

ERCST “Informal Forum on Implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement”

Agenda

Speakers are being confirmed

Date: September 3, 2020

Time: 1 pm Brussels time

Location: Zoom videoconference

Project Background and Approach

This webinar 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.

13:00 Welcome remarks

- A. Marcu ERCST

13:05 Reflection note from “July 15, 2020: “Registries”

The session will begin with the presentation of the reflection note from the previous Article 6 webinar on “Registries in Article 6”. The session will continue with a review of the discussion from the previous session in order to make sure all issues have been recapped and clarified and any new issues addresses.

- A. Marcu (ERCST)
- D. Agrotti (ERCST)

13:35 Discussion on continuation of activities and baselines

In addition to the transition of CERs, the issue of the transition of activities and the use of methodologies has been another significant barrier in reaching an agreement in Madrid.

This segment of the meeting will address the transition of CDM activities to Art 6.4 and the use of methodologies with activities that transition. Version 3 of the Madrid text refers to transferred activities using current methodologies until 2023 at the latest.

Where an activity is eligible for transition pursuant to paragraph 72 above:

- (a) The transition shall have been completed by no later than 31 December 2023;
- (b) It may continue to apply its current approved CDM methodology until the earlier of the end of its current crediting period or 31 December 2023, following which, it shall apply an approved methodology pursuant to chapter V. B (Methodologies);
- (c) For CDM project activities and CDM programmes of activities

There will be initial interventions followed by a roundtable discussion with participants.

- M. Diagne, Senegal
- C. Octaviano Villasana, Mexico
- M. Hession, EC
- D. Maosheng, PRC
- A. Steen, UNFCCC
- J. Miguez, CDM Expert Brazil

14:30 Discussion on “Safeguards”

The current v3 of the Presidency text from Madrid has included the elaboration of Limits in the work programme: *“Elaboration of any limits that may be required pursuant to chapter III.E of the annex (Limits to the transfer and use of ITMOs)”*

This is beyond what has been included in the current Annex:

Each participating Party shall ensure that the use of cooperative approaches does not lead to a net increase in emissions of participating Parties within and between NDC implementation periods and shall ensure transparency, accuracy, consistency, completeness and comparability in tracking progress in implementation and achievement of its NDC by applying the limits set out in further guidance by the CMA.

While this issue is currently placed in the work programme, trying to recall the experience from the Kyoto Protocol and its impact on the KP market is important, in order to be able to proceed at the next COP.

It is also important to remember that the Paris Agreement is very different from the Kyoto Protocol in the sense that all Parties contribute so the risk of overselling or overusing needs to be examined in that light.

The KP experience will be presented by Peer Stiansen, and will be followed by discussions with all participants

14:50 Conclusion and discussion of ideas for future sessions

Discussion of themes for next sessions.