

ERCST: “Article 6 Community Center: Considerations after the 2021 session of the SBSTA (May-June)”

Draft Agenda

Date: June 17, 2021

Time: 1 pm Brussels time

Location: Zoom videoconference

Background

COP26 is considered to be an important opportunity to give new momentum to international climate negotiations. Article 6 of the Paris Agreement is the only element that has not been agreed on, and everyone feels that without it the Paris Agreement is incomplete in spirit. It also has implications for the completion of other important files such the Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement. Closer to home, it may also impact linking of international ETS as there will be a need to account for international ITMOs transfers, that accounting cannot be completed without an Art 6 agreement.

At the same time, many Parties, multilateral international organizations, and private sector actors have started to test and see how Article 6 activities can be operationalized including through activities such as the World Bank’s Climate Warehouse or the pilot activities undertaken by Switzerland, Peru and Ghana.

A new Community is emerging around Carbon Markets 2.0, and Article 6 of the Paris Agreement will play an important role.

This webinar is part of a series by ERCST to bring together a broader community, beyond the UNFCCC negotiators, which is interested in Article 6. We hope to catalyze an exchange of information and experiences.

This webinar is an opportunity for the wider Article 6 community to better understand the views and positions of leading Article 6 negotiators coming out of the 2021 session of the SBSTA held between May 31 and June 17, and how it shapes out for COP 26 in Glasgow.

There will be plenty of opportunity for Q & A during the session.

15:00 Welcome remarks

- A. Marcu, ERCST

15:10 Outcomes of the 2021 session of the SBSTA (May-June)

Since April 2021, the SBSTA chair has been organizing a series of informal technical expert dialogues to give the opportunity for Parties and observers to make submissions of their views and positions on several unresolved issues, including:

- enabling ambition in Article 6 instruments,
- clean development mechanism activity transition to the Article 6.4 mechanism;
- implementing overall mitigation in global emissions in the Article 6.4 mechanism;
- use of Kyoto Protocol units towards NDCs
- reporting and accounting for GHGs and non-GHGs under Article 6.2

To discuss these topics, a group of Article 6 negotiators will take stock of how discussions evolved during the 2021 session of the SBSTA (May-June), and how the outcomes will shape out for Glasgow.

Moderator: A. Marcu (ERCST)

Speakers:

- E. Reyes (CfRN)
- E. M. Diagne (Senegal)
- K. Koakutsu (Japan)
- M. Carrilho (Brazil)
- M. Hession (European Commission)

16:25 Closing remarks and end of meeting