

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

2nd October 2025

Time: 16:15 -17:30

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	Mr. Ana Vukoje 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	Mr. James Grabert Director, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC	Remarks

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