



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

**Date:** November 30, 2019

**Location:** AC Hotel Madrid Feria, Vía de los Poblados 3, Madrid, 28033, Spain

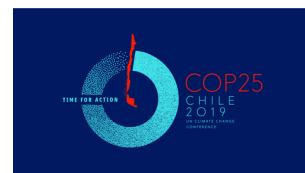
### Project Background and Approach

The new climate change Agreement, agreed in Paris in December 2015, is to be further defined with rules, modalities and procedures by the Conference of Parties. Article 6, which covers markets and non-markets, is an important element in the Agreement, which will need a substantial amount of political and technical decisions to be taken before it can be implemented.

This meeting 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. This project is made possible by contributions received from a number of donors including Australia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, European Commission, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Italy and the World Bank.



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### **9:00 Welcome remarks**

- A. Marcu, ERCST

### **9:15 Catching up after SBSTA 50**

This session will start with reflections on the outcomes from the last session, and other developments post SBSTA 50, including pre-COP, CCXG, IETA/IEA/EPRI, different climate week meetings around the world and any other relevant events. All these meetings enhance our knowledge and colour our views on the positions of Parties in negotiations.

The speakers will each have 15 minutes max to outline their views. This will be followed by RT discussions with the participants.

#### **Reactions:**

- K. Hancock, Australia
- M. Diagne, Senegal
- M. Al-Attas, KSA

### **10:15 Coffee break**

### **10:30 Are there any issue of principle to be addressed at COP 25?**

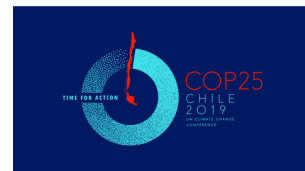
Some of the Parties and stakeholders perceive that there are some important issues which can be deemed “political” that blocked an agreement on the Art. 6 rulebook in Katowice. These issues are seen by some Parties as possibly impacting fundamentals of the Paris Agreement, and therefore require consideration at the HOD/Political level.

A number of issues can be raised and merit debate:

- Is this view widely shared or not?
- What are the issues that may fall in this category?
- When should these issues be addressed – at the start of SBSTA, or should negotiators, in a more typical COP process, have a go in week 1, with a more political level intervention in the second part of the COP?

The initial interventions will be 10 minutes each, followed by RT discussions with the participants.

**Initial intervention:** A. Marcu, ERCST



## Reactions:

- J. Miguez, Brazil
- S. Closson, EU
- K. Harrison, New Zealand
- M.J. Mace, Belize

## 12:00 Lunch

## 13:00 Discussion on operational matters

A number of contentious issues have been discussed extensively, such as corresponding adjustments, first issuance under Art 6.4, and CDM transition. They may, or may not, require a political agreement.

However, there are a number of “operational” issues which will need to be part of the Art. 6 rulebook, and they have not been as extensively debated. This session will be dedicated to discussing these issues. There will be a number of initial presentations followed by a reaction, and a 20-minute discussion with the roundtable participants.

### 1. Presentation on Infrastructure:

- World Bank
- **Reaction:**
  - S. Chotevitayatarakorn, Thailand

### 2. Presentation on Single Year NDC Accounting:

- K. Koakutsu, Japan
- **Reaction:**
  - S. Lim, Republic of Korea

### 3. Presentation on Sustainable Development:

- K. Holm, UNEP DTU
- **Reaction:**
  - T. Forth, Germany

### 4. Presentation on Conversion Factors:

- S. Tashi, Bhutan
- **Reaction:**
  - F. De Leon, Costa Rica



**5. Presentation on Safeguards:**

- G. Baribeau, Canada
- **Reaction:**
- M. Anshari, Singapore

**6. Presentation on OMGE & SOP in Art 6.4:**

- S. Greiner, Gambia

**3:30 Coffee break**

**3:45 Landing proposals & mode of work at COP 25**

- M. Hession, EU
- S. Fellermeier, Switzerland
- L. Andrade, Brazil
- M. Stanley-Peters, USA
- M. Rambharos, South Africa

**5:15 Closing remarks**

- A. Marcu, ERCST