

Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: Informal technical expert dialogues

Reporting and review under Article 6.2

September and October 2021



Guiding questions for this informal technical expert dialogue

- What further **dates and details** are needed in the 6.2 decision to ensure sequencing is clear?
- **By when** do reporting formats and tables and review guidance need to be ready?
- What is **the relationship with the ETF**, including the structured summary, and how should the 6.2 decision reflect this?
- **How do these issues relate to the rest of the package** (Article 6/the wider Glasgow outcome) and **how could resolving these issues contribute to reaching consensus?**



Contents of this informal technical information slide pack

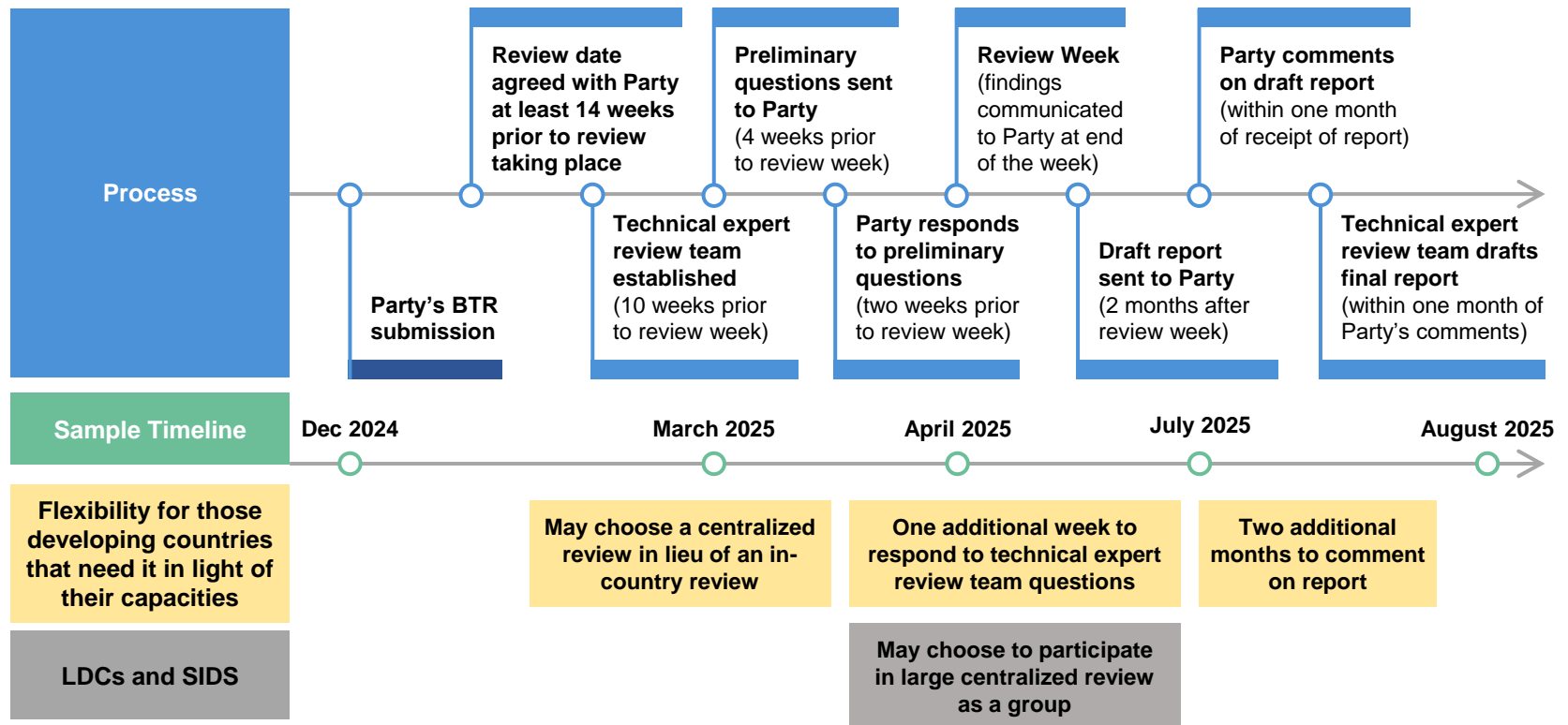
- Visual representation of the **Enhanced Transparency Framework (Article 13/18.CMA.1) reporting and review cycle**
- Visual representation of the **draft Article 6.2 reporting and review arrangements** per COP25 3rd Presidency Text and interaction with the ETF cycle
- Visual representation of **national inventory report timing** compared to draft Article 6.2 reporting and review arrangements (COP25 3rd Presidency text)
- Visual representation of in **Article 6.2 infrastructure related arrangements** per COP25 3rd Presidency Text
- Summary of **relevant points made in informal technical expert dialogues** so far and **“to do” list per the cover decision Article 6.2** COP25 3rd Presidency Text
- Visual representation of **possible links** with other discussion items in Article 6

All slides are without prejudice to the outcome of Article 6 negotiations





Procedures and timelines under 18/CMA.1



Article 6.2 reporting and review: COP25 3rd Presidency text



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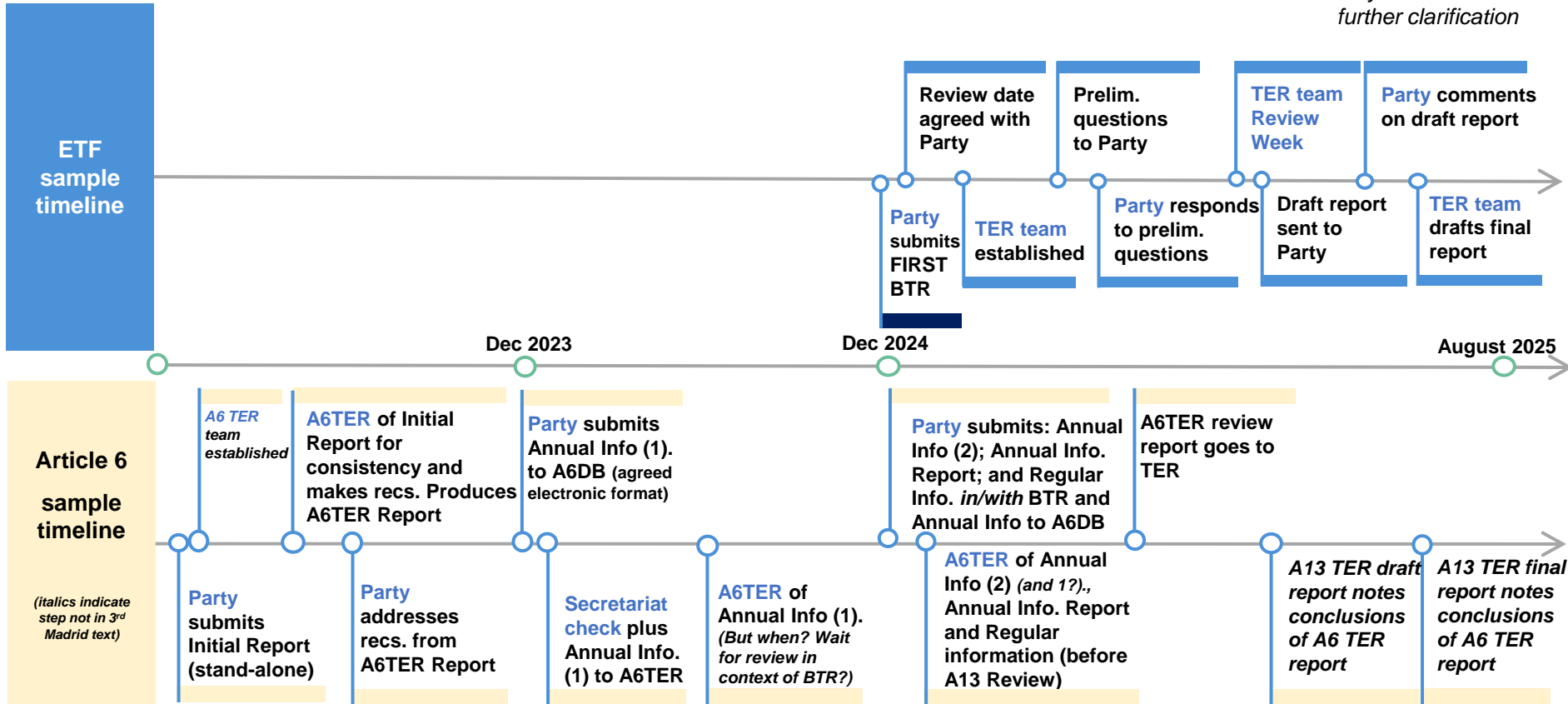
	When?	What?	Where?	
Initial report	No later than authorization/first transfer, if practical in conjunction with next due BTR	Participation requirements, information in 64 of 18/CMA.1 if no BTR, ITMO metrics and method for CA, quantification (as applicable)	Article 6 database (?) CARP (description of cooperative approach), non-confidential information	<p>Tasks of review (A6 TER) of reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • check consistency of information with guidance • prepare report • may include recommendations, including addressing inconsistencies in quantified information
Annual Informationx2	Annual basis (<i>but when and for which period?</i>), in agreed electronic format	<p>Authorizations and transactions: ITMO auth, first transfer, transfer, acquisition, holdings, cancellation, use for NDC, auth for other purpose, voluntary cancellation, plus supporting information (cooperative approach, participating Parties, vintage, sector, activity...)</p>	Article 6 database, CARP: non-confidential information	
Annual Info. Report	In (<i>or with?</i>) the BTR (part of regular information) (31 December)	<p>Annual and cumulative data: emissions and removals from sectors/gases covered by NDC; ITMOs first transferred, MOs auth for other IMP, used towards NDC, plus supporting information (as above) and annual emissions balance (GHG) annual adjustments (non-GHG)</p>	In/with BTR Article 6 database, CARP: non-confidential information	
Regular Information	In (<i>or with?</i>) the BTR (31 December)	<p>Participation information: requirements, updates to initial report, authorizations, how corresponding adjustments are representative and ensure no net increase, how ensure used ITMOs not further used.</p> <p>Information on each cooperative approach: how contributes to mitigation and NDC, ensures environmental integrity, how approach ensures accordance with IPCC/CMA, further info for non-GHG, co benefits, limits, sustainable development, adaptation financing, OMGE</p>	In/with BTR CARP: non-confidential information	



Procedures and timelines for ETF and A6: early initial report

Scenario: BTR at latest point per 18/CMA.1, **A6 initial report at earliest point** per COP25 3rd Presidency text

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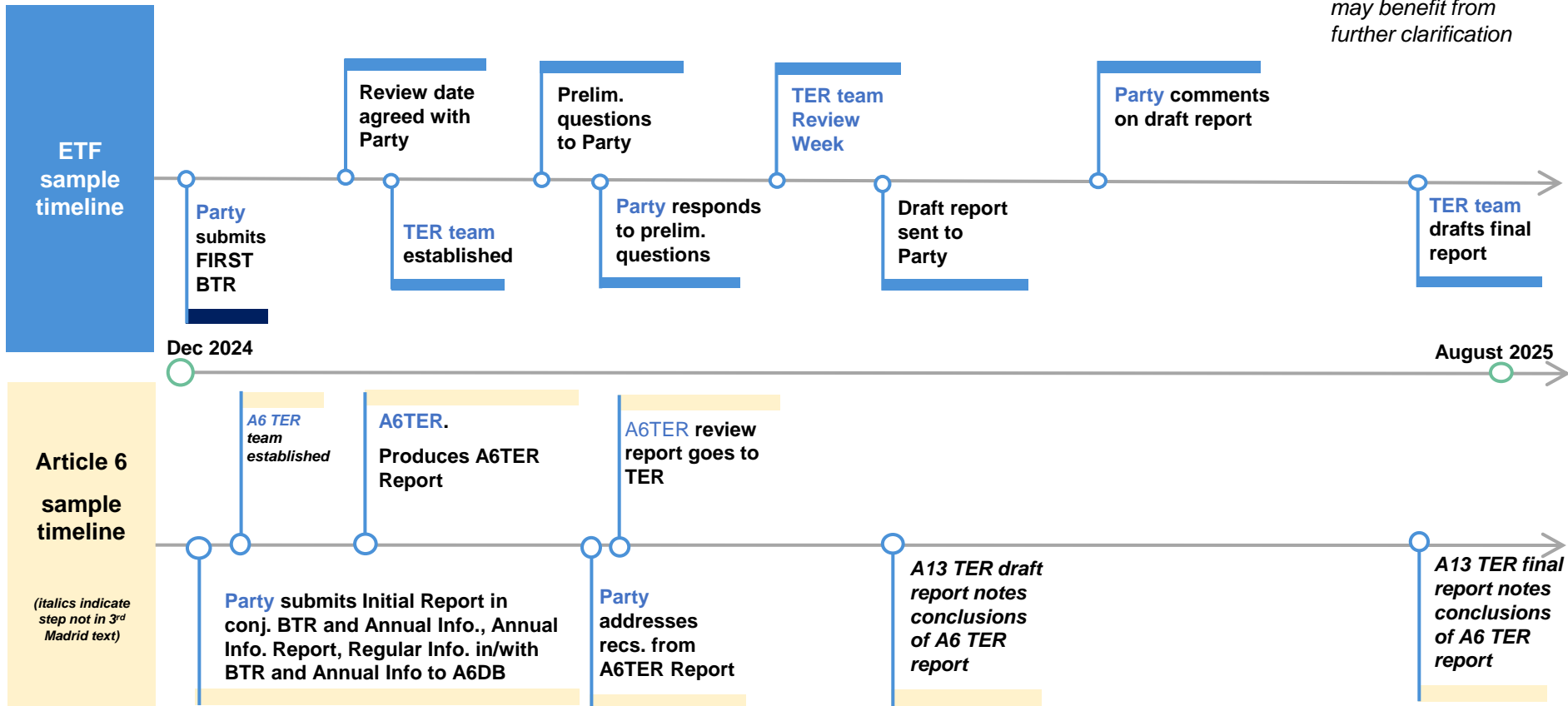




Procedures and timelines for ETF and A6: initial report with BTR

Scenario: BTR at latest point per 18/CMA.1, **A6 initial report with BTR** per COP 25 3rd Presidency text

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Correlating NIR and emission balances (GHG)/annual adjustments (non-GHG).

Illustrative only. Party A: Developed, submitting annual NIR submissions under Convention/KP, five-year NDC, first BTR 2024

Submission/Review	2022	2023	2024	2025
<i>Article 6.2 Annual information</i> (NB. under SEF tables, 2020 information is submitted in 2021) <i>What is due date?</i>	Data for 2021 transactions, if submitted annually	Data for 2022 transactions, if submitted annually	Data for 2023 transactions, if submitted annually	Data for 2024 transactions, if submitted annually
<i>Article 6.2 Annual information report</i> (part of Regular information in BTR) <i>31/12 due date</i>	No	No	Annual emissions balance for 2021 and 2022* Total of annual or indicative corresponding adjustments Annual adjustments in buffer registry for non-GHG **	No
<i>A6 Review</i>	Of 2021? annual information	Of 2022? annual information	Of 2023? annual information***	Review of annual information report containing emissions balance for 2021 and 2022/annual adjustments 2021 and 2022
<i>National inventory report</i>	Data for 2020	Data for 2021	Data for 2022 as part of BTR	Data for 2023
<i>Biennial Transparency Report</i> <i>31/12 due date</i>	No	No	Information to track progress, including structured summary, relevant to 2021 and 2022	No
<i>Article 13 Review</i>	No	No	BTR received by secretariat	Review by TER of 2024 BTR containing NIR covering 1990 - 2022 data And BTR information for 2021 and 2022 with A6 review report covering 2021/2022? ***

* by adding ITMOs authorized and first transferred/subtracting ITMOs used, to emissions and removals from sectors and GHG covered by NDC

** by additions to/subtractions from annual level of relevant non-GHG indicator used to track progress towards implementation and achievement of NDC

*** 2023 annual information A6 review report – included in A13 TER in 2025 or 2027?

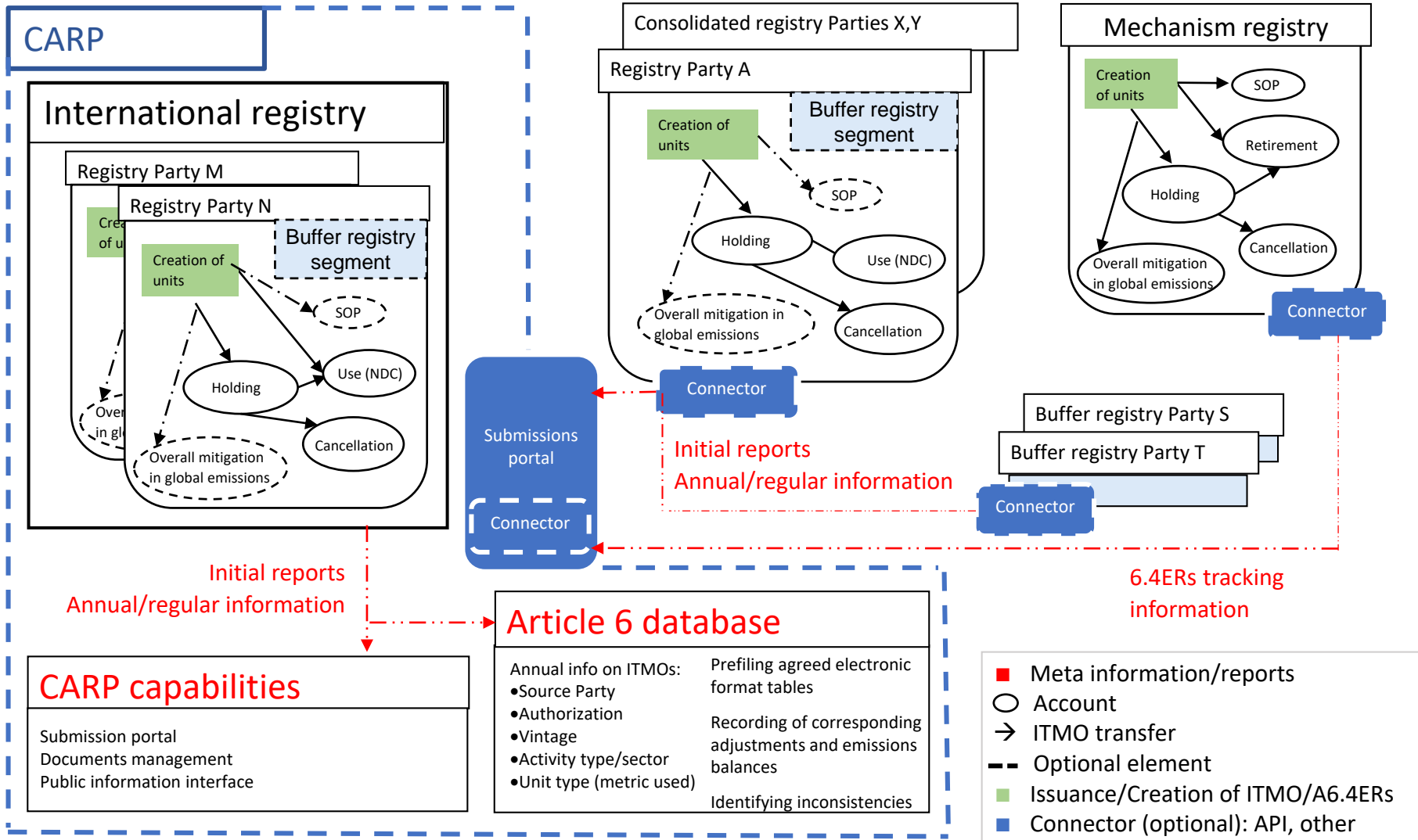


Tracking and recording per COP25 3rd Presidency text

Purpose	Registry systems (including international registry)	Article 6 Database	CARP (note, contains international registry and A6 database as sub-components)
Track authorizations, transfers, holdings, use, cancellations etc. of ITMOs	Yes	Yes	No
Record corresponding adjustments	No	Yes	No
Calculate emission balances	No	Yes	No
Hold information in relation to cooperative approaches	Yes – ITMOs	Yes (quantified information)	Yes (qualitative information)
To provide information for the A6 technical expert review	No	Yes	Yes
Provide information to the public	No	Yes, through CARP	Yes



Infrastructure per COP 25 3rd Presidency text (plus implementation aspects)



Art.6 ITMO infrastructure, COP 25 Presidency text



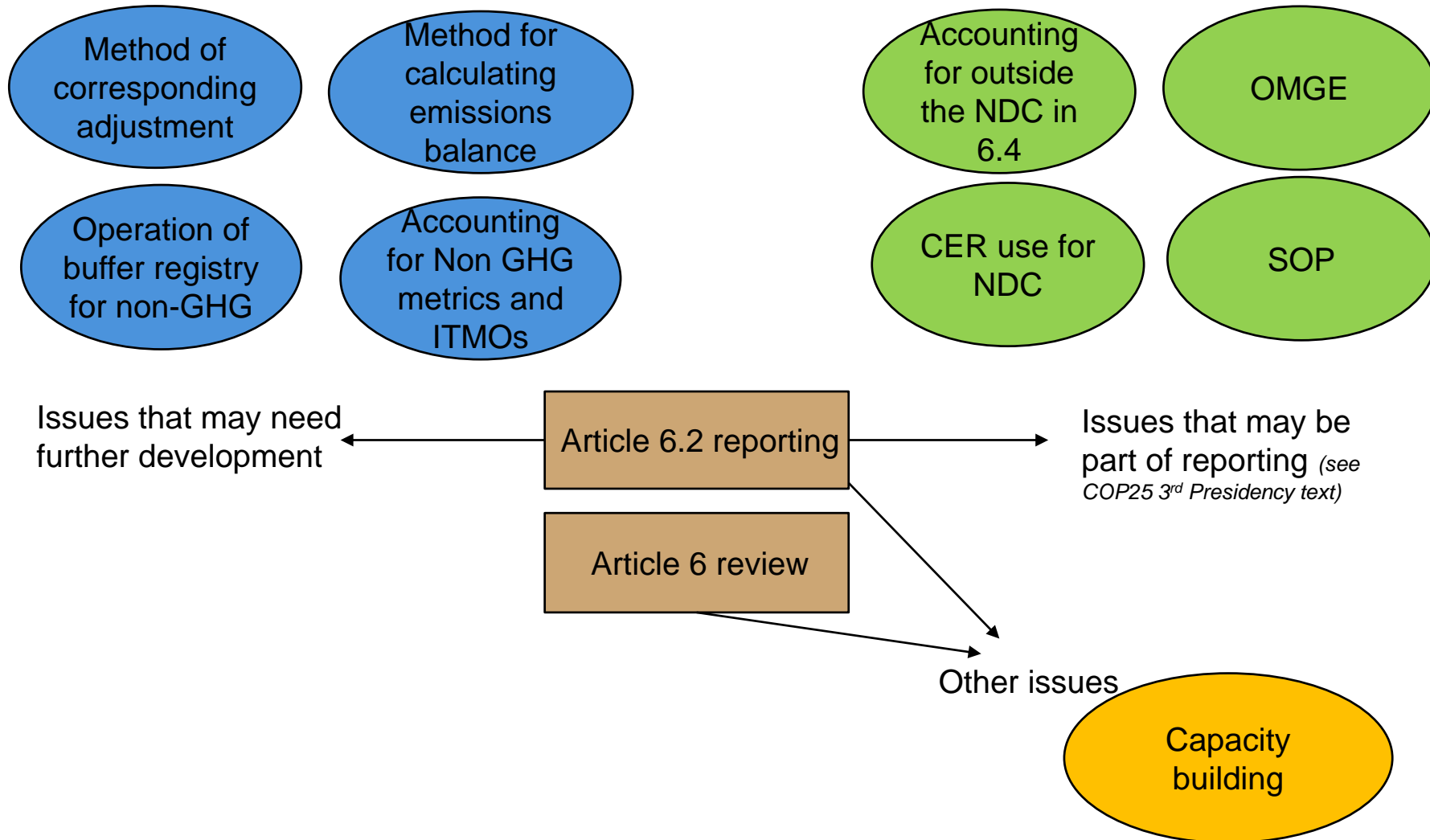
COP 25, 3rd Presidency Text (2019) and informal dialogues (2021)

Indicated below are key sections of COP25 3rd Presidency text and comments made in respect of operationalization and improvement of them during dialogues in May and June 2021

COP25 3 rd Presidency Text	Informal technical expert dialogue comments so far (2021)
<i>Cover decision (reporting, review, infrastructure) (work for the SBSTA in year(s) after adoption)</i>	
Outlines for reporting information (initial report, annual information, annual information report, regular information) including agreed electronic format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline for the initial report is a priority, so that Parties can submit an initial report • Agreed electronic format for the annual information and outline for regular information are a priority, so that Parties can provide information on ITMO transactions and their cooperative approaches
Recommendations for MPGs for review , including in relation to A6 technical expert review team, minimizing burden, coordination with TER under 18/CMA.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only review of the initial report should be prioritized, other elements can be left to work programme • MPG for Article 6 reviews are a priority so that initial reports can be reviewed • Relationship of Article 6 to Article 13 review needs to be included in the guidance, not left to work programme • Detail on Article 6 technical expert review teams needs to be elaborated in the guidance, not left to work programme
MPGs for infrastructure, including registries, international registry, Article 6 database and CARP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recording and tracking requirements should be part of the guidance rather than work programme
<i>IV Reporting</i>	
Initial report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the information to be submitted in the initial report. In particular, include more elements from the draft requirements for regular information • Clarify the timing for submission of the initial report for each cooperative approach
Annual information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be specific about date of submission • Include information on OMGE and SOP
Annual information report (part of regular information)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be specific about date of submission • Include information on OMGE and SOP
Regular information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the detail of what is required
Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the review provisions further in the guidance.
<i>VI Recording and Tracking</i>	
Tracking Article 6 database Centralized accounting and reporting platform (CARP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.2 infrastructure needs development – including CARP, the Article 6 database and the international registry.



Possible links to other Article 6 negotiation issues



The cooperative implementation webpage:

<https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/cooperative-implementation>

