

Host Country Article 6 Readiness

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Carbon Market Readiness



Identifying readiness gaps

Readiness refers to countries having the capacities and systems in place to make use of Article 6 collaboration in a way that suits their national context.

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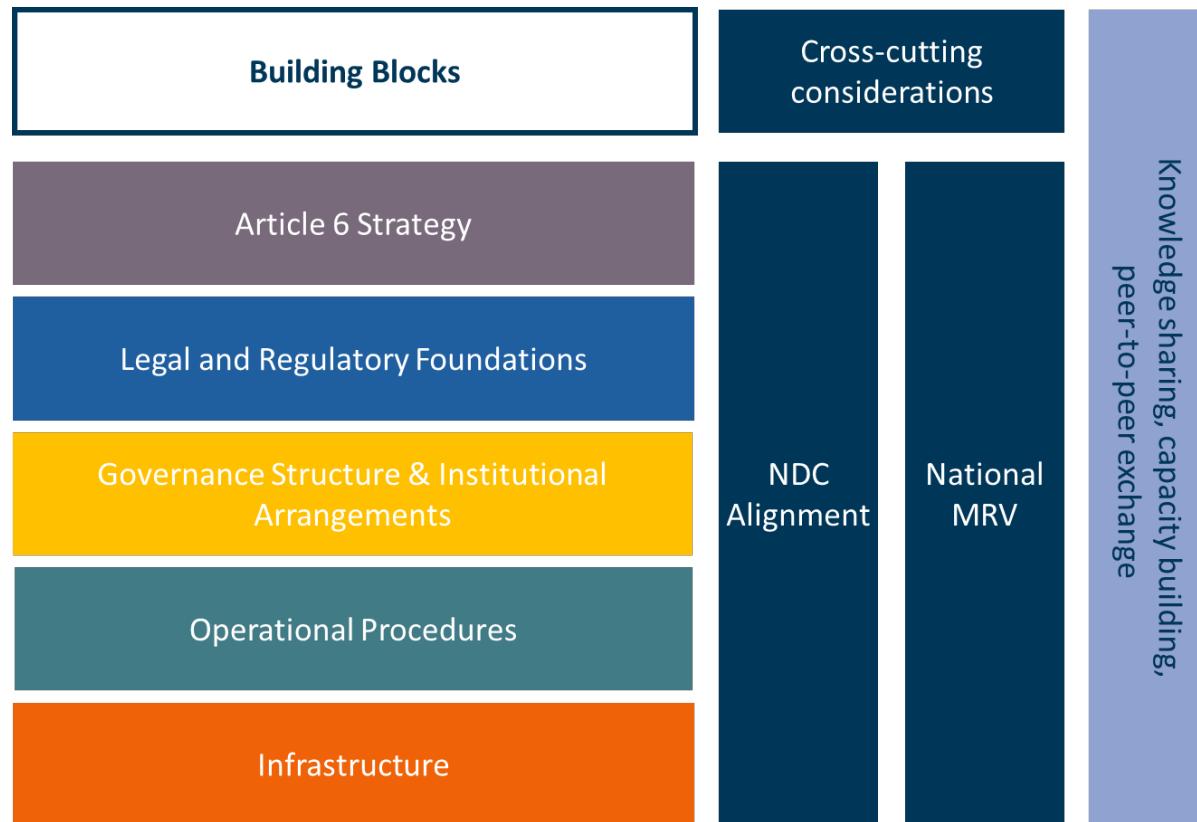
of respondents from 29 countries **perceive risks and capacity gaps** potentially affecting their participation and ambition in Article 6 according to a 2022 survey by the Global Green Growth Institute.

Top priorities

- 1 • Putting in place legislation and regulations to engage with carbon markets
- 2 • Capacity building/training for the government stakeholders
- 3 • Develop a national registry or tracking tool



Article 6 Readiness Framework



Perspectives Climate Group (2023)

Diversity of approaches and progress worldwide

Some countries already have Article 6 frameworks (partly) in place, often building on previous carbon market experiences and infrastructure, such as:



Countries are in **Article 6 sandbox mode**: designs of Article 6 frameworks vary. But certain elements and approaches are common:

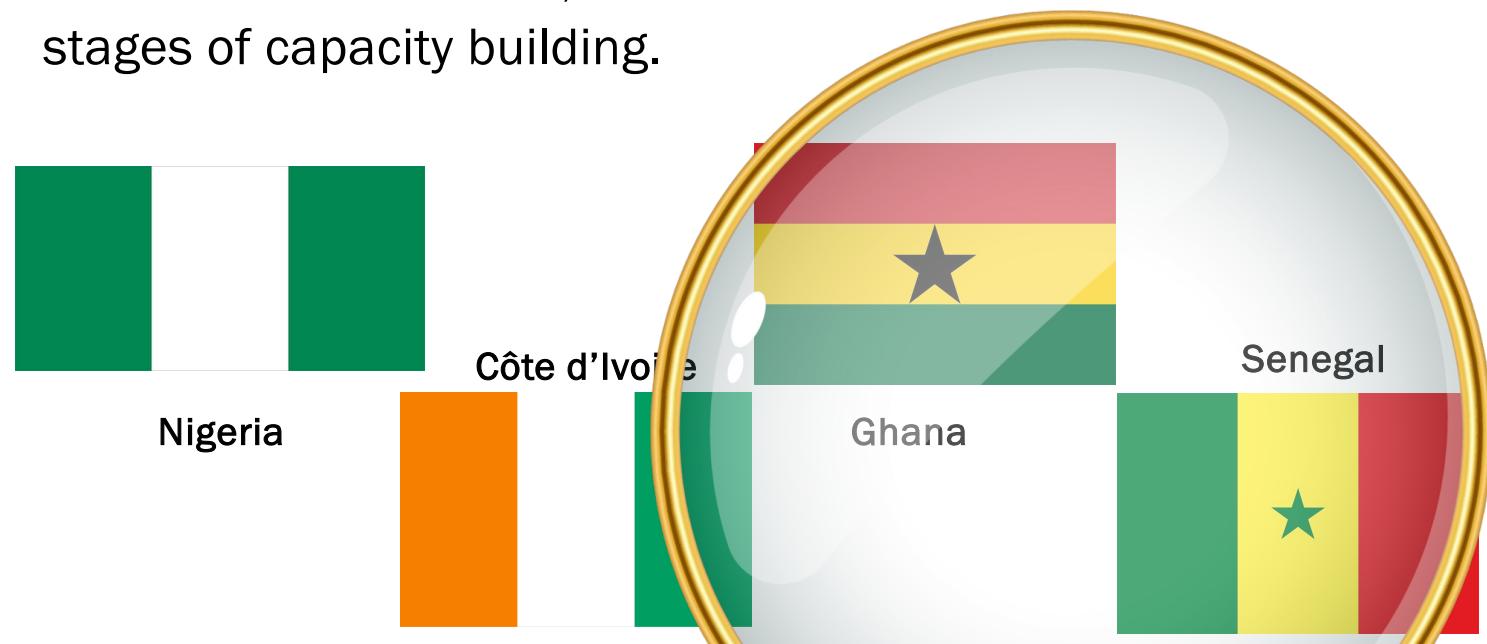
- Registration within a national registry
- Establishment of criteria for approval of activities and authorisation
- Procedural aspects





West Africa's Article 6 journey

- West African countries have made varying degrees of progress and strategic choices, each forging its own path toward climate action.
- Some are frontrunners, others are in the nascent stages of capacity building.





Tailored capacity building for Article 6

- Across the world, countries are at various stages of preparing to engage with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.
- One size does not fit all in the world of climate policy: what works for one nation may not work for another, and success hinges on designing approaches that align with local contexts, resources, and aspirations.
- Initiatives and Alliances need to coordinate to achieve the best results.





Getting Senegal ready for Article 6



Global Green Growth Institute	Development of the Article 6 Strategy	
UNDP	Assessing capacity gaps and needs for ITMO transfer readiness	
West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance	Capacity-building workshop series: Article 6 Policy, Stakeholders' Mapping, Institutional Framework, CDM transition, and Tracking, Accounting and Reporting	
Climate Finance Innovators	CDM transition workplan	
World Bank	Development of the rules and procedures (manuel opérationnel) for the participation of Senegal in the international carbon market (Participation in Article 6.2, Article 6.4, Article 6.8, VCM, and development of a training plan)	

More on Article 6 readiness in West Africa and way forward



Relevant capacity building activities

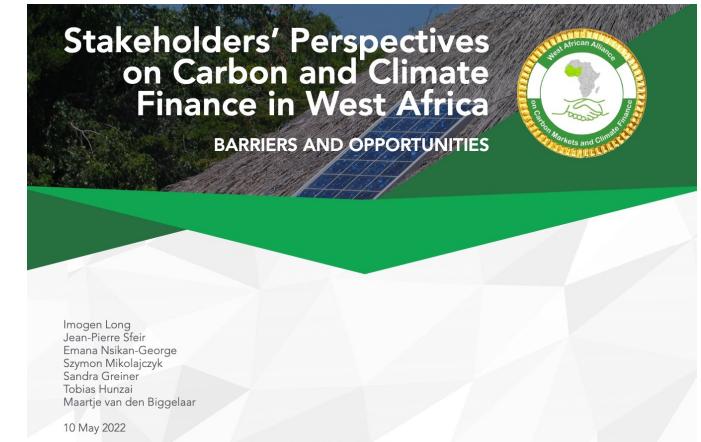
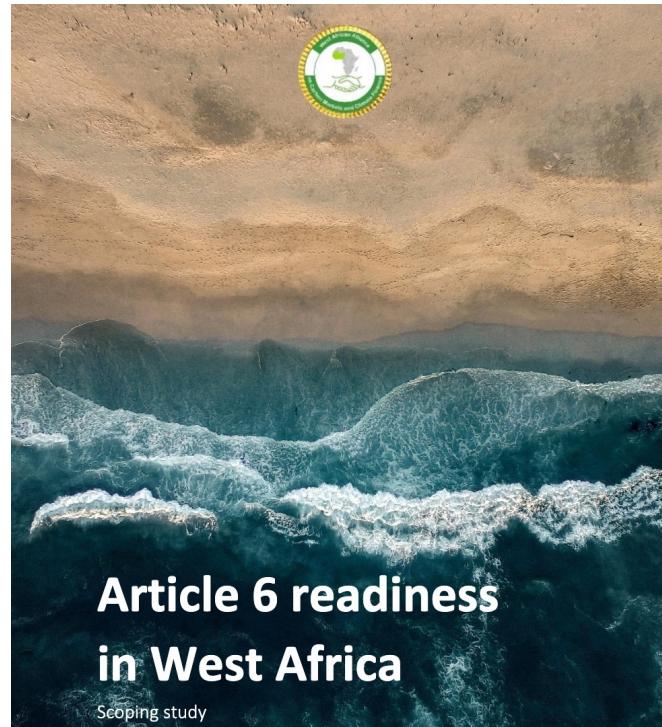
Mauritania		Readiness assessment and stakeholder mapping
Liberia		In-person workshop on Article 6 readiness in Monrovia, followed by development of a technical report including an institutional framework overview
Nigera		Developed a legal assessment on the potential legal issues that need to be considered before adopting the framework and manual
Côte d'Ivoire		Readiness assessment and mapping; Ad-hoc support to focal point and workshops with Art. 6 task force
Burkina Faso		Studies to support with specific questions (Art.6.4M and VCM; National Roadmap; ongoing support on activity development)
Stakeholder consultations and awareness raising on carbon markets have been conducted in a number of member countries since the inception of the Alliance (e.g., Togo, Nigeria, Senegal, and others). Support with ad-hoc requests regarding knowledge products, projects available in-country, to Mali, Guinée and others.		



Way forward: Needs and gap analysis

Policy	Legal	Technical	Administrative
1. Stakeholder mapping relevant for Article 6 engagement	1. Establishing a carbon market (Art. 6) governance framework including drafting relevant laws to support approval and authorization of mitigation outcomes	1. Identification of eligibility criteria for approval of mitigation activity and/or authorization for ITMO transfer (e.g. positive list)	1. Designation of an Article 6.4 focal point and assistance with interacting with UNFCCC on administrative matters (use of international registries, CDM transition requests, etc.)
2. Development of a national Article 6 strategy	2. Defining roles and responsibilities for various bodies involved in carbon markets	2. Development of the appropriate national infrastructure for Article 6 transactions (e.g., registry)	2. Development of a carbon market/Article 6 operational manual detailing the institutional framework and governance structures for Article 6 including templates for mitigation activity developers (plus fees and taxes to ensure transparency)
3. Article 6.2 engagement through MoUs or bilateral Agreement			3. Preparation for the national BTR submission
Other: e.g., begin developing Art. 6 pilot activities			





Capacity building resources



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