

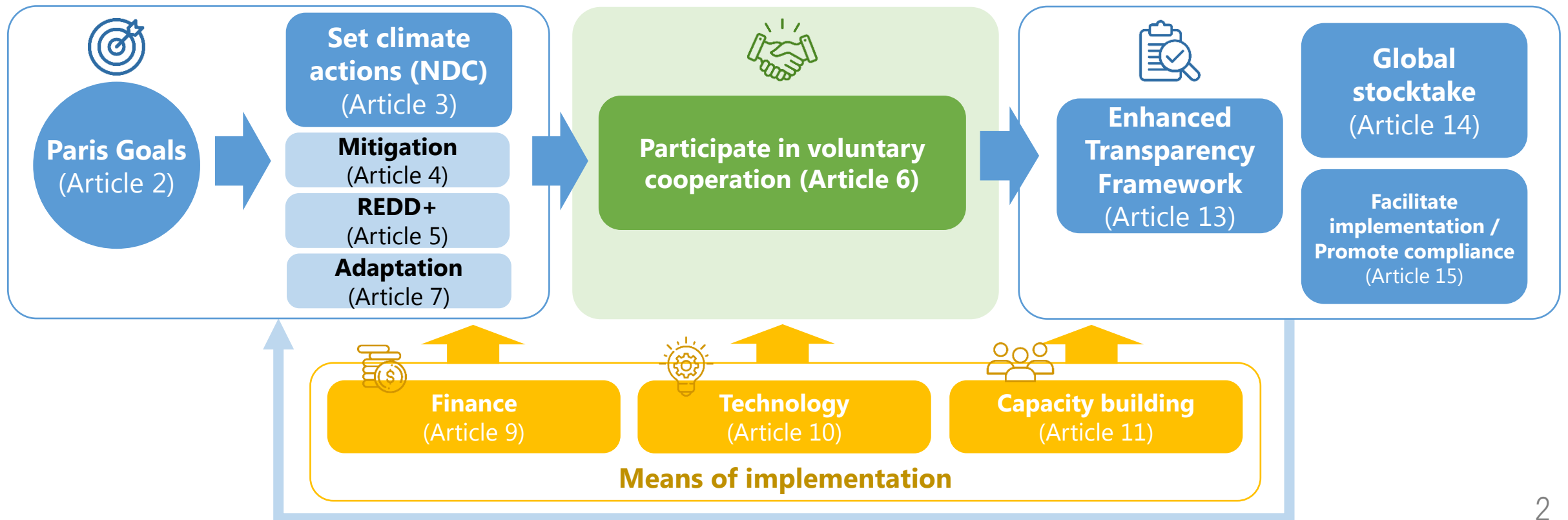
# Introduction to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement



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# Paris Agreement Overview and Article 6

- **The Paris Agreement sets the long-term temperature goal of limiting global temperature to 1.5 - well below 2°C.**
- Under the Paris Agreement, countries must communicate their **Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)** describing actions to reduce GHG emissions and build climate resilience in order to reach the goals of the Paris Agreement.
- In implementing the NDC, countries must pursue domestic mitigation measures (Article 4.2). **Countries may also choose to pursue voluntary cooperation (Article 6)** to, among others, allow for higher ambition in their actions.



# Participation in cooperative approaches under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement



Parties to the Paris Agreement may choose to pursue **voluntary cooperation** in the implementation of their climate actions (Nationally determined contributions: NDCs) to allow for:

- **Higher ambition** in their mitigation and adaptation actions;
- To promote **sustainable development**; and
- To promote **environmental integrity**.

Ref: Article 6.1 of the Paris Agreement



## Higher ambition

Article 6 allows for high mitigation ambition through promoting **cost-effective mitigation actions, access to low-carbon technologies, carbon finance, and capacity building**. Article 6 also have elements which considers contribution to adaptation efforts.



## Sustainable development

Article 6 promotes sustainable development objectives of the host country, including by **delivering environmental, economic and social co-benefits** as well as promoting progress towards **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.



## Environmental integrity

Article 6 cooperative approaches must ensure environmental integrity which includes by having **robust, transparent governance** and the **quality of mitigation outcomes**.

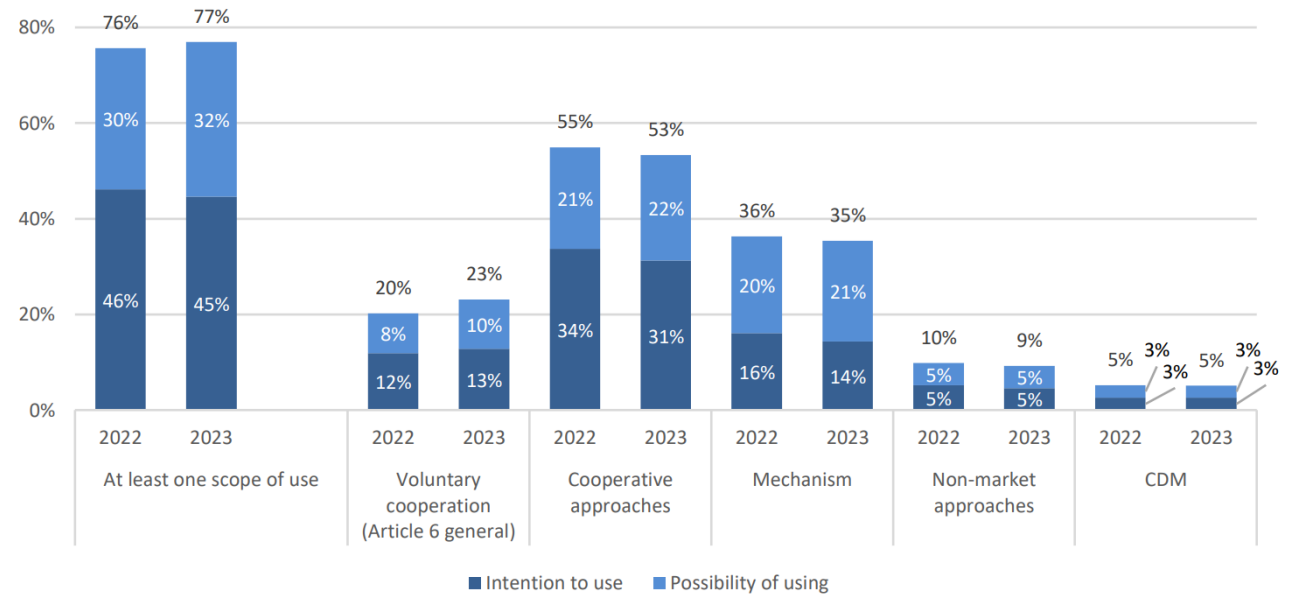
# Intention to use Article 6

**77%** of Parties to the Paris Agreement stated that they plan to or will possibly use at least one type of voluntary cooperation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

- **53%:** Use of cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement
- **35%:** Use of the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4
- **23%:** General use of voluntary cooperation

- UNFCCC Secretariat

Share of Parties indicating in nationally determined contributions the intention to use or possibility of using specific scopes of voluntary cooperation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement



Source: Image from [2023 NDC Synthesis Report](#) (UNFCCC Secretariat)

# Components of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

## Paris Agreement Article 6.1

Recognizing that some Parties choose to pursue **voluntary cooperation** in the implementation of their NDCs.

### Cooperative approaches under Article 6.2

6.2

Engagement in **cooperative approaches** that involves the use of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes (ITMOs), consistent with CMA **guidance**

6.3

The use of ITMOs towards NDCs shall be **voluntary and authorized** by participating Parties.

### Article 6.4 Mechanism

6.4

Establishes **Article 6.4 mechanism**, supervised by a designated body (Supervisory Body), and lays out the objectives of the mechanism

6.5

**Avoiding double use** of 6.4 emission reductions towards NDCs

6.6

Use of **share of proceeds** for administrative expenses and adaptation

6.7

Mandate for CMA to adopt **rules, modalities, and procedures**

### Framework for non-market approaches

6.8

Recognizes the importance of **non-market approaches** to assist NDC in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication

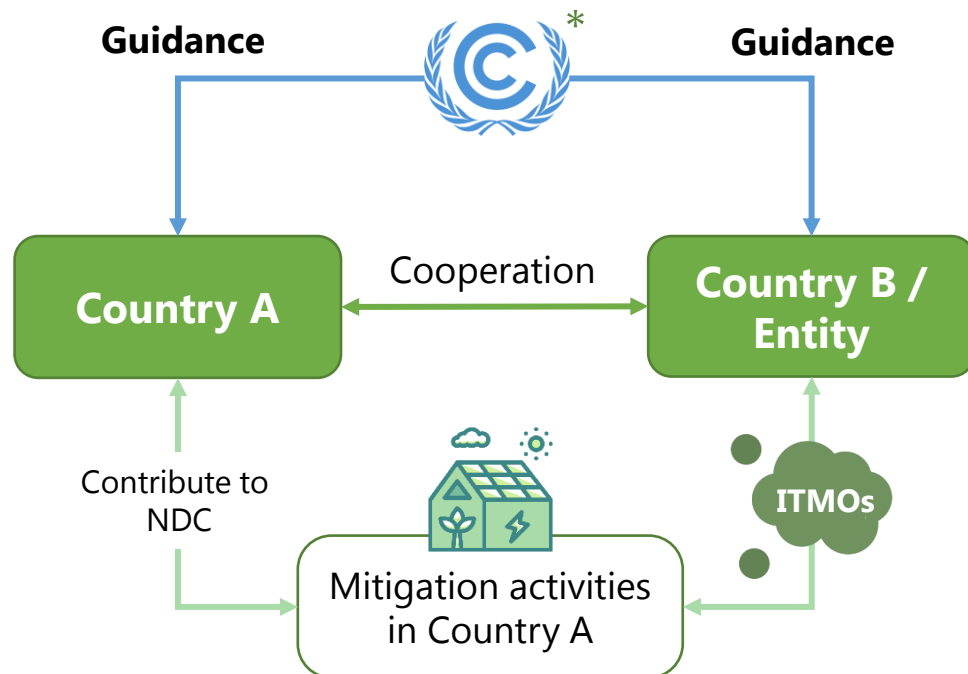
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Defines **a framework for non-market approaches** to sustainable development

\* CMA: Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.

# Guidance on cooperative approaches under Article 6.2

## Example of a cooperative approach structure



Countries/parties to the Paris Agreement (referred to as “participating parties”) may engage on a voluntary basis in **cooperative approaches that involve the use of “internationally transferred mitigation outcomes” (ITMOs)** towards NDCs and other international mitigation purposes.

In doing so, each participating party must ensure that its participation in the cooperative approach is **consistent with the Article 6.2 guidance** and relevant CMA decisions. This includes, inter alia:

- Ensuring fulfilment of **participation**
- **Avoiding double counting** of ITMOs through application of corresponding adjustments referred to in the guidance
- **Tracking and reporting** which goes through the review process in accordance with the guidance

The guidance also lays out **Article 6.2 infrastructure**, including centralized accounting and reporting platform (CARP) and Article 6 database.

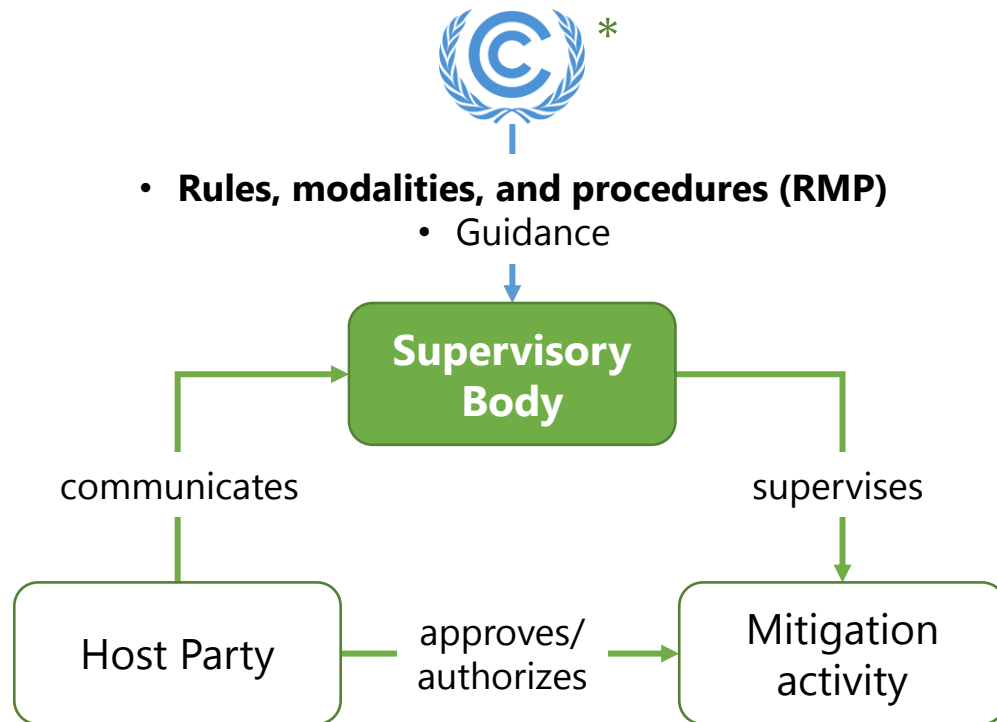
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## Examples of Article 6.2 cooperative approaches

| CA ID  | Cooperative approach name  | Participating Party(ies)       |
|--------|--|--------------------------------|
| CA0001 | Article 6.4 Mechanism  | Parties to the Paris Agreement |
| CA0002 | Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana   | Ghana, Switzerland             |
| CA0003 | Operation of e-buses on privately owned, scheduled public bus routes in the Bangkok Metropolitan area by Energy Absolute / Implementing Agreement to the Paris Agreement between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Swiss Confederation | Switzerland, Thailand          |
| CA0004 | Electrification of Vanuatu's Inhabited Islands through Solar Power ITMO Programme  | Switzerland, Vanuatu           |
| CA0005 | Emissions Reductions from Sustainable Management of Forests  | Guyana                         |

# Article 6.4 Mechanism

(Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism: PACM)



**Article 6.4 Mechanism is a centralized UN crediting mechanism** that enables the creation of **Article 6.4 emission reductions (A6.4ERs)** that can be used by countries to meet their NDCs (subject to authorization status) and other purposes.

**Article 6.4 Supervisory Body** supervises the mechanism, including establishing the requirements and processes necessary to operate the mechanism.

**The host country (the country in which the activity is located) has important roles** in the implementation of the mechanism including by providing an approval of the mitigation activity and an authorization in the context of Article 6.2 (if decided so).

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## Further reading

- Article 6.4 Mechanism website ([Click here](#))
- Article 6.4 Supervisory Body website ([Click here](#))



# Framework for non-market approaches (Article 6.8)

**The framework for non-market approaches (NMAs)** facilitates the use and coordination of NMAs and enhances linkages/creates synergies between, inter alia, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building. The framework is implemented through the work programme adopted at COP26.

**The Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches** was established to implement the framework and the work programme.

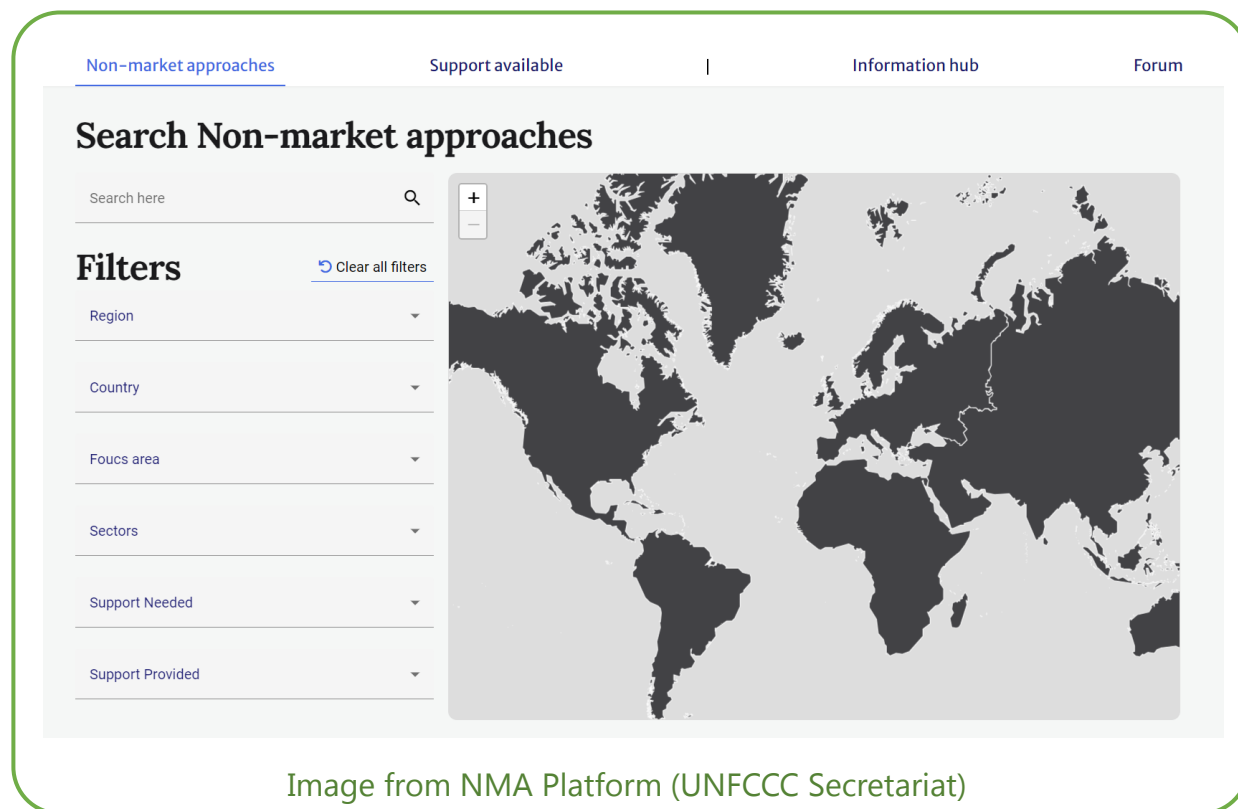


Image from NMA Platform (UNFCCC Secretariat)

The NMAs work programme includes activities such as (non-exhaustive):

- Workshops to identify and share information, best practices, lessons learned and case studies on NMAs
- UNFCCC web-based platform for recording and exchanging information on NMAs



## **NMA tools**

- NMA Platform ([Click here](#))

# Article 6 Rulebook: Key decisions on Article 6.2 & 6.4

| Component   | Body   | COP 26<br>Glasgow, 2021  | COP 27<br>Sharm El-Sheikh, 2022   | COP 28<br>Dubai, 2023 |
|-------------|--------|--|---|-----------------------|
| Article 6.2 | CMA    | <b>Decision 2/CMA.3</b><br><b>Article 6.2 guidance</b>                               | <b>Decision 6/CMA.4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracking guidance</li> <li>Review guidance</li> <li>Reporting outlines</li> <li>Draft version for submitting annual information (AEF)</li> </ul> | No further guidance   |
|             | A6.4SB |  | A number of standards and procedures developed by Article 6.4 Supervisory Body  |                       |
| Article 6.4 | CMA    | <b>Decision 3/CMA.3</b><br><b>Article 6.4 rules, modalities and procedures (RMP)</b> | <b>Decision 7/CMA.4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elaboration of processes, including on CDM transition</li> <li>Rules of Procedure for A6.4SB</li> </ul>  | No further guidance   |
|             | A6.4SB |  |   |                       |

**Other relevant decisions** include e.g. Para. 77 (d) of Decision 18/CMA.1 (Enhanced Transparency Framework)

# Article 6.2 participation checklist

To participate in the cooperative approaches, each participating party has to ensure that it has fulfilled the participation referred to in the Article 6.2 guidance.

The following checklist aims to facilitate countries in conducting an initial stocktake of their readiness status with respect to the participation elements in order to identify the country situation and needs.

| Participation   | Checklist  | Readiness status   |
|---|--|--|
| <b>1. Being a Party to the Paris Agreement</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you ratified the Paris Agreement?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (UN Depository ( <a href="#">access link</a> ))   |
| <b>2. Prepared, communicated and maintaining an NDC</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you communicated the (latest) NDC?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the (latest) NDC is recorded on the NDC registry ( <a href="#">access link</a> )   |
| <b>3. Authorization arrangement</b>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you assigned an authority to be in charged with providing authorization?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Have you established the process for providing such authorization, including any relevant procedural, legislative, infrastructural or other arrangements? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the relevant document/legislation is now operational/in effect<br><input type="checkbox"/> The framework is now in place, currently in the institutionalization/legalization process (where applicable)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Currently in a drafting process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Currently conducting a study<br><input type="checkbox"/> Under consideration |

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## Article 6.2 participation checklist (cont.)

| Participation   | Checklist   | Readiness status   |
|---|---|--|
| <b>4. Tracking arrangement</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have in place a registry or have access to a registry for tracking ITMOs?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, already has a registry which can perform Article 6 functions<br><input type="checkbox"/> Currently improving the registry to be compatible with Article 6<br><input type="checkbox"/> Currently working with a development partner to use other available registry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Intends to use the international registry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Under consideration |
| <b>5. Provided the most recent national inventory report</b>                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you provided the most recent national inventory?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the most recent national inventory can be found in the latest NC/BUR/NI (prior-2024)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Currently have limited capacity with national inventory   |
| <b>6. Contribution to NDC, LT-LEDS (if it has submitted one), and the Paris goals</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you identified the use of Article 6 in the context of your NDC?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Have you considered the contribution of Article 6 to your LT-LEDS (if applicable)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Have you considered the contribution of Article 6 towards the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, national policy/strategy on the use of Article 6 is in place<br><input type="checkbox"/> Currently formulating/revising the national policy/strategy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Under consideration   |

# Thank you for your attention

Any questions

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