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**INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS AT THE ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS AMONG  
PARTIES FOR ARTICLE 6 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT  
SBSTA ITEMS 11 A TO C**

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**Mandate:**

Pursuant to paragraphs 106, 115 and 124 of FCCC/SBSTA/2017/4 (SBSTA 46 report) the secretariat, under the guidance of the SBSTA Chair, is requested to organize a round-table discussion among Parties in respect of each of the following:

- a. Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement;
- b. Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement; and
- c. The work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement.

**Further information:**

As per the information note in relation to these items dated 10 October 2017 and available on the UNFCCC cooperative implementation webpages at [http://unfccc.int/paris\\_agreement/items/10143.php](http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/10143.php), this second information note sets out the questions to guide the presentations made by Groups (and Parties) at the round table discussions among Parties referred to above, to be held on 4 and 5 November 2017.

For Groups (and Parties) that have requested to make a presentation in accordance with the information note of 10 October 2017, and as noted in that information note, the SBSTA Chair will prioritize presentations by Groups of Parties over presentations by Parties where time so requires, in order to get the fullest possible understanding of convergence on issues and areas where further work is required. The secretariat will confirm with Groups (and Parties), during the week commencing 23 October 2017, whether time allows for them to be included in the list of Groups (and Parties) making presentations.

The SBSTA Chair invites those Groups (or Parties) that are making presentations to address the guiding questions set out on pages 3-5 of this information note. Additional guidance on the topic of the questions is provided in italics below the questions.

As noted in the information note of 10 October 2017, short presentations, responding to the guiding questions from the SBSTA Chair, should be submitted in PowerPoint/word and pdf form to the secretariat at the usual email address: [Paris-Agreement-Article-6@unfccc.int](mailto:Paris-Agreement-Article-6@unfccc.int) by **no later than 27th October 2017**. These will be published on the UNFCCC cooperative implementation webpages ([http://unfccc.int/paris\\_agreement/items/10143.php](http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/10143.php)) in order to allow for review by other Parties prior to the round-table discussions.

Presentations should be short (up to five slides) and should avoid extractions of text from submissions and should focus on addressing the questions, including in diagrammatic form where helpful.



As noted in the information note of 10 October 2017, the speaking order will be notified to presenting Groups (and Parties) prior to the start of the round-table events. It will be essential that each presentation keeps to its allotted time (10 minutes maximum) in order that as many Groups (and Parties) can make presentations as possible within the 1.5 hours of each round-table event that is allocated to presentations.

Should you have questions about the round-table discussions, please email:  
[Paris-Agreement-Article-6@unfccc.int](mailto:Paris-Agreement-Article-6@unfccc.int).

We look forward to welcoming you to Bonn,

Your Paris Agreement Article 6 team, UNFCCC.



### Guiding questions for cooperative approaches, SBSTA item 11 (a)

- **How can we ensure that the guidance in relation to environmental integrity is sufficient?**
  - *You may wish to address how guidance can ensure that use of ITMOs does not lead to an overall increase in emissions.*
  - *You may wish to address the reach of guidance into the ITMO life-cycle; the time and method of reporting on transfers/use of ITMOs; and potential infrastructure/system requirements.*
- **Which accounting approaches are most suitable, and why?**
  - *You may wish to address approaches to corresponding adjustment including the emissions-based approach, the target-based approach, other approaches and whether more than one approach should be included in the guidance.*
  - *You may wish to address how a specific accounting system for ITMOs could compliment established reporting requirements such as those in Article 13, paragraph 7 of the Paris Agreement.*
- **How is mitigation outside the scope of the NDC covered by the guidance?**
  - *You may wish to address single-year/point target NDCs; ITMOS from sectors or gases not included in the originating Party's NDC.*
  - *You may wish to address how a corresponding adjustment is implemented for such mitigation.*



### Guiding questions for the mechanism, SBSTA item 11(b)

- **What are the options for establishing additionality and/or baselines in the context of the host Party's NDC?**
  - *You may wish to address incentives for progression; avoiding perverse incentives; and assessing additionality in the context of the NDC.*
- **What are the options for implementing an overall mitigation of global emissions?**
  - *You may wish to address aspects such as the length of crediting periods; additionality; baseline setting; discounting; cancellation of issued emissions reductions etc.*
- **How can use of emission reductions from Article 6.4 activities by more than one Party to demonstrate achievement of its NDC be avoided?**
  - *You may wish to address how rules, modalities and procedures can ensure that use of emission reductions towards NDCs does not lead to an overall increase in emissions.*
  - *You may wish to address the role of Article 6.2 guidance where Article 6.4 emission reductions are transferred internationally and used towards an NDC.*
- **What are the options for the transition of the rules/projects/credits under the Kyoto Protocol, if there is any transition at all?**
  - *You may wish to address the new context of NDCs; incentives for private sector participation in UNFCCC mechanisms; use of issued units; transition of existing projects; transition of existing rules.*



**Guiding questions for the framework for non – market approaches SBSTA 11 (c)**

- **What actions would facilitate the implementation and coordination of non-market approaches and enhance linkages and create synergy?**
  - *You may wish to address steps to achieve the objectives of the current work programme.*
  - *You may wish to specify activities that would deliver coordination of non-market approaches and improve the linkages and synergy in Parties' actions.*
- **How should the draft CMA decision on the work programme (as per 1/CP.21 paragraph 40) guide work under the framework?**
  - *You may wish to address the content of the decision and how it would structure the framework's work programme.*
- **What should be the organizational arrangements for the framework?**
  - *You may wish to address options for organizing work such as a committee, a forum, a best practice sharing approach etc.*
  - *You may wish to address how the framework relates to other parts of the Paris Agreement and how it is reflected in the transparency framework under Article 13.*

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