

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

Draft Agenda

Speakers are being confirmed

Date: May 26, 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 on the previous informal dialogue from April 26, 2021 and continuation of the discussion on multi-metric accounting.

The session will begin with a discussion of issues that are captured in the Reflection Note from the from the previous Article 6 webinar. The discussion on multi-metric accounting will be continued which gives the opportunity for more in-depth reflection on this topic.

There will be an initial presentation from Andrei Marcu with reactions and critique of the presentation. A paper and power point presentation will be provided ahead of the meeting for review by the participants.

- Presentation:
 - Andrei Marcu, ERCST
- Reactions:
 - S. Chotevitayatarakorn, Thailand
 - M. Stanley-Peters, USA
 - T. Forth, Germany

13:30 Limits of transfer and use of ITMOs

Version 3 of the Madrid text is very succinct:

“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. “

It makes it clear that the focus is on transparency and reporting and in ensuring environmental integrity – but that the situation is very different from the KP where the focus was on the Commitment Period Reserve which was related to its assigned amount. It was seller’s liability clause that was never invoked and came into discussion very briefly.

In the case of the Paris Agreement, it is important to identify all the provisions in v3 of Art 6.2 that provides safety measures on the limits of transfer and use of ITMOs.

While the transparency and reporting are there some may also look for hard guidance on what is acceptable.

An initial presentation from ERCST on text elements that address this issue will be followed by reactions and discussions with the participants

- M. Anshari, Singapore
- S. Lim, ROK
- M. Hession, EC

14:25 Outcomes of the previous SBSTA Chair meetings on May 20 and 21, 2021

The SBSTA chair held two informal technical expert dialogues on “*Ensuring rapid operationalisation (Articles 6.2, 6.4, and 6.8)*”.

There will be initial reactions that should focus on:

- Takeaways from the meetings convened by the SBSTA Chair.
- Areas where further work can be undertaken.

This will be followed by a roundtable discussion with participants

- **Reactions:**
 - S. Fellermeier, Switzerland
 - M. Duan, PRC

15:05 Looking forward to the upcoming SBSTA sessions

The informal SBSTA discussions will be the focus on this session with participants having the opportunity to raise informally issues of substance that will be discussed.

- A. Steen (UNFCCC Secretariat)

15:30 End of meeting