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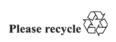
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Agreement and referred to in decision 3/CMA.3

Capacity-building for implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

Note by the secretariat

Summary

This note provides information on capacity-building undertaken in the reporting period from 19 May 2023 to 1 November 2024 and planned to be undertaken under Article 6, paragraphs 2 and 4, of the Paris Agreement. The aim is to update Parties and non-Party stakeholders on the status of implementation of capacity-building for implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.





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Abbreviations and acronyms

A6IP Paris Agreement Article 6 Implementation Partnership

Article 6.4 mechanism mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations

CBIT-GSP joint programme of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency and

the Global Support Programme for Preparation of National Communications

and Biennial Update Reports by non-Annex I Parties

CDM clean development mechanism

CMA Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris

Agreement

CMP Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto

Protocol

COP Conference of the Parties

DNA designated national authority

DOE designated operational entity

ETF enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement

ETS emissions trading system

GIZ German Agency for International Cooperation

IDB Inter-American Development Bank

IETA International Emissions Trading Association
ITMO internationally transferred mitigation outcome

LDC least developed country

LT-LEDS long-term low-emission development strategy(ies)

MENA Middle East and North Africa

MRV measurement, reporting and verification NDC nationally determined contribution NGO non-governmental organization

OECS Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States

RCC regional collaboration centre

RCO United Nations Resident Coordinator Office

RMPs rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6,

paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

SIDS small island developing State(s)

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme
WGEO World Green Economy Organization

I. Introduction

A. Background and mandate

- 1. CMA 3 noted with appreciation decision <u>2/CMP.16</u>, pursuant to which the CMP allocated funds from the trust fund for the clean development mechanism under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol to the trust fund for supplementary activities for the purpose of expediting implementation of the Article 6.4 mechanism.¹
- 2. CMA 3 requested the secretariat, including through its RCCs and in consultation with the Supervisory Body for the Article 6.4 mechanism, to design and implement, in consultation with Parties, a capacity-building programme to help Parties wishing to voluntarily participate in the Article 6.4 mechanism to, inter alia:²
- (a) Establish the necessary institutional arrangements to meet the requirements set out in the annex to decision 3/CMA.3;
- (b) Develop the technical capacity to design and set baselines for application in Parties that host climate mitigation activities under cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2 (host Parties).
- 3. CMP 16 decided to authorize the transfer of USD 10 million from the trust fund for the clean development mechanism to the trust fund for supplementary activities for the work of the Supervisory Body to provide, through the RCCs, capacity-building in developing countries for implementing the Article 6.4 mechanism, and support for the transition of eligible CDM project activities and programmes of activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism.³
- 4. At its 1st meeting, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare an information note on the secretariat's work on capacity-building related to Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement covering aspects related to designing and implementing the Article 6 capacity-building programme referred to in paragraph 2 above, so that the Supervisory Body could provide feedback to the secretariat.
- 5. At its 2nd meeting, the Supervisory Body took note of the information note prepared and provided feedback to the secretariat, as contained in the report on the meeting.⁴
- 6. The secretariat took note of the suggestions from the Supervisory Body and prepared a concept note on the Article 6 capacity-building programme to support the transition of eligible CDM project activities and programmes of activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism for consideration by the Supervisory Body at its 4th meeting.
- 7. The Supervisory Body at its 4th meeting requested the secretariat to start implementing the Article 6 capacity-building programme proposed in the concept note, on the basis of the guidance provided by the Supervisory Body. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to report on the status of implementation of the capacity-building programme twice per year at meetings of the Supervisory Body.
- 8. Since the previous information note was published, the secretariat has provided four updates on the Article 6 capacity-building programme to the Supervisory Body, which are reflected in the associated meeting reports.⁵

¹ Decision <u>3/CMA.3</u>, para. 13.

² Decision <u>3/CMA.3</u>, para. 14.

³ Decision <u>2/CMP.16</u>, para. 19.

⁴ Supervisory Body document A6.4-SB002, para. 21.

⁵ The updates were provided at the 7th, 8th, 11th and 14th meetings of the Supervisory Body. The updates and the feedback of the Supervisory Body are available at https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/meetings-of-the-supervisory-body.

B. Scope

- 9. This note provides information on the progress of implementation of the Article 6 capacity-building programme in the reporting period from 19 May 2023 to 1 November 2024, and the secretariat's plans for addressing the mandate referred to in paragraph 2 above considering the feedback provided by the Supervisory Body referred to in paragraph 5 above.
- 10. Although the focus of this note is capacity-building related to Article 6, paragraph 4, it also highlights activities related to Article 6, paragraph 2, and those related to Article 6 overall.

II. Overview of activities in the reporting period

A. Enhancing resources for implementing the Article 6 capacity-building programme

- 11. The secretariat recruited staff to fill several positions in order to provide effective support for capacity-building related to Article 6. These include three Professional-level staff in the Article 6 capacity-building unit, who are working closely with stakeholders to build capacity, deliver training and technical assistance, and facilitate knowledge-sharing and collaborative engagement, particularly via the capacity-building work programme activities for target groups listed in annex I.
- 12. These staff members will support the ongoing identification of capacity gaps and design effective, responsive and efficient capacity-building activities to close them. In implementing the activities, the Article 6 capacity-building unit will coordinate with the RCCs and other partners.
- 13. The secretariat also recruited a carbon market and Article 6 expert for each of the six RCCs. These regional experts are based at the RCCs and work with the Article 6 capacity-building unit to identify regional needs, deliver training and provide technical support to Parties in their respective regions with the aim of promoting the effective engagement of Parties with Article 6.

B. Promoting collaboration

14. To enhance the effectiveness and maximize the impacts of its capacity-building work and reduce duplication of effort while increasing its outreach and responsiveness to Parties, the secretariat engaged with a wide array of actors and stakeholders in implementing capacity-building activities. This section provides an overview of the secretariat's collaborations in the reporting period.

1. Collaboration under the Paris Agreement Article 6 Implementation Partnership

- 15. The secretariat and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies agreed on collaboration under A6IP.⁶ Their memorandum of understanding formalizes their collaborative efforts to provide comprehensive capacity-building support, under A6IP, to Parties and other stakeholders for implementing Article 6.
- 16. To date, A6IP has engaged more than 90 countries both as recipients and as collaborators in implementing capacity-building initiatives alongside international organizations on the A6IP platform. Key A6IP partners include the African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, IDB, IETA, UNEP, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the World Bank, as well as various Governments.
- 17. The secretariat, through its Article 6 capacity-building unit and its RCCs, is working closely with the A6IP secretariat and other partners to develop a coordination mechanism for

⁶ See https://a6partnership.org.

joint capacity-building activities, with the ultimate aim being to promote knowledge exchange and boost climate action and sustainable development globally. The secretariat, A6IP secretariat and partners plan to discuss their individual capacity-building work activities and develop, by the end of 2024, a list of programmes and events that could be delivered jointly.

2. Engagement with the United Nations Development Coordination Offices and United Nations Resident Coordinator Offices

18. The secretariat engaged with the United Nations Development Coordination Offices and Resident Coordinator Offices across various regions, briefing them on Article 6 and other relevant capacity-building. In particular, the Article 6 capacity-building unit, together with RCC Asia and the Pacific and RCC MENA and South Asia, organized introductory webinars on Article 6. In April 2024, a webinar was held for 18 RCOs in Europe and Central Asia, and in May 2024, a webinar was held for 24 RCOs in Asia and the Pacific.

19. The webinars aimed to:

- (a) Explain the purpose of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, including cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2, and the Article 6.4 mechanism;
 - (b) Introduce carbon market instruments;
- (c) Present the key outcomes of COP 28 related to Article 6 and developments in international carbon markets;
 - (d) Share information on utilizing Article 6 to achieve NDC targets;
- (e) Discuss opportunities for RCOs and United Nations country teams to support countries in participating in carbon markets;
- (f) Outline potential collaboration avenues for capacity-building to enhance Parties' readiness to engage with Article 6.

3. Regional collaboration though the regional collaboration centres

(a) Asia and the Pacific

- 20. In September 2024, RCC Asia and the Pacific participated in a regional workshop organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations under its Technical Cooperation Programme entitled "Strengthening capacity of policymakers to mobilize investment for resilient and low-emission agrifood systems in Asia under Article 6 of the UNFCCC Paris Agreement", which includes Cambodia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam. Organized in partnership with the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies and other development partners, the aim of the workshop was to explore opportunities presented by Article 6 and voluntary carbon markets to enhance the ambition of NDCs and address financing gaps in implementing NDCs and LT-LEDS.
- 21. On 15 March 2024, RCC Asia and Pacific participated in the Carbon Market Institute's International Working Group meeting in Sydney, Australia. RCC staff provided a deep dive session on Article 6, introduced the work of the RCC and explored the prospects of cooperation with the Carbon Market Institute in the Pacific. Other participants at the meeting included representatives of financial institutions, industrial organizations, environmental regulators and the agriculture sector.

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji (Multi-Country Office), India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia (Multi-Country Office), Maldives, Micronesia (Federated States of) (Multi-Country Office), Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa (Multi-Country Office), Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam.

- 22. RCC Asia and the Pacific co-organized with ASEAN secretariat the ASEAN Carbon Pricing Conference, which was held from 6 to 7 November 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Conference provided an opportunity for the RCC to share information on Article 6 and carbon pricing and to engage with ASEAN representatives in order to gain an understanding of their capacity gaps and capacity-building needs.
- 23. From 24 to 26 July 2023, RCC Asia and the Pacific conducted a workshop in Bali, Indonesia, focused on carbon pricing implementation in ASEAN countries. Jointly organized with the ASEAN secretariat and supported by the Technical Assistance Facility of the Green Team Europe Initiative, the workshop provided training and facilitated discussions on Article 6.

(b) Caribbean

- 24. In the Dominican Republic, RCC Caribbean is partnering with the National Council for Climate Change of the Dominican Republic to establish an ETS pilot framework. Following a successful ETS simulation in Santo Domingo last year, RCC Caribbean has now issued terms of reference to engage a consultant who will design the ETS pilot framework, aligned with the Dominican Republic's climate objectives. This consultancy, which includes drafting policy recommendations and hosting both consultation and validation workshops, began in July and is expected to be completed by December 2024.
- 25. In response to a request from the Guyana United Nations Country Team, RCC Caribbean organized a webinar conducted on 22 August 2024 aimed at enhancing understanding of Article 6 among stakeholders in Guyana. This initiative is part of RCC Caribbean's broader effort to strengthen regional awareness of and participation in Article 6 mechanisms.
- 26. On 23 June 2024, RCC Caribbean supported a webinar hosted by the OECS Commission, GIZ and Climate Focus on how OECS member States can benefit from carbon markets. RCC Caribbean presented on the necessary institutional arrangements for Article 6 implementation, engaging 18 participants from various sectors in a discussion on carbon market opportunities.
- 27. In June 2024, RCC Caribbean collaborated with the IDB and the Office of the Prime Minister of the Bahamas to conduct a webinar on Article 6 participation requirements. Attended by 28 representatives from ministries of finance across the region, the webinar explored the role of finance ministries in integrating Article 6 into national structures, providing valuable insights into the institutional aspects of carbon market participation.
- 28. In May 2024, RCC Caribbean co-hosted a side event at the International Conference on Small Island Developing States, held in Antigua and Barbuda. Partnering with Island Innovation and GIZ, this event supported the OECS Commission's initiative to establish the Caribbean Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance. The Alliance aims to mobilize innovative climate finance and unlock the potential of carbon markets across OECS member states, and the event gathered 48 participants eager to discuss this cooperation platform's possibilities.
- 29. RCC Caribbean co-organized a regional dialogue on carbon pricing and training on Article 6 from 23 to 27 October 2023 in Panama City, Panama, during the 2023 Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week. Supported by the Center for Clean Air Policy and organized by UNEP, the dialogue and training emphasized the importance of establishing a regional platform for collaboration and information exchange on Article 6 implementation.

(c) East and Southern Africa

- 30. On 8 November 2023, RCC East and Southern Africa, in collaboration with regional partners, conducted a workshop aimed at enhancing understanding among DNAs and project developers about transitioning from the CDM to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
- 31. RCC East and Southern Africa participated in the East Africa Carbon Markets Forum held from 9 to 10 May 2024 in Kampala, Uganda. The forum served as a platform for attendees to exchange knowledge, collaborate and discuss actions aimed at advancing towards sustainable development goals through carbon market initiatives. In addition to

delivering a keynote speech, the representatives of the RCC used the opportunity to explore avenues of collaboration and engagement with participants, which included representatives of regional and national environmental organizations, private sector entities, regional and multilateral financial institutions and United Nations agencies.

(d) Latin America

- 32. In collaboration with the Center for Clean Air Policy, RCC Latin America is developing an Article 6 regional assessment report as part of a comprehensive study on the status of Article 6 and carbon markets in 17 Latin American countries. During the reporting period, six countries were selected for the assessment and the report is expected to be launched at COP 29.
- 33. RCC Latin America continued its collaboration with the IDB-sponsored Regional Climate Change Platform of Economy and Finance Ministries, providing capacity-building support and facilitating knowledge-sharing on carbon pricing instruments and Article 6 mechanisms.
- 34. As part of the Latin America Climate Summit organized by IETA and held from 25 to 27 June 2024 in Cartegena, Colombia, RCC Latin America and the secretariat conducted an information and discussion session for diverse stakeholders, including representatives of governments, private sector entities and civil society organizations. The interactive session included a briefing on Article 6, particularly paragraphs 2 and 4, and then participants were guided in exploring how the interaction of voluntary carbon markets, compliance carbon markets and Article 6 carbon markets can be leveraged to foster international cooperation on mobilizing private climate finance to achieve NDC targets.
- 35. The secretariat and RCC Latin America participated in the 2024 Global Knowledge Forum of the Partnership for Market Implementation held from 24 to 25 June 2024 in Cartagena, Colombia. In 2024, the Global Knowledge Forum focused on domestic carbon crediting mechanisms and international carbon markets, and their interaction. Representatives of national Governments, donors and knowledge partners, as well as other stakeholders, attended the Forum. The secretariat delivered a presentation updating participants on Article 6 negotiations and on progress of implementation of Article 6, paragraph 2, and the Article 6.4 mechanism, and then facilitated a discussion on national carbon registries.
- 36. During 2024, RCC Latin America collaborated with the UNEP Latin America and the Caribbean Office in continuing to provide guidance to national focal points of the Central American countries on the roles and responsibilities of DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, and the nomination process.
- 37. On 30 April 2024, RCC Latin America, in collaboration with CBIT–GSP, held a virtual introductory Article 6 training session for the CBIT–GSP Regional Network for Latin America and the Caribbean. The aim was to provide participants with an understanding of the relevance of Article 6 to climate ambition and its functionalities in terms of the different types of voluntary cooperation established under the Article that are based on market and non-market mechanisms. The webinar was joined by about 110 participants.
- 38. RCC Latin America, in collaboration with UNEP and the Center for Clean Air Policy, held, on 8 and 12 March 2024, virtual sessions providing Article 6 related training for country leaders in the Article 6 and Carbon Markets Green Climate Fund Readiness Project. The aim of the sessions was to bring the country leaders together to discuss the relevance and practicality of implementing Article 6 and to improve and harmonize their understanding of concepts and COP and CMA decisions relating to Article 6. The training gathered approximately 18 senior officials from the Governments of Argentina, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.
- 39. RCC Latin America and RCC Caribbean co-organized a regional dialogue on carbon pricing and training on Article 6, which were held from 23 to 27 October 2023 in Panama City, Panama, during the 2023 Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week. Supported by the Center for Clean Air Policy and organized by UNEP, the dialogue and training

emphasized the importance of establishing a regional platform for collaboration and information exchange on Article 6 implementation.

(e) Middle East and North Africa and South Asia

- 40. RCC MENA and South Asia contributed to a workshop held from 12 to 13 September 2023 in Doha, Qatar, focusing on cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2, and climate finance mechanisms. The regional Article 6 expert provided an overview of and guided discussions on transitioning from the CDM to the Article 6.4 mechanism.
- 41. On 5 October 2023, RCC MENA and South Asia, in collaboration with WGEO and UAE Independent Climate Change Accelerators, held a capacity-building workshop in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The workshop explored the role of the private sector in cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2, and in the design of mitigation activities. This workshop also highlighted the role of cities in supporting host countries in achieving NDCs, providing an overview of existing and potential city-level initiatives and projects related to Article 6. The workshop had 37 participants from city-level entities such as airport and port authorities.
- 42. RCC MENA and South Asia participated in the Asia Climate Summit, organized by IETA and the International Carbon Action Partnership, held from 22 to 24 October 2024 in New Delhi, India. The RCC hosted an interactive masterclass for a diverse group of more than 800 stakeholders, including representatives of governments, private sector entities and civil society organizations. The masterclass provided an in-depth overview of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, with a focus on paragraphs 2, 4 and 8, and explored how the interaction of voluntary carbon markets, compliance carbon markets and Article 6 carbon markets can be leveraged to foster international cooperation on mobilizing private climate finance towards achieving NDC targets.
- 43. RCC MENA and South Asia held a workshop on the role of carbon markets in promoting a green economy as part of the 2024 World Green Economy Summit, held from 2 to 3 October 2024 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, which focused on accelerating climate action through collaborative leadership. The workshop was aimed at building the capacity of stakeholders by enhancing their understanding of the provisions and participation requirements of carbon markets, as well as the role of carbon markets in supporting countries in achieving NDCs. It provided insights into recent developments in carbon markets including the negotiations on Article 6 at COP 28, the expansion of the European Union Emissions Trading System, the launch of the Core Carbon Principles of the Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market, the development of pilot Article 6 projects, and the establishment of regional carbon markets and highlighted how those developments align with and support the achievement of NDC targets and sustainable development.

(f) West and Central Africa

- 44. RCC West and Central Africa participated in an event held from 26 to 28 September 2023 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on exploring financing strategies for reducing emissions and transitioning to the Article 6.4 mechanism. The event was organized by the West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance and the IETA Business Partnership for Market Implementation.
- 45. RCC West and Central Africa is working with the Development Bank of the Central African States to support Central African countries in addressing key mitigation matters, including engagement in the Article 6.4 mechanism. Their collaborative efforts include establishing a Central African alliance on carbon markets and carbon pricing.
- 46. From 5 to 9 August 2024, RCC West and Central Africa participated in a regional workshop on establishing a carbon market in West Africa, which was held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. The workshop, organized by the Economic Community of West African States, provided the RCC with an opportunity to explore engagement avenues with national and regional stakeholders.
- 47. RCC West and Central Africa also participated in a regional workshop on Article 6 organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in collaboration with the

African Group and the Government of Zimbabwe. The workshop, held from 14 to 16 May 2024 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, was attended by more than 100 participants. The aim of the workshop was to build capacity by providing a platform for negotiators and regional experts to exchange views on Article 6 and carbon markets in the context of the NDCs to be submitted in 2025.

4. Fostering synergies with other UNFCCC workstreams

- 48. The Mitigation division of the secretariat has identified relevant capacity-building activities in other divisions and has mapped events, emphasizing those related to transparency and finance, to foster synergies between and enhance collaboration under Article 6 and other UNFCCC workstreams. Recognizing that effective implementation of Article 6 mechanisms is closely linked to robust transparency frameworks and adequate financial support, the Article 6 capacity-building unit is proactively working in and across the divisions of the secretariat on improving the coherence of capacity-building initiatives.
- 49. In August 2024, the Article 6 capacity-building unit and the Article 6.2 unit conducted virtual training for approved nominated experts to enhance their understanding of and capabilities in reporting and reviewing cooperative approaches submitted by Parties under Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement. The design and delivery of this training was a coordinated effort between relevant teams in the Mitigation division and the Transparency division. The aims of the training were to:
- (a) Improve experts' understanding of accounting, reporting and review requirements for cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2;
- (b) Increase experts' familiarity with initial reports and the regular information under Article 6, paragraph 2;
- (c) Enhance experts' awareness of the information on cooperative approaches required to be included in the structured summary, as per paragraph 77(d) of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1;
- (d) Boost experts' readiness for effective engagement in the Article 6 technical expert review process;
- (e) Strengthen experts' knowledge on how to track progress in implementing NDCs and achieving NDC targets using ITMOs.

C. Holding regional workshops on Article 6 and carbon pricing

- 50. The secretariat and its RCCs, held four dialogues on carbon pricing and training sessions on Article 6, one each during the regional climate weeks held between September and November 2023 (Africa Climate Week, Asia-Pacific Climate Week, Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week and MENA Climate Week). These four-day events, including the dialogues and training, provided opportunities for national experts, policymakers and DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism to exchange views, share experience and raise common challenges and issues. The focus of the workshops and training sessions was on building knowledge and capacity related to implementing Article 6, paragraphs 2 and 4; transitioning CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism; and developing price-based, collaborative instruments for carbon pricing in order to achieve ambitious climate action.
- 51. Building on the successes and lessons learned from the regional dialogues on carbon pricing and the training on Article 6 held during the regional climate weeks in 2023, the secretariat, via the Article 6 capacity-building unit and the RCCs, organized in 2024 a series of subregional workshops aimed at improving Parties' understanding of Article 6 and enhancing their readiness to engage with Article 6 mechanisms, with a focus on the practical aspects of carbon pricing and cooperative mechanisms. More specifically, the workshops are aimed at:
- (a) Deepening understanding of the operational aspects and requirements of implementing Article 6, paragraph 2, and Article 6, paragraph 4;

- (b) Fostering regional dialogue on effective carbon pricing strategies, stakeholder engagement in carbon markets and pathways for implementing Article 6, paragraph 2, and Article 6, paragraph 4;
- (c) Providing a platform for sharing best practices, challenges and successes in establishing DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism and engaging in cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2;
- (d) Supporting the development of effective strategies and plans for transitioning from the CDM to the Article 6.4 mechanism;
- (e) Strengthening technical and legal knowledge regarding participation in and compliance requirements for Article 6 carbon markets.
- 52. To ensure responsiveness to the needs of Parties, nine workshops were planned, for the following subregions: Caribbean; Central Asia, Eastern Europe and South Caucasus; East and Southern Africa; East Asia; Latin America; MENA; Pacific islands; South Asia; and West and Central Africa. As at 1 November 2024, five of the nine subregional workshops on Article 6 and carbon pricing had been held, as follows:
 - (a) Latin America: held in Santiago, Chile, from 22 to 25 July 2024;
 - (b) South Asia: held in Thimphu, Bhutan, from 5 to 8 August 2024;
 - (c) Pacific islands: held in Apia, Samoa, from 12 to 15 August 2024;
 - (d) Caribbean: held in St. George's, Grenada, from 14 to 17 October 2024;
- (e) West and Central Africa: held in Praia, Cabo Verde, from 29 October 2024 to 1 November 2024.
- 53. Owing to scheduling constraints with the host Parties, the remaining subregional workshops will be held between December 2024 and the end of March 2025.
- 54. In delivering the workshops, the secretariat and the respective RCCs have collaborated with regional partners, including the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, the Asian Development Bank, the Carbon Pricing in the Americas platform, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, GIZ, IETA, the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the World Bank (see annex III for details).

D. Providing technical assistance

- 55. The secretariat conducted a webinar on 21 May 2024 to update DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism on the work of the Supervisory Body, including the development of relevant rules and regulatory documents. The secretariat highlighted the role and key responsibilities that DNAs will have in the context of transition of CDM activities and implementation of activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism. During the webinar, the DNAs were informed of the deadlines relating to activities to transition to the Article 6.4 mechanism and the CDM projects that commenced in 2024. The webinar also served as an opportunity for the secretariat to gather inputs from DNAs on the information note on the roles and responsibilities of host Parties⁹ pursuant to the request of the Supervisory Body at its 11th meeting.¹⁰
- 56. The secretariat, through RCC Asia and the Pacific, assisted the Government of Thailand through direct consultations to understand the process of corresponding adjustments, prior to Thailand signing the agreement with Klik Foundation on behalf of Switzerland, for the issuance of the first ITMOs.
- 57. The RCCs provided ongoing guidance to national focal points on establishing DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism. Country-targeted communication campaigns highlighted the importance of the DNAs to the transition from the CDM to the Article 6.4 mechanism.

⁹ Supervisory Body document A6.4-SB011-AA-A04.

¹⁰ Supervisory Body document A6.4-SB011, para. 17.

- 58. In response to a request received from Cuba for a training of trainers on Article 6 and carbon markets, RCC Caribbean held an in-person capacity-building workshop from 14 to 16 May 2024 in Panama City, Panama. The RCC invited representatives of the Dominican Republic and Panama to attend the workshop and share their experience of engagement in and implementation of Article 6. On the final day of the workshop, the Cuban participants received practical guidance based on the information shared during the workshop on developing an Article 6 implementation road map.
- 59. Staff from the secretariat's Article 6 capacity-building unit and the RCCs participated in providing technical assistance to Parties and other stakeholders for activities related to Article 6. In addition, secretariat staff received and processed requests for clarification on technical and procedural matters from stakeholders.

E. Implementing in-country support activities through the regional collaboration centres

1. Asia and the Pacific

- 60. RCC Asia and the Pacific is supporting the Office of the President of Mongolia to strengthen regulatory and MRV frameworks in the forest sector and solidify foundations for introducing a national forest carbon market through a project implemented with the Mongolian Forestry Research and Development Agency. The aim is to enable the Agency and other stakeholders to develop forest carbon related activities. Some of the planned activities, such as developing and testing a geographic information system based data system in two provinces, were excluded from the project owing to resource constraints but remain potential activities, together with the delivery of capacity-building to stakeholders and the development of knowledge products.
- 61. On 31 October 2023, RCC Asia and Pacific held a capacity-building workshop on carbon pricing for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and other line ministries of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. On the basis of the workshop outcomes, the RCC received a request from the Lao Department of Climate Change to support the country in evaluating the modalities, opportunities and risks related to introducing fees or levies on ITMOs. After consulting with development partners, the RCC confirmed that the scope of such a project would complement the country's ongoing efforts in formulating a decree on carbon credit trading.
- 62. Throughout 2024, several requests for support on Article 6 and carbon pricing were received by RCC Asia and the Pacific through regional outreach and contact at events, including from Armenia, Fiji, Kazakhstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Thailand and Vanuatu. These requests are under evaluation.

2. Caribbean

- 63. Following the ETS simulation workshop held in Santo Domingo in September 2023, RCC Caribbean has continued its close collaboration with the National Council for Climate Change and Clean Development Mechanism of the Dominican Republic, with a focus on developing an ETS pilot framework for the country. A consultant was engaged at the end of July 2023 to design the framework and expected completion of the framework is December 2024. The project also involves drafting a comprehensive policy for the pilot framework that aligns with the Dominican Republic's climate goals, conducting stakeholder consultations and holding a validation workshop.
- 64. In response to a request from the Cuban Government, RCC Caribbean, with the support of RCC Latin America, delivered a three-day training workshop from 14 to 16 May 2024 in Panama City, Panama. The goal in holding the workshop was to raise awareness about Article 6 and its mechanisms while facilitating knowledge exchange and collaboration among Spanish-speaking countries in the region. The workshop was attended by 14 participants: 7 representatives of the Cuban Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment and the Cuban Ministry of Economy and Planning, as well as the Central Bank

- of Cuba; and 2 Article 6 practitioners from the Governments of the Dominican Republic and Panama, each. At the conclusion of the workshop, the Cuban delegates were provided guidance for implementing Article 6 in Cuba, which will serve as the foundation for creating an Article 6 implementation road map.
- 65. The training workshop referred to in paragraph 64 above was successfully replicated as a one-day workshop held on 30 May 2024 in Havana, Cuba, facilitated by the Cuban trainees from the previous workshop. This workshop had around 50 participants representing various ministries and banking sector entities. RCC Caribbean contributed by providing recorded video presentations for the beginning of each session, which reinforced the key messages being conveyed on Article 6.
- 66. RCC Caribbean has been involved in regional events aimed at raising participants' awareness of carbon markets and climate finance and building their capacity to engage in the former and access the latter. On 30 May 2023, RCC Caribbean, in partnership with Island Innovation and GIZ (under its Global Carbon Market project), conducted a side event for the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States held in Antigua and Barbuda from 27 to 30 May 2024. During the event, the OECS Commission launched the Caribbean Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance. The Alliance serves as a cooperative platform to assist OECS member States in mobilizing innovative climate finance and unlocking the potential of carbon markets. The side event attracted 48 participants keen to learn about the Alliance's objectives and activities.
- 67. In 2023, the Government of the Bahamas sought support from RCC Caribbean for exploring the potential role of its Ministry of Finance in institutionalizing Article 6 mechanisms as part of the IDB Regional Climate Change Platform of Economy and Finance Ministries. In response, the RCC, in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister of the Bahamas and the IDB, conducted a webinar on Article 6 mechanism participation requirements. During this event, 28 participants from regional ministries of finance engaged in discussions about how those ministries can play a pivotal role in integrating Article 6 mechanisms into national frameworks for climate change.
- 68. On 23 June 2023, the OECS Commission, in collaboration with GIZ and Climate Focus, held a webinar exploring how OECS member States can benefit from carbon markets. RCC Caribbean contributed by presenting information on Article 6 mechanism participation requirements and discussing the institutional arrangements necessary for effective Article 6 implementation. The 18 participants who attended the webinar engaged in discussions about leveraging carbon markets for regional benefit.
- 69. The United Nations Guyana Country Team requested, via the United Nations Issuebased Coalition on Climate Change and Resilience for Latin America and the Caribbean, assistance in deepening the understanding of Article 6 among national stakeholders. In response, RCC Caribbean held a webinar on 22 August 2023 for national stakeholders providing a comprehensive overview of Article 6 mechanisms, with a focus on how Guyana can engage in Article 6 mechanisms to achieve its climate objectives.

3. East and Southern Africa

- 70. RCC East and Southern Africa received a request for assistance from Ethiopia, under the Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action initiative support window. The request sought assistance from the RCC and the secretariat to develop a national carbon market strategy in consultation with the Ministry of Planning and Development and the DNA for the Article 6.4 mechanism. This activity was initiated in September 2024 and is expected to conclude, with the finalization of the strategy, by the end of 2024.
- 71. The RCC was also requested to provide technical inputs at the final validation workshop for Uganda's carbon market regulations, which took place in March 2024.
- 72. RCC MENA and South Asia delivered a presentation on carbon pricing and the best use of carbon revenues at a three-day workshop held in February 2024 on facilitating socially just carbon pricing in Uganda. The workshop was organized by the GIZ Global Carbon Market project in Uganda in partnership with the Ugandan Ministry of Finance, Planning and

Economic Development and the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change. The event attracted around 40 participants from line ministries.

4. Latin America

- 73. In October 2023, the Ministry of Environment of Panama requested technical assistance from RCC Latin America for developing a comprehensive road map for implementing its national carbon market and engaging in cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2. Collaborating closely with the Climate Change Directorate under the Ministry, the RCC designed a comprehensive support package, including a study to identify opportunities, gaps and needs related to integrating the national carbon market into Panama's participation in Article 6 implementation the study is expected to be completed by December 2024. In June 2024, a local consultant was hired to collaborate closely with the Government of Panama in developing the road map for implementing the national carbon market aligned with Article 6. An inaugural workshop was organized to develop the road map in September 2024. In addition, focused training sessions on carbon markets and Article 6 cooperation were held to facilitate implementation of Panama's third NDC (submitted in June 2024).
- 74. RCC Latin America conducted a scoping mission in Guatemala from 27 February to 1 March 2024, which focused on updating Guatemala's NDC to be submitted in 2025 and on engaging the country in Article 6 implementation. The RCC collaborated with the Guatemalan Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources on developing a country support package. The package is aimed at strengthening the capacities of national decision makers and policymakers in market approaches and cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2. Three days of virtual sessions on carbon pricing policies and Article 6 implementation were held between 13 and 20 May 2024, attended by 20 representatives of the Mitigation, Transparency and Carbon Markets team of Guatemala's Climate Change Directorate.
- 75. RCC Latin America engaged with the Colombian Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development to deliver, on 15 May 2024, a virtual training session on progress in implementing the Article 6.4 mechanism. The session was part of a national workshop on global trends in Article 6 implementation and opportunities for Colombia, which was organized by the Supporting Preparedness for Article 6 Cooperation programme in Colombia implemented by the Global Green Growth Institute. About 40 representatives of the Government and the private sector participated in the session. RCC Latin America delivered a two-day virtual training session on Article 6 and carbon markets for Honduras in September 2024 and for Nicaragua in October 2024.

5. Middle East and North Africa and South Asia

- 76. Following a study completed in December 2023, RCC MENA and South Asia commenced assisting the Bhutanese Department of Environment and Climate Change under the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources in developing a list of project areas for Article 6 implementation, to be published officially once complete. A stakeholder consultation with relevant departments and ministries was conducted in June 2024. In August 2024, the RCC organized a two-day workshop to enhance participants' understanding of Article 6 and the CDM transition process. The workshop was also aimed at identifying opportunities for carbon market engagement and increasing private sector readiness to support achievement of Bhutan's NDC. The workshop had 38 participants, including representatives of ministries involved in NDC implementation, project developers, project owners and auditors.
- 77. RCC MENA and South Asia is assisting an expert committee under the Sri Lankan Ministry of Environment in developing the national Carbon Trading Policy Framework and Guiding Principles. Two virtual stakeholder consultations were conducted, in April and July 2024, and leveraging the experience of the RCC with Bhutan, a list of project areas for

Article 6 implementation was prepared.¹¹ The policy framework formulation process is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

- 78. The Directorate of Climate Change at the Ministry of Environment of Iraq requested support to enhance the country's capacity for participating in Article 6 mechanisms and carbon trading. RCC MENA and South Asia, as part of its tailored support in response to the request, hosted an initial capacity-building workshop in July 2024 aimed at equipping Government representatives with the knowledge and skills needed for Article 6 implementation.
- 79. RCC MENA and South Asia is also engaged in discussions with the Ministry of Environment of Egypt for supporting a study on the linkages of Egypt's domestic emissions trading scheme with the European Union Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. The study is expected to be completed by December 2024.

6. West and Central Africa

- 80. As part of the implementation of recommendations from the 2023 Nigerian carbon pricing assessment, RCC West and Central Africa, in collaboration with the Nigerian National Council on Climate Change, is working on a pilot carbon tax for Nigeria's telecommunications sector. The project involves selecting a consultant for developing the tax, conducting stakeholder consultations, designing a monitoring and evaluation system, and preparing guidance for revenue redistribution. In addition, the RCC provided technical inputs at a capacity-building workshop organized by the Council on designing a national Article 6 framework for carbon market operationalization held in January 2024.
- 81. RCC West and Central Africa and the secretariat of the West African Economic and Monetary Union finalized the terms of reference for and initiated a regional study exploring the feasibility of and opportunities for a regional carbon pricing initiative for member States of the Union. The study demonstrates a strong commitment to advancing regional carbon pricing and is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2025, with a validation workshop tentatively planned soon thereafter.
- 82. In February 2024, the Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development of Cameroon requested RCC West and Central Africa's support in assessing carbon pricing options aligned with the country's NDC. In response, the RCC, in collaboration with the Ministry, prepared the terms of reference for a consultant to conduct a preliminary assessment of suitable carbon pricing instruments, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.
- 83. RCC West and Central Africa delivered a series of presentations on the Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action initiative and on the status of negotiations on Article 6 at a training workshop for environmental lawyers and the Constitutive General Assembly of the Network of Environmental Legal Experts of Central Africa held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 30 April to 3 May 2024. The workshop, attended by about 70 participants, resulted in the launch of a network of environmental lawyers in Central Africa that aims to support Central African countries in participating UNFCCC negotiations on Article 6 and implementing the Paris Agreement.

F. Understanding needs

84. To enhance the effectiveness of capacity-building activities and ensure they are highly responsive to the evolving needs of Parties to the Paris Agreement, the secretariat, via the Article 6 capacity-building unit and RCCs, initiated a periodic capacity-building needs assessment process. This initiative is aimed at ensuring that the capacity-building support provided to Parties by the secretariat is tailored to their requirements and helps close critical capacity gaps in implementing Article 6 mechanisms.

The list was published in September 2024 and is available at https://env.gov.lk/web/index.php/en/publications/other-publication#implementation-of-the-article-6-of-the-paris-agreement-in-sri-lanka.

- 85. The first round of needs assessments took place during November and December 2023 and was conducted in close collaboration with the RCCs. The initial assessments involved engaging with Parties to gain an understanding of their existing capacity-building challenges and specific areas where they require further support, as well as to determine how they foresee their needs evolving as they progress in implementing climate actions.
- 86. As part of the secretariat's commitment to continuously refine and improve its capacity-building, a second round of needs assessments is scheduled to occur in November and December 2024. This round will again focus on identifying existing and potential future capacity gaps but will also seek feedback from Parties on their preferred modalities and formats for receiving capacity-building support. This two-way engagement process will enable the secretariat and its RCCs to gain insights into how they can better serve Parties in fulfilling their diverse needs, particularly in terms of providing technical support, sharing knowledge and developing practical implementation strategies.
- 87. The findings from the second round of assessments will play a crucial role in shaping the secretariat's workplan for capacity-building in 2025. By aligning the workplan with the specific needs of Parties, the secretariat aims to deliver targeted, relevant capacity-building support. Moreover, the insights gained will enable the secretariat to engage strategically with regional partners in a coordinated, streamlined collaborative approach that avoids duplication of effort and maximizes the use of available resources. This approach will also optimize the support provided to Parties, ensuring that capacity-building for implementing Article 6 is synergized, impactful and contributes meaningfully to their efforts in implementing climate action.

G. Sharing knowledge

- 88. The secretariat disseminated information on COP and CMA decisions relevant to the transition from the CDM to the Article 6.4 mechanism by publishing articles in RCC newsletters, which reached a wide range of stakeholders in the six RCC regions, including governments, private sector entities and civil society organizations. The RCCs continued to play a key role in facilitating knowledge-sharing and capacity-building in relation to Article 6 in their respective regions.
- 89. In response to the request of the Supervisory Body at its 7th meeting,¹² the secretariat updated contact information on the RCC web pages of the UNFCCC website, creating two new pages to assist stakeholders in identifying the RCC for their country and the contact person within that RCC,¹³ as well as to provide general information on the RCC teams and countries they support. Relevant training manuals and materials were also uploaded to the RCC web pages.¹⁴
- 90. The secretariat organized a series of webinars for DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism and key non-Party stakeholders to disseminate information, share knowledge and improve readiness for implementation of Article 6.
- 91. On 19 September 2023, RCC Asia and the Pacific conducted a clinic in hybrid format on applying corresponding adjustments for ITMOs in response to Thailand's request for capacity-building in this area. The event provided the participating government officials with valuable insights on implementing policies and measures required for effective engagement with Article 6.
- 92. In 2024, RCC MENA and South Asia commenced work on a study examining carbon pricing as a tool for NDC implementation and the implications of the European Union Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism in countries in the region to which the Mechanism is relevant. In the first phase of the study, carbon pricing activities in MENA and South Asia were

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¹² Supervisory Body document A6.4-SB007, para. 35.

¹³ See https://unfccc.int/RCCcoverage and https://unfccc.int/about-us/regional-collaboration-centres/meet-the-rcc-team respectively.

¹⁴ https://unfccc.int/RCCs.

mapped. The second phase, which is under way, comprises an assessment of the linkages between the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and carbon pricing in these countries.

93. Annexes I and II provide an outline of the capacity-building programme covering the key areas, means and capacity-building modalities that will be deployed to enhance the stakeholders' and Parties' understanding and implementation of Article 6, including online courses, training programmes and webinars offered by RCCs and organizations outside the UNFCCC.

III. Next steps

94. The secretariat will continue collecting inputs from Parties and preparing information notes on Article 6 capacity-building on a regular basis. In addition, the secretariat will continue scaling up efforts to implement the Article 6 capacity-building programme, including through the RCCs and partners. The capacity-building programmes will be evaluated for their impact and effectiveness on an ongoing basis; an outline of the key performance indicators is presented in annex IV.

Annex I

Capacity-building programme for Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: key areas, means of capacity-building, activities and target groups

Table I.1 Preparedness for implementation of Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

	Article 6 activity groups				Timelin	e	<u></u>
Area	(in bold) and means of capacity-building	Activities/tasks	Target group	2023	2024	2025	Details
Article 6 readiness	6 readiness 1. Knowledge products: guidelines, charts and videos 2. Workshops 3. Side events at sessions of the governing and subsidiary bodies and at climate finance and carbon market forums 4. In-person and online training courses	implementation plans Provide case studies and best practices for describing the mitigation measures of specific sectors included in NDCs from the perspective of Article 6, including approaches for modelling	National authorities Experts from developing countries, including master's degree students in relevant areas		X	X	1. Knowledge products are under development 2. Workshops are planned 3. Side events were held at SB 60 and are planned for COP 29 4. Training is available for Article 6, paragraph 2, for implementing cooperative approaches Training materials and curricula for capacity-building activities are under development
Article 6 capacity- building library	All activity cycles Knowledge products	Create and maintain a library for Article 6 capacity-building on the UNFCCC website, including published papers, policy briefs, guidebooks, toolkits and Excel and/or Word templates, providing a flow chart for easy access based on activity cycle or target group Redesign the website to enhance user experience by improving accessibility, providing clear and concise explanations of guidelines in a format that is easy to understand and re-organizing content and features to make it easier for users to navigate and find the	All stakeholders		X	X	Define the objectives and expected outcomes of priority knowledge products Use technology and e-learning platforms to deliver training sessions remotely Engage in peer-to-peer learning and knowledge-sharing with organizations implementing relevant capacity-building programmes

	Article 6 activity groups					ie	_
Area	(in bold) and means of capacity-building	Activities/tasks	Target group	2023	2024	2025	Details
		information they need, with the aim of improving users' access to and interpretation of regulations, resulting in better compliance					
Institutional arrangements necessary for participation in Article 6 mechanisms	Consultation, validation and authorization 1. Workshops 2. Side events 3. Help desks 4. Knowledge products: guidelines and video tutorials 5. In-person and online training courses	Provide guidance on national governance frameworks for Article 6, including practical procedures for establishing a governance structure for steering processes and assigning responsibilities for strategic decision-making; technical steering and oversight (e.g. a DNA for the Article 6 mechanism); and an interministerial body or institutional arrangements for meeting participation requirements Facilitate informed decision-making for Article 6 approvals and authorizations, including for setting baselines and testing additionality, approving crediting period lengths and renewals, and developing national positive/negative lists for activities or methodological approaches Design and maintain a help desk Leverage the experience gained by developing standardized baselines under the CDM, for which DNAs took ownership	National policymakers (1–4) National experts (5)	X	X	X	Conduct pilot testing of training materials and curricula to ensure their effectiveness Identify meaningful capacity-building activities, define appropriate timelines and tailor the activities to address country-level needs, potentially through regional initiatives and platforms, where possible (e.g. Eastern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance, West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance, Carbon Pricing in the Americas platform); in this regard, the role of the RCCs in implementing the capacity-building programme will be instrumental Engage in peer-to-peer learning and knowledge-sharing with organizations implementing relevant capacity-building programmes
Article 6 capacity- building for the private sector, including financial institutions	Activity development and implementation In-person and online training courses Help desks	Provide both standardized and tailored hands-on training courses for the private sector in developing countries on project design and development, and the application of methodologies as well as on monitoring and reporting (including help desks), with priority given to sectors included in NDCs	Private sector actors			x	Promote training courses at regional climate weeks, events such as those organized by IETA and Innovate4Climate, and on private sector platforms Develop a mentorship programme to support the ongoing development of activity participants

	Article 6 activity groups		<u>-</u>	Timeline		e			
Area	(in bold) and means of capacity-building	Activities/tasks	Target group	2023	2024	2025	Details		
		Ensure that capacity-building activities develop participants' understanding of international and national rulemaking towards implementation of Article 6; of how to develop and apply the					Foster a culture of creativity and innovation when implementing capacity-building programme activities		
		appropriate approved baseline and monitoring methodology and standardized baseline; and of the documentation that needs to be developed, including contracts for the sale of emission credits					Provide opportunities for activity participants to collaborate on projects and initiatives in which they can apply their newly acquired skills		
		Identify financial institutions (e.g. development and commercial banks) to engage in evaluating potential and existing projects under the Article 6.4 mechanism providing financial support for, inter alia, the preparation of project information notes and project design documents, the implementation of project activities and the refinancing of projects					Encourage activity participants to reflect on their learning and apply it in their work		
Awareness-raising of Article 6 benefits	Knowledge products: leaflets, brochures, guides, case studies	about the opportunities for and benefits of engaging in carbon market mechanisms in the	Private sector actors National and	X	X	X	Use social media and other online platforms to promote the capacity-building programme		
	and videos Webinars	context of NDC implementation, including supporting greater ambition for climate action	subnational authorities				Develop a recognition and reward system to acknowledge the		
	Side events		authornes				achievements of activity participants		
	Information-sharing on a regular basis (e.g. Article 6.4 mechanism newsletter)						Use storytelling and other forms of communication to share the impacts of the capacity-building programme with stakeholders		
							Develop partnerships with academic institutions to provide ongoing support and resources to Parties, through the secretariat		
Article 6 dialogues	All activity cycles Workshops	Convene South—South dialogues with countries that have already engaged in a bilateral agreement under Article 6 and made progress, to learn from their experience. These dialogues could be held, for example, at the hands-on	National policymakers	X	x	X	Conduct outreach to underrepresented communities to encourage participation in the capacity-building programme Foster a culture of creativity and innovation when implementing		

	Article 6 activity groups				Timelin	ie	
Area	(in bold) and means of capacity-building	Activities/tasks	Target group	2023	2024	2025	Details
		training sessions at the regional climate weeks or at other regional events					capacity-building programme activities
							Foster a culture of inclusivity and diversity when implementing capacity-building programme activities
Article 6	Verification	Conduct Article 6 activity assessments,	Policymakers (1)			X	Engage in peer-to-peer learning
verification	Knowledge products: manuals Workshops and training courses	including assessments of the capacities of existing national and regional DOEs, with the aim of lowering transaction costs for regional project developers	Auditors (2)				and knowledge-sharing with organizations implementing relevant capacity-building programmes
	training courses						Develop a mentorship programme to support the ongoing development of activity participants
							Use technology and e-learning platforms to deliver training sessions remotely
							Provide opportunities for activity participants to engage in peer review and feedback on project development
Article 6.4	Examination,	Ensure that countries have either their own	National			X	Use case studies and success
mechanism registry	creation and transfer of credits	country registry or access to the international registry to provide accurate data, in correct	policymakers In-country				stories to demonstrate the impact of the capacity-building
	Support for	formats	technical experts on	1			programme to stakeholders
	establishing technical infrastructure		registries				Encourage participants to share their knowledge and skills with
	Workshops, webinars and forums						their colleagues and peers
	Knowledge products						
Article 6 databases	Cross-cutting	Identify best practices for collecting data on	National and		X	X	Use data and analytics to track the
	Support for establishing or	baselines and standardized baselines, leveraging, where possible, the use of digital technologies such as the Internet of Things and Blockchain	regional experts Universities				impacts of the capacity-building programme over time
	utilizing data- collection systems		Omversines				Provide opportunities for activity participants to discuss and

	Article 6 activity groups				Timelin	e	<u> </u>
Area	(in bold) and means of capacity-building	Activities/tasks	Target group	2023	2024	2025	Details
	Knowledge products	Analyse information collected from national surveys	Research institutions				exchange experiences with implementation and design of activities.
Article 6 sustainable development co- benefits	Cross-cutting, including assessment of sustainable development Stakeholder engagement	Support DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, if needed, in their systematic assessment of sustainable development impacts of their national climate actions Raise awareness of the private sector regarding how to evaluate sustainable development cobenefits of mitigation activities under Article 6	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism Private sector actors		X	x	Use storytelling and other forms of communication to share the impacts of the capacity-building programme with stakeholders Conduct outreach to underrepresented communities to encourage participation in
	Knowledge products:	and demonstrate them to buyers					capacity-building activities
	guidelines Peer-to-peer learning	Develop a sustainable development toolbox comprising readily available tools that could be considered by countries for evaluating sustainable development co-benefits of mitigation policies under Article 6					Conduct pilot testing of training materials and curricula to ensure effectiveness of the sustainable development toolbox to be developed by the secretariat
Article 6 transparency: corresponding adjustments	Reporting and corresponding adjustments Workshops	Integrate Article 6 reporting into the national reporting process under the ETF, namely, biennial transparency reports, national inventory reports, MRV of mitigation outcomes at various	Policymakers in host Parties		X	X	Conduct follow-up surveys to assess the impacts of the capacity- building programme on activity participants' work
	Side events Help desks Knowledge products:	levels (national, sectoral, activity) and tracking of progress towards achieving NDCs, as well as any additional reports related specifically to Article 6 tracking					Identify and address challenges and barriers related to successful implementation of the capacity- building programme
	guidelines and video tutorials						Foster a culture of transparency and accountability when implementing capacity-building programme activities
Article 6 action hub	Capacity-building marketplace	Develop the Article 6 capacity-building marketplace as a portal containing user-friendly explainers, graphics, courses, information notes and guidance				X	Develop a system for tracking and reporting on progress of implementation of the capacity- building marketplace

Note: See decision 4/CMA.4.

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Table I.2

Requirements for transitioning from the clean development mechanism to the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

					Timeli	ne	
Requirement	Means of capacity-building	Activities/tasks	Target group	2023	2024	2025	
Designate a national authority for the Article 6.4 mechanism and communicate that designation to the secretariat		Communicate with or remind Parties about the requirement by:	DNAs	X	X	X	Use social media and other online platforms to promote knowledge-
	RCCs	(a) Engaging with Parties without a national authority to establish if there is interest in designating one and identifying support needed in designating a national authority;					sharing and increase understanding of guidelines and decisions – this was done mainly through dissemination of information on relevant decisions of the COP and the CMA in RCC
		(b) Developing a list of DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism (for host Parties that communicated their designated authorities) with support from the RCCs and reporting thereon to the Supervisory Body;					and Article 6, paragraph 4 newsletters. As countries move ahead with designating national authorities, encourage (via the RCCs) participating countries to share their experience and good practices with their peers
		(c) Sending emails and letters or organizing calls with national focal points who express interest in designating a national authority (March 2024).					
	Support for	Design and implement a process,	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism		X	X	Establish a help desk
	establishing technical infrastructure	including a template, that national authorities can use to communicate designation of national authority					Communicate directly with stakeholders through the regional
	Support for establishing or	Develop online training courses on	CDM DOEs				Article 6 experts based at the RCCs
	utilizing data- collection systems	operationalizing the Article 6.4 mechanism, including on the eligibility	Project participants	.			
	Knowledge products, including templates	criteria for transitioning from the CDM Provide technical assistance and					
	In-person and online training courses Help desks	mentoring to DNAs, DOEs and project participants to help them understand the technical requirements for Article 6.4 mechanism activities and support them in implementing these activities, including by creating and maintaining help desks					

					Timelir	ie	
Requirement	Means of capacity-building	Activities/tasks	Target group	2023	2024	2025	Details
Indicate publicly to the Supervisory Body for the Article 6.4 mechanism how participation in the mechanism will contribute to sustainable development, while acknowledging that the consideration of sustainable development is a national prerogative	communication via RCCs	Communicate with or remind Parties about the requirement by:	DNAs	X	X	X	Foster a culture of transparency and accountability when
		(a) Engaging with Parties without a national authority to establish if there is interest in establishing a DNA, and identifying support needed;					implementing capacity-building programme activities
		(b) Mapping DNAs (for host Parties that communicated their designated authorities) with support from the RCCs and reporting thereon to the Supervisory Body;					
		(c) Sending emails and letters or organizing calls with national focal points who express interest.					
	Support for establishing technical infrastructure Support for establishing or utilizing datacollection systems	Design and implement a tool to assist Parties in identifying and measuring the sustainable development impacts of	DNAs DOEs Project participants Private sector actors National and subnational authorities		X	X	Use technology and e-learning platforms to deliver training sessions remotely
		mitigation activities under Article 6 Organize training sessions, workshops and courses on the latest COP and CMA decisions relevant to the RMPs and provide guidance on best practices and lessons learned on matters relating to sustainable development					Provide opportunities for activity participants to attend other conferences and workshops to further develop their skills Engage in peer-to-peer learning and knowledge-sharing with organizations implementing
	Knowledge products, including templates In-person and online						
	training courses Help desks	Develop online training courses on operationalizing the Article 6.4					relevant capacity-building programmes
	Ticip desks	mechanism, and on sustainable development matters					Develop a mentorship programme to support the
		Provide technical assistance and mentoring to DNAs, DOEs and project					ongoing development of activity participants
		participants to help them understand the technical requirements for Article 6.4 mechanism activities and support them in implementing their projects, including by creating and maintaining help desks (ready in September 2024)					Support DNAs, if needed, in their systematic assessment of sustainable development impacts of mitigation actions under Article 6, in the context of national priorities
		Facilitate stakeholder engagement, via, for example, round-table discussions,					-

					Timel	line	
Requirement	Means of capacity-building		Target group	2023	202	4 2025	
		meetings, dialogues and public consultations, to help DNAs, DOEs and project participants understand the perspectives of different stakeholders and build support for their projects (June 2024)					Raise awareness of the private sector regarding how to evaluate sustainable development cobenefits of mitigation actions under Article 6 and demonstrate them to buyers
							Develop a sustainable development toolbox comprising readily available tools (including examples and/or good practices) that could be considered by countries for evaluating sustainable development co- benefits of mitigation actions under Article 6
Indicate publicly to the Supervisory Body the types of Article 6.4 mechanism activities that would be considered for approval pursuant to chapter V.C of the annex to decision 3/CMA.3 (Approval and authorization) and how such types of activities and any associated emission reductions would contribute to the	Direct communication via RCCs		DNAs	X	X	X	Use case studies and success stories to demonstrate the impacts of the capacity-building programme to stakeholders
	Knowledge products: guidelines and video tutorials Support for establishing technical infrastructure needed in this proce with national focal interest to define ne Provide tools and g to assist them in det Article 6.4 mechani indicating how thos associated emission contribute to the aci						Identify and address challenges and barriers related to successful implementation of the capacity- building programme
achievement of the NDC (if applicable), the LT-LEDS (if submitted) and the ong-term goals of the Paris Agreement							Conduct pilot testing of training materials and curricula to ensure their effectiveness
		to assist them in defining their types of Article 6.4 mechanism activities and	DNAs DOEs Project			X	Use case studies and success stories to demonstrate the impacts of the capacity-building programme to stakeholders
		associated emission reductions would contribute to the achievement of their NDC (if applicable), their LT-LEDS	participants				Encourage activity participants to share their knowledge and skills with their colleagues and peers
	Workshops Support for	(if they have submitted one) and the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement					Support DNAs, if needed, in their
	establishing or utilizing data- collection systems	blishing or Create knowledge products that raise awareness of how to define types of					systematic assessment of sustainable development in the context of national priorities

					Timeli	ne	
Requirement	Means of capacity-building		Target group	2023	2024	2025	Details
	Side events In-person and online training courses	on the opportunities for and benefits of engaging in carbon market mechanisms in the context of NDC implementation, including supporting greater ambition for climate action					Raise awareness of the private sector regarding how to evaluate the sustainable development co- benefits of mitigation activities undertaken and demonstrate them
		Integrate Article 6 reporting into the national reporting process under the ETF, namely, biennial transparency reports, national inventory reports, MRV of mitigation outcomes at various levels (national, sectoral, activity) and tracking of progress towards achieving NDCs, as well as any additional reports related specifically to Article 6 tracking					to buyers Develop a sustainable development toolbox comprising readily available tools (including examples and/or good practices) that could be considered by countries for evaluating sustainable development cobenefits of mitigation activities
Baseline approaches and other methodological requirements, including	communication via RCCs (with Parties that express preliminary interest, are more advanced or ready, etc.)	Communicate with or remind Parties about the requirement by:	participants	X	X	X	Provide opportunities for activity participants to network and build relationships with Article 6 experts experienced in setting baselines, calculating emission factors, developing and applying methodologies, defining project
additionality, to be applied to Article 6.4 mechanism activities intended to be hosted, in addition and subject to and consistent with the RMPs, under the supervision of the Supervisory Body, and subject to further relevant decisions		(a) Engaging with DNAs to confirm if there is interest in employing the baseline approaches and methodologies, and identifying support needed in this process (March 2024);					
of the CMA, with an explanation of how those approaches and requirements are compatible with the NDC and the LT-LEDS (if submitted)		(b) Sending letters or organizing calls with national focal points who express interest to organize dedicated training and information sessions (March 2024).					cycles, etc.
		Produce guidance and tools for:	DNAs		X	X	Provide opportunities for activity
	guidelines and video tutorials	(a) Applying baseline approaches and other methodological requirements	DOEs				participants to engage in, discuss and exchange experience
	Support for	(June 2024);	Project participants				
	establishing technical infrastructure	(b) Explaining how approaches and requirements are compatible with a	1 1	S			
	Workshops Support for establishing or	Party's NDC and, if it has submitted one, its LT-LEDS (June to October 2024).					
		Create knowledge products that raise awareness of baseline approaches and					

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Requirement	Means of capacity-building	Activities/tasks	Target group	2023	2024	2025	Details
	utilizing data- collection systems Side events In-person and online training courses	other methodological requirements, including additionality activities, and of the opportunities for and benefits of engaging in carbon market mechanisms in the context of NDC implementation, including supporting greater ambition for climate action (August 2024)					
		Convene South–South dialogues with countries that have already engaged in a bilateral agreement under Article 6 and made progress, and learn from their experience (August 2024)					
Crediting periods to be applied to Article 6.4 mechanism activities that are intended to be hosted, including whether the crediting periods may be renewed, subject to the RMPs and under the supervision of the Supervisory Body, and in accordance with further relevant decisions of the CMA, with an explanation of how those crediting periods are compatible with the NDC and the LT-LEDS (if submitted)	Direct communication via RCCs (with Parties that express interest, are more advanced or ready, etc.)	Communicate with Parties about and raise their awareness of the requirement	DNAs DOEs Project participants			x	Develop partnerships with industry associations and professional organizations to provide ongoing support and resources, through the secretariat
	Knowledge products: guidelines and video tutorials	Produce guidance and/or a system for building baseline approaches and other methodological requirements (2024)	DNAs DOEs	1	K	X	Use technology and e-learning platforms to deliver training sessions remotely
	Support for establishing technical infrastructure	Create knowledge products that raise awareness of how to define types of Article 6.4 mechanism activities and	Project participants				Provide opportunities for activity participants to engage in discussions and experience
	Workshops	on the opportunities for and benefits of				sharing	
	Support for establishing or utilizing data-collection systems engaging in carbon market mechanisms in the context of NDC implementation, including supporting greater ambition for climate action (June 2024)						
	Side events	Integrate Article 6 reporting into the national reporting process under the ETF, namely, biennial transparency					

				Timeline
Requirement	Means of capacity-building	Activities/tasks	Target group	2023 2024 2025 Details
	In-person and online training courses	reports, national inventory reports, MRV of mitigation outcomes at various levels (national, sectoral, activity) and tracking of progress towards achieving NDCs, as well as any additional reports related specifically to Article 6 tracking (October 2024)		

Note: See decisions 3/CMA.3 and 7/CMA.4.

Annex II

Key elements of the capacity-building programme for implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

No.	Area	Key elements
1	Timelines for	Considerations relating to timelines include:
	implementing capacity-building activities	(a) Feasibility: the timeline should be realistic and achievable, taking into account the resources and capabilities of the organizations affected by the requirements of the Article 6.4 mechanism;
	activities	(b) Stakeholder impact: the timeline should take into account the impact that the requirements will have on stakeholders, including businesses and consumers;
		(c) Modular approach: the requirements can be implemented in a phased manner, over time, to minimize disruption and allow organizations to adjust gradually to the new requirements and timelines, while demonstrating compliance with the requirements and deadlines, and the timeline should allow for adjustments and changes if necessary, taking into account feedback from stakeholders and changes in circumstances;
		(d) Communications: adequate communication should be provided to all stakeholders to ensure that they understand the requirements and the timeline for their implementation.
2	Effectiveness of	The evaluation of effectiveness of capacity-building activities encompasses:
	capacity-building activities	(a) Developing clear goals and objectives for capacity-building activities and ensuring they align with the overall objectives of Article 6 requirements;
		(b) Measuring progress of implementation of capacity-building activities and their impacts by using metrics such as increased participation in carbon markets, enhanced understanding of Article 6 and increased number of successful projects under Article 6;
		(c) Gathering feedback from stakeholders such as Governments, private sector entities and civil society organizations on capacity-building activities to assess their effectiveness;
		(d) Adapting and refining capacity-building activities on the basis of feedback from stakeholders to ensure they remain effective and relevant;
		(e) Building long-term relationships with stakeholders and continuing to provide support and resources beyond the initial capacity-building activity in which they participated;
		(f) Evaluating outcomes and outcome-based impacts of capacity-building activities to determine the effectiveness of efforts under the programme and make recommendations for future improvements;
		(g) Implementing, wherever possible, activities in a manner that is integrated with and complementary to the capacity development programme of the secretariat to ensure synergy, and strengthening the ability of the secretariat to deliver capacity-building support and other organizations by seeking synergies with other capacity-building programmes.
3	Strategic capacity-	An Article 6 community of practice will be established, prioritizing the following topics:
	building activities	(a) Integrating Article 6 considerations into NDC implementation plans;
		(b) Describing the mitigation measures included in NDCs in case studies and/or best practice examples;

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		(c) Defining approaches for modelling marginal abatement costs of mitigation measures, where feasible, with a view to strengthening the technical capacity of the host country to develop a carbon market;
		(d) Developing strategies to identify sectors and mitigation measures suitable for international transfer versus use for domestic targets, and to consider the availability of climate finance (i.e. financial instruments, conditions, pre-requisites);
		(e) Identifying and accounting for the sustainable development co-benefits of mitigation measures.
4		Article 6 capacity-building library (to be housed on the UNFCCC website) will include published papers, policy briefs, guidebooks, toolkits and Excel and/or Word templates to assist Parties with the following:
		(a) Guidance for Parties on the institutional arrangements necessary for participation in Article 6 mechanisms, including:
		(i) Establishment of national institutional arrangements and governance frameworks;
		(ii) Practical procedures for Article 6 governance;
		(iii) Governance structures to steer processes;
		(iv) Assignment of responsibilities for strategic decision-making and technical steering;
		(v) Oversight (e.g. DNA, interministerial body);
		(b) Capacity-building for the private sector, including financial institutions, such as:
		(i) Hands-on training related to participation in Article 6 mechanisms;
		(ii) Templates for project idea notes and other documents;
		(c) Awareness-raising on Article 6 (co-)benefits, such as awareness-raising knowledge products on the opportunities for and benefits of engaging in carbon market mechanisms in the context of NDC implementation, including supporting greater ambition for climate action;
		(d) Article 6 dialogues;
		(e) Article 6 mechanism registry, registry functionalities, transparency and corresponding adjustments;
		(f) Article 6 sustainable development co-benefit assessment and reporting tools (voluntary).
5	Outputs of capacity-	In terms of outputs, capacity building activities will provide:
	building	(a) Knowledge products and tools: be aimed at improving global knowledge of, supporting reflection on and ownership of, and preparing for implementation of Article 6, and potentially include toolkits and webinars on selected topics;
		(b) Training: be designed to raise awareness of and/or build skills and expertise in implementing Article 6 guidance and modalities and procedural requirements;
		(c) Technical assistance: be customized and encompass, for instance, support for drafting relevant authorizations, establishing infrastructure and developing baselines.
6	Types of capacity-	Capacity-building activities include:
	building activities	(a) Providing access to repositories of information and resources (e.g. publications, databases, libraries, websites, frequently asked questions);
		(b) Holding webinars on Article 6 fundamental aspects and implementation;

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	(c) Conducting reg	gional and global training (broad or customized, in person or online);
	(d) Consulting wit	h Parties via RCCs (on, for example, providing expert advice and making arrangements for research);
	(e) Holding works	shops on the margins of regional climate weeks, sessions of the subsidiary bodies and other events.
7	Priority capacity- building needs	The following priority areas relating to preparedness for implementing Article 6, paragraph 4, were identified by Parties: (a) Authorizing ITMOs; (b) Taking into account the circumstances of the LDCs and SIDS; (c) Managing corresponding adjustments;
		(d) Setting baselines;
		(e) Reporting in a robust manner.
8	Continuing knowledge and	The Article 6 capacity-building unit, together with other teams in the secretariat including the RCCs, will conduct periodic needs assessments of Parties, and subsequently address any reported or observed gaps related to:
	capacity-building needs assessment	(a) Decisions of the COP, the CMA and the Supervisory Body relevant to Article 6;
	needs assessment	(b) Article 6, paragraph 2: supporting Parties in developing institutional arrangements, including for reporting;
		(c) Article 6, paragraph 2: supporting Parties to ensure that their participation in cooperative approaches and the authorization, transfer and use of ITMOs is consistent with the guidance on cooperative approaches and relevant decisions of the COP and the CMA;
		(d) Article 6, paragraph 4: developing the technical capacity of host Parties to design and set baselines for application;
		(e) Article 6, paragraph 4: assisting the LDCs and SIDS in meeting the participation requirements;
		(f) Article 6, paragraph 4: supporting Parties in developing institutional arrangements, including in relation to participation and authorization;
		(g) Article 6, paragraph 4: supporting Parties in developing institutional arrangements, including for reporting;
		(h) Article 6, paragraph 2: helping Parties to ensure that the cooperative approaches in which they participate support ambition;
		(i) Article 6, paragraph 2: helping Parties to ensure that the mechanisms in which they participate support ambition;
		(j) Readiness for Article 6 implementation.
9	Priority areas for the capacity-	Baseline-setting was reported by Parties as a priority area for support. The activities related to developing technical capacities to design and set baselines for application in host Parties will include:
	building	(a) Clarifying the guidance, rules, modalities and procedures, including for any associated updates;
	programme	(b) Establishing a process for developing standardized baselines;
		(c) Developing baseline approaches and other methodological requirements to be applied to Article 6.4 mechanism activities, where necessary, in addition to guidance from the Supervisory Body.

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		Institutional arrangements and reporting were also identified as priority areas. Capacity-building activities related to supporting Parties in developing institutional arrangements, including for reporting (e.g. data collection, reporting on authorization and corresponding adjustments) could include:
		(a) Preparing a handbook on institutional arrangements and aligning existing national institutional arrangements and reporting mechanisms with the guidelines available;
		(b) Providing assistance for developing soft and hard infrastructure related to the reporting requirements, as well as for establishing national arrangements related to, for example, DNAs and their roles and responsibilities, as well as approval and authorization cycles, when requested by Parties;
		(c) Providing assistance for transitioning CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism;
		(d) Developing national processes for accrediting DOEs for the Article 6.4 mechanism;
		(e) Preparing templates for project idea notes, design documents, approval letters and authorization letters.
		In many cases, host Party Governments function with limited budgets and are faced with the need to build new registries, strengthen monitoring and reporting to measure compliance, and establish authorization policies. This calls for innovative approaches to ensure that Governments can enable private sector participation in cooperative approaches under Article 6.
10	Provision of	Such assistance may involve providing support in:
	assistance to the LDCs and SIDS for	(a) Overcoming barriers to participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism (e.g. institutional capacity, enabling partnerships and effective project planning where possible);
	meeting the requirements for participating in the Article 6.4	(b) Addressing power and information asymmetries between buyer and seller countries to lower the barriers to trade for seller countries (especially the LDCs and SIDS) and to ensure that informed engagement in implementing Article 6, paragraph 4, occurs;
	mechanism	(c) Clearly articulating the benefits and risks of Article 6.4 mechanism activities (including how to manage risks), especially for the LDCs;
		(d) Promoting collaboration between the LDCs and SIDS in achieving their NDC targets;
		(e) Improving access to and maintaining registries.
11	Article 6.4	Relevant capacity-building activities include:
	mechanism registry establishment	(a) Promoting a common understanding of the need for data collection and corresponding adjustments, in the context of cooperative approaches under Article 6;
		(b) Assessing the improvements required to the national registry for tracking ITMOs in accordance with the guidance for registries and for providing necessary information for annual reporting (feedback received indicates that Parties understand the benefits of the international registry);
		(c) Developing further guidance on authorized versus non-authorized units.
12	Institutional arrangements	The capacity-building activities would aim to address the gaps related to Parties' understanding of institutional arrangements, particularly in the context of legal obligations and reporting guidelines through:
	relating to legal	(a) Developing and implementing legal arrangements, including for reporting, and national capacity for compliance with the rules and procedures under the Convention; developing MRV systems for the Article 6.4 mechanism to avoid double

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	obligations, including reporting	counting of mitigation co-benefits from other initiatives; and establishing legal arrangements such as carbon rights, legality and rights to transfer units;
		(b) Understanding linkages between Article 6 and carbon pricing instruments;
		(c) Understanding corresponding adjustment methodologies;
		(d) Avoiding potential double counting among results-based finance, ITMOs and voluntary markets, and considering where corresponding adjustments will be made;
		(e) Defining the decision-making process for engaging with Article 6 mechanisms, particularly the Article 6.4 mechanism;
		(f) Developing the necessary infrastructure by national authorities to design and report on cooperative initiatives taken under Article 6, paragraph 2;
		(g) Defining a strategic decision-making process for implementing carbon markets (one that considers the long-term trajectories of NDCs);
		(h) Modelling mitigation measures and marginal abatement costs to identify areas that should be eligible for the Article 6.4 mechanism.
13	RMPs for Article 6.4 mechanism activities,	The provision of support to DNAs and DOEs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, including transitions of CDM projects to Article 6.4 mechanisms, and to project participants to improve both their understanding of the RMPs for Article 6.4 mechanism activities, particularly those transitioning from the CDM, and their readiness, may involve:
	particularly those transitioning from the CDM	(a) Assessing the current understanding of the requirements and roles of the DOEs, DNAs and other related stakeholders involved in the CDM and identifying gaps and areas for improvement;
	ше СЫМ	(b) Developing targeted training programmes based on the capacity assessment to address the identified gaps described above;
		(c) Providing technical assistance and mentoring to DNAs, DOEs and project participants to help them understand the technical requirements for Article 6.4 mechanism activities and to support them in implementing their projects;
		(d) Collaborating with relevant organizations, such as IETA and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, to develop and implement capacity-building initiatives;
		(e) Developing online resources such as e-learning and guidance documents to help DNAs, DOEs and project participants understand the RMPs;
		(f) Promoting stakeholder engagement, via, for example, round-table discussions, meetings, dialogues and public consultations, to help DNAs, DOEs and project participants understand the perspectives of different stakeholders and build support for their projects;
		(g) Monitoring and evaluating the progress of capacity-building activities to ensure that they effectively support the transition of the CDM to the Article 6.4 mechanism.

Annex III

Key capacity-building activities relevant to implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement undertaken by the regional collaboration centres in July 2023 to November 2024

Table III.1

Capacity-building activities relevant to implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

RCC	Activity	Organizer	RCC role	Date	Location	Format	Target participants
RCC Caribbean	Regional training on Article 6 and carbon pricing for the Caribbean	Secretariat through the RCC	Organizer, presenter	23–27 October 2023	Panama City, Panama	In person	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, national focal points
	IDB carbon pricing e-course	Secretariat through the RCC, IDB	Presenter	October 2023	_	Virtual	Representatives from the regional ministries of finance
	ETS simulation workshop	Secretariat through the RCC, Government of the Dominican Republic	Organizer, presenter	26–27 September 2023	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	In person	Stakeholders from the public and private sectors
	IETA Latin America and Caribbean Climate Summit	IETA	Presenter	27–29 June 2023	Panama City, Panama	In person	Stakeholders from the public and private sectors
	Regional Article 6 training (Cuba, Dominican Republic, Panama)	Secretariat through the RCC	Organizer, presenter	13–17 May 2024	Panama City, Panama	In person	Government officials
RCC West and Central Africa	Regional dialogue on carbon pricing and Article 6 training	Secretariat through the RCC	Organizer, presenter	4–9 September 2023	Nairobi, Kenya	In person	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, national focal points
	West Africa Carbon Market Hub	IETA Business Partnership for Market Implementation, West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance	Panellist, moderator	26–28 September 2023	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	In person	Government ministries, departments and agencies, academic institutions, civil society organizations,

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RCC	Activity	Organizer	RCC role	Date	Location	Format	Target participants
							project developers and financial institutions
	Training workshop on Article 6 implementation strategy design	Nigerian National Council on Climate Change	Presenter	29 January to 1 February 2024	Abuja, Nigeria	In person	Local government and municipal authorities
	Enhancing climate action in Central Africa	Secretariat through the RCC, Development Bank of the Central African States, Institute of the Francophonie for Sustainable Development, International Organization of La Francophonie	Co-organizer, presenter	23–25 Jan. 2024	Yaoundé, Cameroon	In persor	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, national focal points, Government ministries, departments and agencies, academic institutions, civil society organizations
	Training workshop for legal experts in Central Africa	RCC, Central Africa and the Regional Climate Action Transparency Hub, Economic Community of Central African States, Constitutive General Assembly of the Network of Environmental Legal Experts of Central Africa, AGNES	Co-organizer, presenter	30 April to 3 May 2024	Kigali, Rwanda	In persor	n Environmental Lawyers
	Africa region workshop on implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement	Secretariat through the RCC	Presenter	13–17 May 2024	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	Hybrid	United Nations agencies, national focal points, DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism
	Learning session on carbon markets	Secretariat through the RCC, United Nations Children's Fund	Co-organizer and presenter	16 August 2024	Online	Virtual	United Nations Children's Fund country staff
	Regional workshop on establishing a	Secretariat through the RCC	Presenter	6–8 August 2024	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	Hybrid	Experts from the Economic Community of West African

RCC	Activity	Organizer	RCC role	Date	Location	Format	Target participants
	carbon market in West Africa						States member States, regional institutions and carbon market experts
RCC Asia and the Pacific	Workshop on youth empowerment for climate action	United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Programme, Youth Empowerment in Climate Action Platform partners	Co-organizer, presenter	16–19 May 2023	Bangkok, Thailand	In persor	Young professionals, youth representatives
	Capacity-building workshop on carbon pricing and Article 6	Secretariat through the RCC; Office of the President of Mongolia; OLOLT Climate Change, Carbon Market Development Center	Presenter	24–25 May 2023	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	In person	Representatives of various ministries, other Mongolian Government stakeholders
	Science Based Targets initiative Symposium 2023: An Evidence-based Blueprint for Climate Action	United Nations Global Compact Network Malaysia and Brunei	Presenter	6 June 2023	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	In person	Stakeholders from the private sector, academia and the financial sector
	Climate Finance Forum for Central Asia and South Caucasus countries	Secretariat through the RCC (needs-based finance projects) (Central Asia)	Presenter	3–7 July 2023	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	Virtual	National focal points, ministries of finance
	Workshop on Carbon Pricing Implementation in ASEAN	ASEAN Climate Change and Energy Project Phase II Europe Initiative (Technical Assistance Facility of the Green Team Europe Initiative)	Presenter, organizer of a session	24–26 July 2023	Bali, Indonesia	In person	Officers from the ministries of energy of ASEAN member States

RCC	Activity	Organizer	RCC role	Date	Location	Format	Target participants
	Workshop on prioritizing sectoral technologies for climate mitigation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement	Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning of Thailand, Supporting Preparedness for Article 6 Cooperation project	Presenter	28–29 June 2023	Bangkok, Thailand	In person	Line ministry officers
	Clinic on applying corresponding adjustments for ITMOs (Thailand)	Secretariat through the RCC	Organizer, presenter	18 September 2023	_	Virtual	Representatives of the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization, the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning of Thailand and Article 6 development partners
	Asia-Pacific ETS training course	International Carbon Action Partnership	Presenter	16–20 October 2023	Bangkok, Thailand	In person	Carbon market practitioners
	Capacity-building workshop on carbon pricing	Secretariat through the RCC, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Lao People's Democratic Republic	Organizer	31 October 2023	Vang Vieng, Lao People's Democratic Republic	In person	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and other ministries
	ASEAN Carbon Pricing Conference	Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization	Presenter, participant (for networking)	6–7 November 2023	Bangkok, Thailand	In person	Officers from various ministries (e.g. climate change, environment) from ASEAN member States
	Regional dialogue on carbon pricing and Article 6 training	Secretariat through the RCC	Organizer, presenter	13–17 November 2023	Johor Bahru, Malaysia	In person	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, national focal points
	3 rd development partners' informal	Secretariat through the RCC	Co-organizer	14 February 2024	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Hybrid	Representatives of development partners

RCC	Activity	Organizer	RCC role	Date	Location	Format	Target participants
	meeting on carbon markets						and implementing agencies
	Carbon Market Institute International Carbon Markets Working Group meeting	Carbon Market Institute	Presenter	15 March 2024	_	Virtual	Representatives of Governments and observer organizations across Asia and Pacific
	Introductory webinar on carbon markets and Article 6	Secretariat through the RCC Asia and Pacific, and RCC MENA and South Asia	Organizer, presenter	18 April 2024	-	Virtual	RCOs in Europe and Central Asia
	Introductory webinar on carbon markets and Article 6	Secretariat through the RCC Asia and Pacific, and RCC MENA and South Asia	Organizer, presenter	7 May 2024	_	Virtual	RCOs in Asia and the Pacific
	Panel discussion on implementation of carbon markets and Article 6: benefits, risks, challenges and lessons learned in Latin America and the Caribbean	UNEP	Presenter	5 May 2023		Virtual	Stakeholders from the government, the private sector, academia and civil society
RCC Latin America	Mesoamerican Climate Week	Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests	Presenter, together with the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform team	13–16 June 2023	Panama City, Panama	In person	Representatives of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests, Governments, NGOs and businesses, among other stakeholders from across Latin America
	Argentina Carbon Forum	Government of Argentina, IETA, and	Panellist, presenter	27–30 June 2023	Buenos Aires, Argentina	In person	Government officials, representatives of NGOs and businesses,

RCC	Activity	Organizer	RCC role	Date	Location	Format	Target participants
		other private sector entities					among other stakeholders from Argentina
	Session on Article 6 for the NDC-5 Project (Central American countries)	UNEP Latin America and the Caribbean Office (under the NDC-5 Project)	Presenter	3 August 2023	_	Virtual	Government officials from the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua
	Mexico Carbon Forum	Government of Mexico, IETA, and other private sector entities	Presenter, panellist	14–15 August 2023	Querétaro, Mexico	In person	Government officials, representatives of NGOs and private sector entities
	Carbon Pricing in the Americas General Assembly	Governments of Quebec, Panama and Querétaro	Special guest, presenter	16 August 2023	Querétaro, Mexico	In person	Panama's DNA for the Article 6.4 mechanism
	Session on Article 6	Secretariat through the RCC	Organizer, presenter	18 August 2023	Panama City, Panama	In person	Panama's DNA for the Article 6.4 mechanism, national stakeholders
	Virtual forum on carbon markets and carbon neutrality (Colombia)	Secretariat through the RCC	Organizer, presenter	9 October 2023	_	Virtual	Government officials, representatives of NGOs and businesses
	First Latin American dialogue on Article 6	UNEP Latin America and the Caribbean Office, Climate Policy in Action	Organizer, presenter	27 October 2023	Panama City, Panama	In person	Government representatives
	Regional dialogue on carbon pricing and Article 6 training	Secretariat through the RCC, RCC Caribbean	Organizer, presenter	23–27 October 2023	Panama City, Panama	In person	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, representatives of ministries in Caribbean countries
	Training for country leaders in the Article 6 and Carbon Markets Green Climate	Secretariat through the RCC	Presenter	8–12 March 2024	_	Virtual	Government representatives

RCC	Activity	Organizer	RCC role	Date	Location	Format	Target participants
	Fund Readiness Project						
	Introductory Article 6 training for the CBIT–GSP Regional Network for Latin America and the Caribbean	Secretariat through the RCC, and CBIT-GSP	Presenter	30 April 2024	_	Virtual	Governments, United Nations agencies and regional organizations
	Colombia Carbon Forum	Government of Colombia, IETA, MÉXICO ₂ , and other private sector entities	Presenter	24 April 2024	_	Virtual	United Nations agencies, NGOs, private sector entities and Governments
	Capacity-building workshop on private sector readiness for Article 6	UAE Independent Climate Change Accelerators, WGEO	Organizer, presenter	5 October 2023	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	In person	Project developers and proponents, government officials, implementing partners from the public and private sectors, CDM consultants
RCC MENA and South Asia	Webinar on setting the stage and explaining the global and national scenario	National Disaster and Risk Management Fund of Pakistan	Presenter	18 September 2023	Pakistan	Virtual	Policymakers, technical staff, government officials, implementing partners from the public and private sectors
	Workshop on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and climate finance mechanisms	Al-Attiyah Foundation	Presenter	12–13 September 2023	Qatar	In person	Policymakers, technical staff, government officials, implementing partners from the public and private sectors
	Workshop on the scope of carbon markets for industrial decarbonization in India	Centre for Science and Environment	Presenter	5 September 2023	India	In person	Stakeholders from industry

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	India Climate Policy and Business Conclave round-table discussion on the role of financial players in carbon markets	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry	Presenter	14 September 2023	New Delhi, India	In person	Stakeholders from industry
	Regional dialogue on carbon pricing and Article 6 training	Secretariat through the RCC	Organizer	25 August 2023	New Delhi, India	In person	Policymakers
	Regional dialogue on carbon pricing and Article 6 training	Council on Energy, Environment and Water	Participant	8–12 October 2023	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	In person	Policymakers
	Navigating Article 6: Opportunities for Cities NetZero Commitments	RCC, WGEO	Organizer	5 March 2024	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	In person	Governments, financial institutions, regional partners
	Webinar on the support ecosystem for the next round of NDCs (MENA)	RCC, WGEO	Presenter	21 March 2024	_	Virtual	United Nations agencies, NGOs, private sector entities, Governments
	First MENA Regional Coordination for NDCs 3.0	RCC, WGEO	Presenter	2 May 2024	_	Virtual	United Nations agencies, NGOs, private sector entities, Governments
	Regional workshop on Article 6 and carbon pricing in South Asia	Secretariat through the RCC	Organizer				
RCC East and Southern Africa	Eastern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance CDM transition workshop	Secretariat through the RCC, and the East Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance	Organizer, presenter	18–19 September 2023	Kampala, Uganda	Virtual	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism

RCC	Activity	Organizer	RCC role	Date	Location	Format Tan	get participants	
	Workshop on facilitating socially just carbon pricing in Uganda	GIZ Global Carbon Market project in Uganda in partnership with the Ugandan Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change	Presenter	13–15 February 2024	Entebbe, Uganda	Hybrid		ernment and authorities
	Validation workshop for Uganda's carbon market regulations	Government of Uganda, O	GIZ	Provider of technical inputs	12 March 2024 s	Kampala, Ug	person	Environmental organizations, local government and municil authorities
	East Africa Carbon Markets Forum	Regional partners		Presenter	9–10 May 2024	Kampala, Ug	person	Financial institutions, environmental organizations, local government and municily authorities

Table III.2
Capacity-building activities relevant to implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement conducted by the regional collaboration centres in 2024 and those scheduled for 2025

RCC	Activity	Organizer	Date	Location	Format	Target participants
RCC Latin America	Workshop on Article 6 and carbon markets (Nicaragua)	Secretariat through the RCC	January 2024	Managua, Nicaragua	In person	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, Government and private sector representatives
	Session on Article 6, paragraph 2 (requested by Panama)	Secretariat through the RCC	January 2024	Panama City, Panama	Virtual	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism
	Session on Article 6 (Paraguay)	Secretariat through the RCC	January 2024	_	Virtual	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism
	Session on Article 6 (requested by El Salvador)	Secretariat through the RCC	January 2024	_	Virtual	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism

RCC	Activity	Organizer	Date	Location	Format	Target participants
	Webinar series on Article 6 for 10 Latin American countries (conducted in Spanish)	Secretariat through the RCC, and UNEP	March 2024	_	Virtual	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism
	Session on Article 6 reporting requirements	Secretariat through the RCC, and Climate Transparency Platform	September 2024	_	Virtual	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism
	Hands-on training on carbon price instruments (focused on markets) and Article 6 (Guatemala)	Secretariat through the RCC	July 2024	Guatemala	Virtual	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, Government and private sector representatives
	Technical exchange on climate action in the agroindustrial sector (Guatemala)	Secretariat through the RCC	July 2024	Guatemala	Virtual	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, Government and private sector representatives
	Hands-on training on information presentation (reporting requirements and review) within the framework of Article 6 and Article 13 of the Paris Agreement	Secretariat through the RCC, and CBIT-GSP (under Activity 2)	August 2024	_	Virtual	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, Government
	Latin America Climate Summit 2024	Secretariat through the RCC, IETA, World Bank	25–27 June 2024	Cartagena, Colombia	In person	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, Government and private sector representatives
RCC Caribbean	Article 6 training (Trinidad and Tobago)	Secretariat through the RCC	June 2024	-	Virtual	Business representatives
	Article 6 training for OECS member States	Secretariat through the RCC	27 July 2024	Grenada	Virtual	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, Government representatives
	Caribbean peer-to-peer exchange on Article 6, paragraph 2, cooperative approaches	Secretariat through the RCC	September 2024	Grenada	In person	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, Government representatives
	Clinic on applying corresponding adjustments for ITMOs	Secretariat through the RCC	September 2024	Grenada	Virtual	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, Government representatives
	OECS carbon markets training	OECS	5–9 November 2024	Saint Lucia	In person	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, Government and private sector representatives

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	Regional workshop on Article 6 and carbon pricing	Secretariat through the RCC	14–16 October 2024	Grenada	In person	DNAs for the Article 6.4 mechanism, Government representatives
RCC Asia and the	Article 6 Training	NDC Partnership (to be confirmed)	Scheduled for 2025	Papua New Guinea	In person	Government representatives
Pacific	Article 6 Training	NDC Partnership (to be confirmed)	Scheduled for 2025	Kazakhstan	In person	Government representatives
	Stock Exchange of Thailand Sustainability Forum	-	18 June 2024	Bangkok, Thailand	In person	Representatives of the private sector entities listed at the Stock Exchange of Thailand, including project developers
	Regional workshop on Article 6 and carbon pricing, for Pacific island countries	Secretariat through the RCC	12–15 August 2024	Apia, Samoa	In person	Government representatives
	Regional workshop on Article 6 and carbon pricing for East and South-East Asia	Secretariat through the RCC	Scheduled for 2025	Bangkok, Thailand	To be confirmed	Government representatives
RCC East and Southern Africa	Regional workshop on Article 6 and carbon pricing for East and Southern Africa	Secretariat through the RCC	Scheduled for 2025	Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania	In person	Government representatives
	Article 6 training (Lesotho)	Secretariat through the RCC	Scheduled for 2025	Lesotho	In person	Government representatives
	Training of Uganda's carbon markets task force	Secretariat through the RCC	Scheduled for 2025	Kampala, Uganda	In person	Government representatives
RCC West and Central Africa	Regional workshop on Article 6 and the carbon pricing for West Africa	Secretariat through the RCC, and the West African Alliance	29 October to 1 November 2024	Praia, Cabo Verde	In person	Government representatives, private sector representatives and Article 6 DNAs
	Webinar for RCOs in West and Central Africa	Secretariat through the RCC	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	In person	Relevant staff members of the United Nations Resident Coordinator Offices in West and Central Africa
	Article 6 capacity-building workshop (Benin)	Secretariat through the RCC	To be confirmed	Benin	In person	Government representatives

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	Article 6 capacity-building workshop (Burundi)	Secretariat through the RCC	To be confirmed	Burundi	In person	Government representatives
	Article 6 capacity-building workshop (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	Secretariat through the RCC	To be confirmed	Democratic Republic of the Congo	In person	Government representatives
	Article 6 capacity-building workshop (Madagascar)	Secretariat through the RCC	To be confirmed	Madagascar	In person	Government representatives
	Article 6 capacity-building workshop (Niger)	Secretariat through the RCC	To be confirmed	Niger	In person	Government representatives
	Article 6 capacity-building workshop (Togo)	Secretariat through the RCC	To be confirmed	Togo	In person	Government representatives
RCC MENA and South Asia	Webinar for RCOs in Asia and the Pacific	Secretariat through the RCC	July 2024	-	Virtual	Relevant staff members of the United Nations Resident Coordinator Offices in Asia and the Pacific
	Article 6 capacity-building workshop (Iraq) (part of the workplan of the Collaborative Instruments for Ambitious Climate Action initiative)	Secretariat through the RCC	July 2024	Baghdad, Iraq	In person	Government representatives
	Article 6 regional workshop (Morocco)	Secretariat through the RCC	July 2024	Rabat, Morocco	In person	Government representatives
	Regional workshop on Article 6 and carbon pricing for South Asia	Secretariat through the RCC	August 2024	Thimphu, Bhutan	In person	Government representatives

Annex IV

Potential key performance indicators for evaluating the effectiveness of capacity-building for implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

Parameters to measure	Measurement modalities
Engagement of Parties	Possible indicators could include the number of Parties that participate in capacity-building activities related to implementing Article 6, impacts of capacity-building in terms of outreach and engagement, and overall progress in increasing the participation of countries in Article 6 capacity-building
Enhancement of understanding	Understanding can be evaluated through surveys, quizzes or other assessments of knowledge before and after capacity-building activities to gauge their effectiveness in enhancing understanding
Project development and implementation	Potential indicators include the number of projects developed, approved and implemented
Stakeholder engagement	Potential indicators include the number and type of stakeholders involved in Article 6 implementation, such as public and private sector entities, civil society organizations and local communities, as well as the effectiveness of their engagement in decision-making processes
Knowledge-sharing and collaboration	Potential indicators include the number of knowledge products developed, workshops or webinars conducted and partnerships established to facilitate knowledge-sharing and collaboration
Gender-responsiveness and social inclusion	Potential indicators include the inclusion of gender perspectives in training materials, the participation of women and other marginalized groups in capacity-building activities and the incorporation of social safeguards in Article 6 mechanism project development and implementation
Mobilization of finance	Potential indicators include the amount of funding secured, the diversity of funding sources and the effectiveness of financial mechanisms in supporting capacity-building