

Institutional arrangements for participation in Article 6.2

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1. How have domestic institutional arrangements for participation in Article 6.2 been established, including roles and responsibilities across relevant entities and arrangements for tracking ITMOs?

Japan's Institutional Arrangements for participation in Art 6.2

1. Institutional arrangement for authorization in Japan

- Establishment of the "**JCM Promotion and Utilization Council**" based on the Plan for Global Warming Countermeasures (Cabinet Decision).

**This Council carries out duties relating to the authorization of JCM credits and the determination of a method to apply corresponding adjustment to prevent double counting.*

2. Role of Joint Committee between Japan and Partner countries

- Approves rules and guidelines, methodologies, and project registrations, and credit issuance
- All the information is published on the website.

3. JCMA (JCM Implementation Agency) serves as the secretariat (established in 2025)

- Carrying out administrative management of the JCM scheme
- Operation of the JCM Registry for tracking ITMOs
- Supporting procedures for JCM projects and operation of the JCM management platform
- Management of the information dissemination website

4. Article 6 Reporting (Ministry of the Environment Japan is the focal point)

- Submission of Initial report (Oct 2024)/Updated Initial report (Oct 2025)
- Submission of Regular information (plan to submit in conjunction with BTR2 in 2026)
- Submission of Agreed Electronic Format (April 2026)

2. What key considerations have informed decisions on the authorization of ITMOs (e.g. quantitative and/or qualitative factors), and what types of data or information have been required to support these decisions?


ITMOs Authorization Process for the JCM

- Authorization letter can be easily developed using existing information from JCM processes. Japan use voluntary standardized format.

Information on authorization

- Party, Authorization ID, Authorization date
- NDC period of the authorizing party
- Components covered by the authorization
- Name of cooperative approach
- Unique identifier for CA
- Name of participants
- Duration of cooperative approach
- Metrics covered, Sector
- Mitigation types, Activity types and activity
- Scope of authorization of ITMOs
- Quantity of ITMOs, Vintages
- Registry info
- Entities covered by authorization
- Institutional Arrangement information

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VOLUNTARY STANDARDIZED TEMPLATE^{1 2 3}
AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF THE INTERNATIONALLY TRANSFERRED MITIGATION OUTCOMES FROM A COOPERATIVE APPROACH
 (Version 01.0)

PURPOSE

1. This document provides the information outlined in paragraph 5 of decision 4/CMA.6 in relation to the authorization of the use of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes from *Introduction of Smart Mini Grid System at Addis City* from a cooperative approach as referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 18.^{4 5}

2. This document is:

The authorization referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 18; or

An attachment to the authorization referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 18.

I. ELEMENTS OF THE AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF THE INTERNATIONALLY TRANSFERRED MITIGATION OUTCOME FROM A COOPERATIVE APPROACH

A: ELEMENTS RELATED TO THE AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

Party:	>> Japan <small>Name of Party as per common nomenclatures.</small>
Authorization ID:	>> JCM-MV002-001 <small>ID of the authorization as per the tracking system of the authority that provides the authorization.</small>
Authorization date:⁶	16/12/2025
Version:	01.0
Date of last change to the authorization, if applicable:	N/A
Effective date of the change to the authorization:⁷	N/A
	Start date: N/A
	End date: N/A

¹ When filling in this template the values for specific information attributes shall be provided as per the list of common nomenclatures under Article 6, as applicable and available. The list of common nomenclatures under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement is available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/641413>.

² Guidance on the completion of the template provided in grey is to be overwritten or deleted, as appropriate.

³ If the template is used to prepare a document attached to an authorization, information already included in the authorization should be referenced accordingly.

⁴ The list of acronyms and abbreviations used is available in decision 6/CMA.4: <https://unfccc.int/documents/624174>.

⁵ References to paragraphs are to paragraphs in the annex to decision -CMA.6, unless stated otherwise. "Article" refers to an Article of the Paris Agreement.

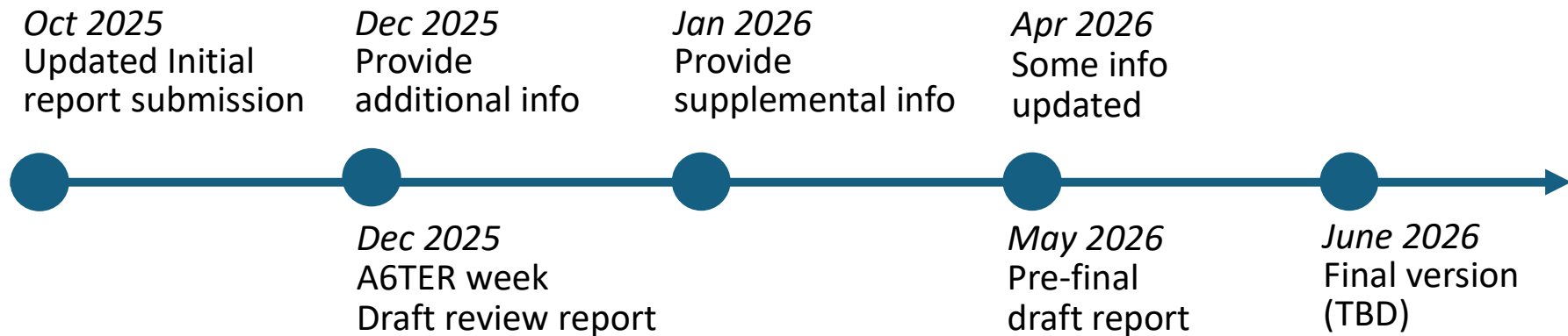
⁶ Date and time refer to UTC, universal coordinated time.

⁷ The effective date of the change to the authorization shall not be before the date of submission of the revised voluntary standardized template of authorization.

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3. What approaches are being taken to meet reporting requirements and timelines under Article 6.2, and what challenges have been encountered in ensuring timely and accurate reporting?

Timeline for Article 6 Technical Expert Review (A6TER)



Date and Time: Thursday, 11 December 2025 (18:15-20:00 [Tokyo, Japan])

Participants: Japan, Article 6 technical expert review team (A6TERT) and UNFCCC secretariat

From Japan, JCM relevant ministries participated.

- **Ministry of the Environment Japan (Focal point)**
- Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Forestry Agency



Detailed timeline for A6TER: Japan's case (2025-2026)

Timeline	Actions
14 Oct	Japan submitted the updated initial report to UNFCCC secretariat
27 Oct to 9 Nov	A6TERT started the review of initial report and prepared preliminary questions
11 Nov and 2 Dec	A6TERT provided preliminary and additional questions to Japan
3 Dec	Japan provided the response for preliminary questions to UNFCCC secretariat
9 Dec	Japan provided the response for additional questions to UNFCCC secretariat
10 Dec	A6TERT provided the draft review report and its addendum
11 Dec	Conference call with A6TERT/UNFCCC secretariat
24 Dec	A6TERT provided the updated draft review report and its addendum
14 Jan	Japan provided comments with supplemental information to the updated draft review report and its addendum
16 Jan	Japan requested A6TERT and secretariat to explain the details of their result including reasons.
Feb-May	Japan communicated with secretariat for further clarification. Updated information such as JCM weblink was provided by Japan.
Beginning of June	Japan is still waiting for the final version of review report. Japan also clarified the additional comments which were submitted by A6TERT at the final stage.

How to address reporting requirements

- Japan received **31 preliminary questions**, the majority of which sought further details regarding rules, guidelines, and relevant documents available on the website.

Japan's Recommendation

- Supplemental information provided by a Party during the A6TER week **should be considered** as part of the information contained in the initial report.

(*In practice, the assessment focused **only** the original and updated initial reports even when supplemental information was highly relevant to the reporting requirements)

- This **would help reduce the reporting burden on Parties**, as the information required for each cooperative approach may differ between the submission of the initial report and the timing of the Article 6 technical expert review.
- New questions at the final stage of drafting should be avoided in order to ensure transparency and predictability of the process.

JCM Global Partnership Meeting in Bonn (June 10)

