

Asia Pacific Climate Week
Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: Road to Glasgow
Wednesday, July 7, 2021
16:30 – 17:30 GMT + 9
15:30 – 16:30 Manila Time

Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, which is a key element of the climate policy toolbox to foster international cooperation in supporting countries meet their Paris targets and raise ambition over time, is the last element of the Paris Agreement Rulebook to be finalized. With the implementation phase of the Paris Agreement starting in 2021, there is a small window of opportunity to create momentum in finalizing the Article 6 implementation guidelines at UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow in November 2021. In this context, the session will take stock of the recent SBSTA meetings on Article 6, facilitate discussions on the open issues for finalization and update the broader audience on the status of Article 6 negotiations. To do so, the session will convene a panel of key actors who will share their insights and perspectives on the road to Glasgow for Article 6.

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Time		Speakers
16:30 – 16:35	Welcome Remarks	Virender Kumar Duggal, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB <i>A group photo will be taken at the end of the opening session.</i>
16:35 – 16:40	Scene-setting Presentation	Andre Marcu, Executive Director, ERCST (10 Mins)
16:40 – 17:10	Panel Discussion	Moderator: Virender Kumar Duggal, ADB Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andre Marcu, ERCST• Moekti Handajani Soejachmoen (Kuki), Indonesia• Seoyoung Lim, Republic of Korea
17:10 – 17:25	Question and Answer	Questions from the Audience
17:25 – 17:30	Wrap Up	Virender Kumar Duggal, ADB



Virender Kumar Duggal

Principal Climate Change Specialist
Asian Development Bank

Mr. Virender Kumar Duggal leads ADB's **Carbon Market Program** which provides carbon finance and technical capacity building to support climate mitigation actions in the Asia and Pacific region. In this role, he manages the Future Carbon Fund, a \$115 million trust fund providing upfront co-financing support to enhance competitiveness of low-carbon technologies through the pre-purchase of pre-2012 carbon credits under the Clean Development Mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol. He oversees the Japan Fund for Joint Crediting Mechanism which provides grants and technical assistance to facilitate diffusion of advanced low-carbon technologies under the Joint Crediting Mechanism initiated by the Government of Japan.

Mr. Duggal is also steering ADB's work on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. He is the team leader of ADB's **Article 6 Support Facility** providing technical, capacity building, and policy development support to ADB's developing member countries to enhance their capacity and preparedness to participate in and take advantage of post-2020 carbon markets, and in meeting targets articulated under their Nationally Determined Contributions and raising ambition over time.

Mr. Duggal is an accomplished professional with proven track record in the areas of climate change, carbon finance, and international trade cooperation. He has extensive experience of working in multilateral, public, and private sector institutions in the areas of trust fund management, portfolio management, project development, capacity building, advisory services, technology transfer and strategic collaborations, and also has a wide-ranging leadership and teamwork experience in multicultural environments across Asia, Europe, and Africa.



Andrei Marcu has vast experience in managing policy-focused organisations, creating partnerships, managing stakeholder relations and fundraising. His focus has been on sustainable development, climate change and energy. In different capacities, he has been engaged in multilateral negotiating processes and subsequent implementation action, both at the global and sectorial level. He has acted as negotiator for developing countries, coordinator for the G-77 and China, and as representative of the international business community. He pioneered cooperation between the UN system and multinational corporations when serving as Manager of Private Sector Cooperation in the United Nations Development Programme.

During his career, Mr. Marcu has performed at the highest managerial level, both in business organisations and in non-profit organisations. This includes: Sr. Vice President and

Head of Regulatory and Policy Affairs at Mercuria Energy Group; CEO of Bluenext, a Paris based exchange; Managing Director for Climate & Energy at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) in charge of Energy and Climate and as Vice Chair of the Energy and Environment Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris; Senior Associate to the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Senior Advisor on Climate Change and Emissions Trading at Bennett Jones LLP in Canada; Founder, President and CEO of the International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), a business association with offices in Geneva, Brussels, Washington and Toronto. Mr Marcu founded the organisation and made it into one of the leading global business NGOs and the voice of business in its field. Mr. Marcu initiated his career in Ontario Hydro, where among other responsibilities, he served as Chief of Staff for the Chairman & CEO.



Moekti Handajani Soejachmoen (Kuki

Soejachmoen) is currently the Executive Director of IRID and one of the Co-founders. She has been working in climate change since early 1990s. Her first area in this issue was the scientific and modelling of it especially in relation with energy-based sector. She then continued to work on climate policy analysis as well as international climate negotiation up to present. After finishing her tenure as the Executive Director of Pelangi Indonesia in 2010, she joined the Office of Indonesia's President's Special Envoy (PSE) for Climate Change for 2 terms (2010-2014 and 2015-2019), where she assisted the PSE in international climate negotiation, including during the preparation

of the Paris Agreement. After COP21 in Paris, she was assigned to negotiate on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.