

## ERCST “Informal Forum on Implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC process”

June 16, 2019, Bonn, Germany

### Agenda

**Date:** June 16, 2019

**Time :** 9 :00 – 17 :00

**Location:** Hilton Hotel, Berliner Freiheit 2, 53111, Bonn, Germany

### 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 Paris 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 “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 introduced with a presentation from ERCST 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 Welcome remarks

- A. Marcu, ERCST

## 9:15 Reflections on Current Developments

This session will start with reflections following the discussions at the last informal meeting in Glion, as well as discussions that have taken place in other informal forums. The three interveners will each have 5 min each.

Do the current issues need more technical focus and better technical understanding, or are there ongoing strong political components that are overshadowing the issues?

There are two technical components that need to be considered: a) considering technical details and options; b) understanding issues and how different components across Art 6, and between Art 6 and other Articles of the Paris Agreement (already agreed in Katowice), work.

The last part of the session will be a moderated discussion with RT participants.

- A. Marcu, ERCST
- S. Greiner, Gambia
- M. Lajoie, Canada

## 9:45 Definition of ITMOs

This panel is intended to discuss one of the more fundamental issues: what is an ITMO? Different versions of the texts forwarded from Katowice will have some elements of the definitions included.

There will be an initial presentation by Andrei Marcu (15 min) followed by reactions from Ian, Duan, Abdelrahman and Sophie (7 min each).

The presentation will be sent one week in advance to all participants. Some of the questions that may be taken up in the presentation include:

- Does it include reductions, avoidance and removals (what types of removals)?
- What is the definition of reduction and avoidance?
- Does it include all metrics?
- Is it a netting of transfers, or is each transfer an ITMO?
- What does "consistent with the NDC of the participating Parties" mean?
- Does it include Art 6.4 units?
- What is the definition of vintage?

The objective is not to validate the presentation and the views expressed in it. On the contrary, it is only to be used as a starting point, and for the purposes of critique. We hope to reach a common understanding of different views and positions.

All interveners are being asked to read the presentation and comment on what they feel is right and wrong in it, and how they see things fitting together. Their interventions are not meant to simply restate positions, but their views and understanding, using the presentation as a starting point.

As always, this will be followed by a moderated discussion with the RT participants

**Presentation:** A. Marcu

**Reactions:**

- S. Closson, Belgium
- D. Maosheng, China
- S. Tashi, Bhutan

**11:15**      **Coffee break**

**11:30**      **Flow of tracking ITMOs & performing, reporting, recording and reviewing of corresponding adjustments**

There will be an initial presentation (15 min) by Supanut Chotevitayatarakorn of the paper with the same name (attached).

This will be followed by comments from Kay, Yuji, Martin and Mandy (10 min max each). The paper is trying to outline a view of how these elements may be operationalized and fit together. It is possible, and likely that some negotiators, or many of them, may have a very different understanding of this issue, and disagree with parts, or the whole approach taken in the paper. Great!

The objective is not to validate the paper, but to use it as a starting point, which will allow for a debate. We hope to reach a common understanding of different views and positions – we are not negotiating a consensus.

As such, all interveners are being asked to read the paper and comment on what they feel is right and wrong in it, and how they see things fitting together.

As always, this will be followed by a moderated discussion with the RT participants.

**Presentation:** Supanut Chotevitayatarakorn, Thailand

**Reactions:**

- M. Hession, EU
- Y. Mizuno, Japan
- S. Fellermeier, Switzerland

**12:45            Lunch**

**13:45            Integrating sustainable development**

The starting point will be a presentation by Karen Olsen, based on the work that the Sustainable Development Initiative has done in evaluating different tools for sustainable development currently available.

This work will then be presented in the context of how SD should be integrated in the Art. 6 text. There will be reaction from Karoliina, Simon and Mbaye. As always, this will be followed by a moderated discussion with the RT participants.

**Presentation:** K. Olsen, UNEP-DTU

**Reactions:**

- M. Diagne, Senegal
- K. Anttonen, Finland

**15:00            Art 6.4: Avoiding the use of emissions reduction by more than one Party**

This discussion will start with a presentation by Andrei Marcu on the paper entitled "Possible interpretations of Art 6.4 and corresponding adjustments" (Marcu & Sinha) (attached). This is will be followed by interventions from Luis, Kazu and Anshari.

This has been one of the thorniest issues, and could not be resolved in Katowice. The issue, is also known, depending whom you ask, as I/O NDC; beyond NDC; double counting (and maybe by many other names).

We expect to debate a number of issues, using the paper as a background/target:

- Are we referring to "outside" or "beyond" NDC? What is the difference and what is understood by these terms?
- Does the concept apply to 6.4 or also to 6.2?
- What is the double counting towards – inventory or NDC?

It is possible that many will feel that we have debated this enough already. The reality is that there needs to be clarity before the issue can be negotiated, and we currently feel that this is not the case.

It is also possible, and likely, that some, or many, may have very different understanding of the issue and disagree with parts, or the explanation offered in the paper. The objective is not to validate the paper, but to use it as a starting point, which will allow for a debate. We hope to reach a common understanding of the different views and positions.

As such, all interveners are being asked to read the paper and comment on what they feel is right and wrong in it, and how they see things fitting together.

As always, this will be followed by a moderated discussion with the RT participants.

**Presentation:** A. Marcu

**Reactions:**

- L. Andrade, Brazil
- K. Koakutsu, Japan
- M. Anshari, Singapore

**15:50          Coffee break**

**16:00          CDM transition**

This is the final session of the day and will include a discussion on CDM transition. The discussion will start with a presentation by Molly (10 min). This will be followed by interventions by Felipe, Rajani and Thomas.

As in the previous panels, the objective is not to validate the presentation, but you start a discussion from one point of view and build on that and try to see where the gaps are.

As always, this will be followed by a moderated discussion with the RT participants.

**Presentation:** M. Stanley-Peters, USA

**Reactions:**

- F. de Leon, Costa Rica
- T. Forth, Germany

**17:00          Closing Remarks and End of Meeting**

- A. Marcu, ERCST

## List of Participants

Country	First Name	Last Name
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Canada	Grégoire	Baribeau
Canada	Martin	Lajoie
Chile	Eduardo	Silva
Chile	Jose Eduardo	Sanhueza Flores
Chile	Juan	Searle
Chile	Julio	Cordano
China	Moasheng	Duan
Colombia	Diana	Barba
Colombia	Ximena	Samaniego Figueroa
Consultant	Marion	Verles
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Japan	Kiyoshi	Komatsu
Japan	Toshiaki	Nagata
Japan	Yuji	Mizuno
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