

## High-Level Dialogue on Accelerating Article 6 Operationalization in MENA and South Asia

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025

Time: 16:15 -17:30

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### Background & Rationale

As Parties communicate their next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0) the role of Article 6 in supporting ambitious climate action is increasingly recognized. According to NDCs submitted to date, the proportion of Parties indicating their intention to use cooperative mechanisms under Article 6 continues to rise, with 78% of Parties have stated that they plan to or may possibly use at least one form of Article 6 cooperation. This sustained and growing interest could serve to facilitate the cost-effective implementation of the NDCs, through Article 6 cooperative approaches. At the same time, this could enable countries to catalyzing large-scale finance to accelerate emissions reduction efforts. Realizing this potential requires policy clarity, market innovation, technical readiness, and ongoing multi-stakeholder dialogue to align around risks, needs, and emerging national priorities.

This **High-Level Dialogue on Accelerating Article 6 Operationalization in MENA and South Asia** is designed as a space that brings together government representatives, private sector actors, development agencies, regional alliances, and technical experts to exchange views lessons, obstacles, and opportunities into a fast-paced session for action and practical application.

### Objectives of the Dialogue

- Discuss potential opportunities, challenges, investment bottlenecks and solutions for scaling up Article 6 operationalization in the region
- Understand the priorities and practical next steps for different relevant stakeholders
- Unpack practical steps for ensuring high-integrity and high-impact projects under Article 6
- Highlight diverse perspectives from governments, civil society, development partners, and the private sector

### Participants

- Government representatives, policy makers, DNAs
- Private sector representatives, including financial institutions and project developers
- Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), UN agencies, development partners
- NGOs and advocacy groups working on climate policy and market integrity

Time (min)	Agenda Item	Speaker(s) / Lead	Format
0 – 5	Opening and introductions	<b>Mr. Ana Vukoje</b> Regional Lead, UNFCCC–WGEO Regional Collaboration Center for the MENA and South Asia	Opening / Moderation
5 – 15	Welcome Remarks Framing the importance of Article 6 cooperative approaches for raising climate ambition	<b>Mr. James Grabert</b> Director, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC	Remarks

15 – 45	<b>Context setting:</b> Article 6 – Opportunities, Challenges, and Cooperation Pathways in MENA and South Asia	<b>Mr. Umamaheswaran Krishnan</b> Article 6 and Carbon Pricing Regional Expert, UNFCCC—WGEO RCC MENA & SA	Presentation
	<b>Government perspective – UAE's</b> vision and priorities for Article 6 operationalization	<b>H.E. Dr. Alanoud Abdulla Juma Alhaj Al Ali (tbc)</b> Assistant Undersecretary for Green Development and Climate Change, Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, United Arab Emirates	Remarks
	<b>Government perspective -</b> Maldives' vision and priorities for Article 6 operationalization	<b>Mr. Ahmed Masoon</b> Climate Change Department, Government of Maldives	Remarks
	<b>Private sector perspective –</b> readiness and role in Article 6 operationalization	<b>Neeshad Shafi</b> Manager - Stakeholder Engagement   Offset8 Capital Limited	Remarks
	<b>Financial sector perspective –</b> promoting transparency, integrity, and inclusiveness in carbon markets	<b>Zoë KNIGHT</b> Global Head of Sustainability Research and Integration Managing Director   HSBC Global Investment Research   HSBC Bank Middle East Limited	Remarks
	<b>Civil society perspective –</b> promoting transparency, integrity, and inclusiveness in carbon markets	<b>Mr. Sam Youngeun Shin (tbc)</b> Senior Manager, Research & Policy, UICCA	Remarks
45 – 65	Key Focus Areas of the Dialogue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussing priorities for Article 6 operationalization in the region</li> <li>Identifying technical and institutional support needs.</li> <li>Sharing views on possible next steps to accelerate effective implementation</li> </ul>	Facilitated discussion drawing on insights from government, private sector, and civil society perspectives	Discussion
65 – 75	Closing	<b>Mr. Abdul Rahim Sultan</b> Director General, WGEO	Closing remarks