

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

### *Agenda*

*Speakers are being confirmed*

**Date:** January 25, 2021

**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 November 30, 2020: “sales of clean energy under Art 6, Article 6 piloting and update on CDM numbers”**

The session will begin with the presentation of the reflection note from the previous Article 6 webinar on update on “sales of clean energy under Art 6, Article 6 piloting and update on CDM numbers”.

- A. Marcu, ERCST
- T. Mertens, ERCST

## **13:15 Art 6.4 methodologies & CDM transition**

Version 3 of the Art 6.4 Presidency text includes provisions in the Annex on methodologies as well as a work programme to develop principles for methodologies, including baseline and additionality.

Version 3 of the Art 6.4 is a streamlined version on this matter as it is for other issues under Art 6. Looking back to version 1 of the Presidency text, which is more elaborate, there is a lot more detail in the approaches for setting the baselines.

These are crucial elements for the success of Art 6.4 and a good understanding of the options, what needs to be taken into account, what methodologies are most in use and should be considered priority in transition will help increase the chances for success in finalizing the rule book.

There will be an initial presentation by K. Koakutsu followed by a roundtable discussion with participants.

- **Discussants**
  - D. Maosheng, PRC
  - J. Miguez, CDM EB Member, Brazil
  - S. Fellermyer, Switzerland
  - M. Diagne, Senegal
  - M. Hession, EC

## **14:30 Relationship between voluntary markets and Art 6**

Voluntary markets are increasing in importance with many entities making use of them to meet their voluntary commitments. Under the Kyoto Protocol, there was no obligation to account for voluntary actions. However, under the Paris Agreement and Art 6 there are provisions for “Other international migration purposes” and while most read into that ICAO and possibly IMO provisions, there is also the issue whether the use of ITMOs for voluntary markets needs to be considered. Different views have emerged on how to treat the use of mitigation outcomes transferred internationally which may be seen as indistinguishable from ITMOs.

Given the increased importance of voluntary markets, it would be important to understand if this is an issue and if so, what are the possible positions. There will be an initial presentation by S. De Clara followed by a reaction from ICROA.

- Stefano De Clara, IETA
- J. Shopley, ICROA

**15:00**      **End of meeting**