Informal Forum on Implementation of Article 6

Art 6.2: Infrastructure

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Objectives

- Understand the text
- Identify issue for discussion
- Use pre SBSTA sessions to prepare for negotiations

Article 6.2 Infrastructure: Principles



- Create the conditions to work in the decentralized and bottom-up nature of the Paris Agreement
- Avoidance of double counting.
- Transparency is an important function and is a fundamental building block of the Paris Agreement. Accommodate the reporting requirements under Art 6 and make the mandated review possible
- Ensuring feasibility that a carbon market can emerge, and that trading can take place, in transparent and operational manner is also a necessary function.



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- Components of infrastructure
 - Registry
 - Data base
 - CARP

- Functions of infrastructure
 - Avoid double counting
 - Store information regarding Art 6 activities provided through reports
 - Make public information
 - Provide information for the review
 - Provide information for NDC accounting

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Initial reporting

- Stored in the CARP to be made available publicly.
- Information is qualitative for each ITMO
- When does the initial reporting take place?
- What is the format of Initial report an
- Will each initial issuance have a unique identifier
- Where will be stored?
- Unique format ?



Annual information

- Provide before April 15 of the following year
- Provided for each ITMO
- Quantitative in nature
- Stored in the Art 6 Data Base (DB)
- How is the information in the DB connected to the info from Initial Reporting
- What is the relationship between 20a & 20b?

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Regular Information

- Qualitative and quantitative information
- Will be stored in the DB and the CARP?
- Reported in biennial transparency report
- Para 23 is quantitative annual information submitted
- Overlap with the Annual Reporting Information ?
 - Is this an update to the Annual Report? How do they relate?
 - How is information connected to information in the Initial Report
 - Does it use an ITMO or some identifier?



Registry

- Can be national or can be part of the UNFCCC International Registry
- Will hold information to be used only by the Party?
- Is it connected to the data base in any way?
- Is there a standardized format for the Registry?



Data base

- Stores information received from Annual and Regular Reporting
- How does this information relate to the Initial Reporting
- Refers to: participating Party, vintage activity type, sector
- Is there unity in identifiers used? Format? How Parties define ITMOs?

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Approach 1 : Art 6 as an aggregator

- Markets are run through linked registries that run the various instruments
- Art 6 infrastructure is
 - In parallel;
 - Information integrator for reporting
 - National registries not connected;
 - National registries not connected to data base;
 - Issues to be coordinated
 - ITMOs defined at will

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Approach 2: International coordination

- Agreement and consistency of what an ITMO is unitized
- Numeric identifier internationally standardized
- National registries linked as a parallel system that tracks ITMOs transferred for carbon market purposes through market registries – but not domestic transfers

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- ITMOs unitized and uniquely identified through 3 elements
 - For each cooperative approach,
 - For the mitigation action that gives birth to ITMOs,
 - For ITMOs.
- ITMO identifiers issues the the Host Party at time of first transfer