de Leon, AILAC

10:40 Coffee break

11:00 Reactions to Reflection note on Art 6.4 (continuation in break out groups)
(Room G408&G410)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Reactions to Reflection note on Art 6.4 (continuation in plenary)

15:00 Articulation between Art 6.2 and Art 6.4

- M. Lajoie, Canada
- K. Hancock, Australia
- W. Schuldt, Ecuador
- K. Koakutsu, Japan

15:45 Coffee break

16:00 Articulation between Art 6.2 and Art 6.4 (continuation)

17:00 Reflections and takeaways

- H. Sealy, Grenada & K. Kizzier, Ireland, co-chairs
- P. Watkinson, SBSTA Chair
- T. Chruszczow, Polish Presidency (incoming)

17:20 Closing Remarks and End of Meeting

- Y. Mizuno, IGES
- A. Marcu, ICTSD/ERCST

List of Participants

Country/Organisation	First name	Last name
AILAC	Diana	Barba
ADB	VK	Duggal
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Australia	Mathew	Stuchbery
Belize	Carlos	Fuller
Brazil	Tulio	Andrade
Canada	Martin	Lajoie
Chile	José Eduardo	Sanhueza Flores
Costa Rica	Felipe	De Leon
EC	Martin	Hession
Ecuador	Walter	Schuldt
EDF	Alex	Hanafi
EU	Kelley	Kizzier
Fiji	Jale	Tauraga
Finland	Karoliina	Anttonen
France	Paul	Watkinson
Germany	Malin	Ahlberg
Germany	Konrad	Raeschke-Kessler
Germany	Thomas	Forth
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IGES	Yuji	Mizuno
IGES	Chisa	Umemiya
Indonesia	Moekti Handajani	Soejachmoen
Italy	Vanessa	Leonardi
Japan	Kiyoshi	Komatsu
Japan	Kazuhiisa	Koakutsu
Japan	Daisuke	Ishizuka
Japan	Takahiko	Tagami
Japan	Mihoko	Kawamura
Japan	Naoki	Tori
Korea	Soonchul	Park
Korea	Hyo Sung	Kang
Korea	Jee Hwan	Lee
Korea	Chae Young	Lim
Korea	Seoyoung	Lim
Maldives	Hugh	Sealy
New Zealand	Todd	Croad

New Zealand	Kay	Harrison
Norway	John Erik	Prydz
Panama	Eduardo	Reyes
Poland	Piotr	Dombrowicki
Poland	Tomasz	Chruszczow
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Saudi Arabia	Walaa	Slaiheim
Senegal	El Hadji Mbaye	Diagne
Senegal	Andrew	Howard
Singapore	Anshari	Rahman
Solvay	Philippe	Chauveau
South Africa	Mandy	Rambharos
Sweden	Annika	Christell
Switzerland	Martin	Enderlin
Thailand	Thawatchai	Saengkhamasuk
The Gambia	Sandra	Greiner
UK	Lorna	Ritchie
UNEP DTU	Karen	Olsen
UNFCCC	Amy	Steen
US	Molly	Peters-Stanley
US	Kim	Carnahan
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