

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

Draft Agenda

Speakers are being confirmed

Date: September 1, 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 **Opening remarks**

- T. Mpanu Mpanu, DRC

13:15 Catch-up post-summer

Leading up to COP26, initial interventions will be made by the UNFCCC Secretariat and the COP Presidency on upcoming activities around Article 6 negotiations.

After the initial interventions, everyone will be invited to present their planned activities leading up to COP26.

- A. Steen, UNFCCC Secretariat
- D. Hynes, UK Presidency
- V. Leonardi, Italy

13:40 Accounting for 6.4 outside NDC

How Parties define what is inside/outside NDCs remains unclear, and the issue was again discussed during the 2021 SBSTA Chair informal technical expert dialogues and the July 2021 Ministerial Meeting.

Different options were raised and left for further discussion during the Informal Expert Technical Dialogue convened by the Chair of SBSTA.

One of the key questions that need to be raised is in an outcome where we have a period during which corresponding adjustments are not applied to units generated outside of the scope of the Host Party's NDC, are there ways to address the concerns of those that worry this will pose a risk to environmental integrity / NDC expansion?

From the [SBSTA summary note](#), following options were presented to address this question:

- Using upfront information to provide clarity on what is inside/outside
- That outside 6.4 units cannot be used until the activity/sector/gas is included
- That only a portion of the outside 6.4 units can be transferred internationally
- Outside 6.4 units can be used for other purposes (but not to meet an NDC)

- M. Hession, European Commission
- M. Rambharos, South Africa
- S. Lim, Korea
- C. Dragisic, USA

14:35 CMP: What needs to be done?

A transition from the Kyoto Protocol to the Paris Agreement is coming and necessary preparations are needed. However, it remains unclear what exactly needs to be done in the CMA & CMP and how the CDM EB and the Article 6.4 SB interact.

This session will focus on what needs to be done in the CMP, what are the issues that need to be addressed and how could a decision on the CMP look like.

Some specific questions that can be addressed during the initial presentations:

- What decision needs to be taken in Glasgow? What decision does the CMP need to take?
- If and how can projects from the CDM become Art 6.2 activities?
- What actions belong to the CMP and what work needs to be undertaken by the CDM EB?

The session will start with initial interventions to explore different points of view on the issues, following a roundtable discussion.

- A. Steen, UNFCCC
- M. Al-Jishi, KSA
- D. Maosheng, China (tbc)
- M.J. Mace

15:30 End of meeting