

Intersessional workshops
on matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement

Agenda

Note: List of presenters is being confirmed and may have light impact on some of the time slots

Day 1, 24 April 2023 Initial report			
<p>During this segment participants share views on potential challenges participating Parties may face in addressing different elements of the initial report. The exchange of views and deliberations has the objectives of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identifying issues as an input to a technical paper by the secretariat on potential considerations in the preparation of the reporting on elements listed in the initial report; 2. Providing basis for SBSTA 58 to reflect on the findings from the workshop captured by the technical paper and, where appropriate, make recommendations to inform the preparation of a manual by the secretariat containing illustrative elements of information for the initial report, noting that the illustrative elements of information to be included in the manual have no formal status, are for voluntary use and shall not be used or referred to in the Article 6 technical expert review; 3. Identifying capacity-building needs. <p>With decision 6/CMA.4, the CMA captured a suggested list of illustrative elements of information in a document that can be found at: https://unfccc.int/documents/624401.</p>			
CEST	Room	Topic	Linked guiding questions
09:30 – 10:00	Plenary	Opening remarks by Mr. Harry Vreuls (The Netherlands), Chair of the SBSTA Mode of work and scene setting presentation by the secretariat	
10:00 – 11:00	Plenary	1.1. General presentations on challenges in the preparation of initial reports and discussion 1.1.1. Presentations by Parties	1.1.1. to 1.1.3.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mr. Martin Hession, EU b. Ms. Jacqui Ruesga, New Zealand c. Mr. Ahmed Rajabi, LMDC d. Mr. Simon Fellermeier, Switzerland 	
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break		
11:30 – 12:00	Plenary	<p>1.2. Potential challenges in addressing elements related to <u>participation responsibilities (para. 18(a))</u></p> <p>1.2.1. Presentations by Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ms. Ana Lewis, Australia b. Mr. Eduardo Reyes, CfrN c. Ms. Adriana Gutierrez, AILAC 	1.2.1. to 1.2.4.
12:00 – 13:00	Breakout groups	1.2.2. Breakout groups	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 14:40	Plenary	1.2.3. Report back from breakout groups and discussion on key issues	1.2.1. to 1.2.4.
14:40 – 15:30	Plenary	<p>1.3. Potential challenges in addressing elements related to <u>information on each cooperative approach (para. 18(g-i))</u></p> <p>1.3.1. Presentations by Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mr. Martin Hession, EU b. Mr. Eduardo Reyes, CfrN c. Ms. Adriana Gutierrez, AILAC d. Mr. Kazuhisa Koakutsu, Japan e. Ms. Molly Peters-Stanley, USA 	1.3.1. to 1.3.4.

15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break		
16:00 – 17:30	Plenary	1.3.2. Discussion on key issues	1.3.1. to 1.3.4.
17:30 – 17:55	Plenary	1.4. Discussion on potential challenges in addressing <u>other elements</u> of the initial report (para.18(b-f))	1.4.1 to 1.4.3
17:55 – 18:00	Plenary	Wrap up for the day	
Day 2, 25 April 2023 Agreed electronic format (AEF)			
During this segment participants share views on the experience with the draft version of the agreed electronic format with the objective of providing input to the continued work of SBSTA on finalizing a recommendation on the agreed electronic format for consideration and adoption by CMA 5. The draft version of the agreed electronic format is contained in annex VII of decision 6/CMA.4.			
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09:00 – 09:30	Plenary	Mode of work and scene setting presentation by the secretariat	
09:30 – 10:00	Plenary	2.1. General presentations by Parties on the experience with the draft version of the AEF and discussion a. Ms. Helen Finney, UK b. Mr. Kazuhisa Koakutsu, Japan	2.1.1. to 2.1.3.
10:00 – 11:00	Plenary	2.2. Information on authorization and first transfer, changes to <u>authorization and first transfer</u> and <u>common nomenclatures</u> 2.2.1. Presentations by Parties a. Mr. Lambert Schneider, EU b. Ms. Molly Peters-Stanley, USA	2.2.1. to 2.3.4.

	Plenary	2.2.2. Discussion on key issues	2.2.1. to 2.3.4.
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break		
11:30 – 13:00	Plenary	2.2.2. Discussion on key issues (Cont.)	2.2.1. to 2.3.4.
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 15:30	Plenary	2.3. <u>AEF structure and on other reporting aspects of the AEF</u> 2.3.1. Presentations by Parties a. Mr. Lambert Schneider, EU b. Mr. Christopher Sherry, USA c. Mr. Eduardo Reyes, CfRN 2.3.2. Discussion on key issues	2.4.1. to 2.5.6.
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break		
16:00 – 17:30	Plenary	2.3.2. Discussion on key issues (Cont.)	2.4.1. to 2.5.6.
17:30 – 17:35	Plenary	Wrap up for the day and mode of work for the next day	
Day 3, 26 April 2023 AEF and initial report			
During this segment participants will continue sharing views on the experience with the draft version of the agreed electronic format. Participant may identify additional relevant issues for discussion under agenda item 2.5 Discussion on any other issues identified during the workshop.			
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09:00 – 10:30	Breakout groups	2.4. Hands-on session with example entry to the AEF	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break		

11:00 – 12:00	Plenary	2.4.1. Report back on the experience with the hands-on session and discussion on key issues	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch		
13:00 – 14:45	Plenary	2.5. Discussion on any other issues identified during the workshop	
14:45 – 15:00	Plenary	Next steps and concluding remarks by the co-facilitators of the workshops	

Guiding questions

The guiding questions address issues identified in previous work on the main topics of the workshops, with the aim of focusing participants in their preparation and facilitating progress during the workshops. The list of questions is not exhaustive and not limiting participants in exploring relevant aspects that may not be captured by the guiding questions.

With regard to addressing the questions on challenges with initial reports, it is acknowledged that perspectives on how Parties will follow the guidance in practice may differ depending on the type of cooperative approach, the role of the participating Party as a host Party or a using Party or whether the Party reports on participating in the Article 6.4 mechanism.

Day 1, 24 April 2023 Initial Report	
10:00 - 11:00	1.1. General views on challenges in the preparation of initial reports
	1.1.1. What links between the requirements for the initial report and other requirements in the guidance should be considered in the preparation of initial reports and in what way?
	1.1.2. How do the TACCC principles guide the level of detail in the information to be provided in initial reports and what other principles may be relevant, if any, to ensuring comparability of information on cooperative approaches?
	1.1.3. Should host Parties and other participating Parties address the initial report differently and if yes, how?
11:30 - 14:40	1.2. Participation responsibilities
	1.2.1. What are the potential challenges Parties may face in addressing reporting elements in relation to participation (<i>para. 18(a)</i>)?
	1.2.2. What kind of capacity-building would support compliance with the reporting requirements in relation to participation?
	1.2.3. What institutional set-up would support the successful submission of the initial report?
1.2.4. What information can support understanding of how participation contributes to the implementation of the Party's NDC and its long-term low-emission development strategy, if it has submitted one, and the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement?	

Day 1, 24 April 2023 Initial report	
14:40 - 17:25	1.3. Information on each cooperative approach
	1.3.1. What are the potential challenges Parties may face in addressing reporting elements in relation to each cooperative approach (<i>para. 18(g-i)</i>)?
	1.3.2. What kind of capacity-building would support compliance with the reporting requirements in relation to each cooperative approach?
	1.3.3. Which approaches Parties may use to minimize and where possible avoid negative environmental, economic and social impacts of mitigation activities implemented under the cooperative approach?
	1.3.4. Could Parties provide links to public information they maintain on cooperative approaches in initial reports, including in relation to the Article 6.4 mechanism? Should the secretariat record point-in-time copies of the public information (provided via links) for traceability?
17:25 - 17:55	1.4. Other elements of the initial report
	1.4.1. What are the key considerations and potential challenges Parties face in selecting the method for applying corresponding adjustments?
	1.4.2. What are the potential challenges Parties may face in quantifying the Party's NDC, or the portion in the relevant non-GHG indicator, in a non-GHG metric determined by each participating Party, if applicable (<i>para. 18(e)</i>)?
	1.4.3. Do any elements of the initial report need a strict predefined format with possible values managed through common nomenclatures and if yes, which elements?

Day 2, 25 April 2023 Agreed electronic format (AEF)	
9:20 - 10:20	2.1. General views on the experience with the draft version of the AEF
	2.1.1. What challenges have been faced in testing the draft version of the AEF?
	2.1.2. Are any elements missing from the draft version of the AEF and if so, which ones?
	2.1.3. What tools and capacity-building would enable completing the AEF?
10:20 - 17:00	2.2. Authorization/ First transfer
	2.2.1. What are the minimum elements of authorizations to be reported in the AEF?
	2.2.2. How should the first transfer for ITMOs authorized towards OIMP and NDC be specified?
	2.2.3. Is specification of first transfer appropriately captured in the draft version of the AEF?
	2.2.4. How an increase in the scope of authorization of ITMOs towards use impacts the specification of the first transfer, and how such impacts should be handled?
	2.2.5. Can authorization of ITMOs towards use happen or change after the first transfer and, if yes, what are the implications for the AEF entries?
	2.2.6. How does a change in authorization of ITMOs towards use impact previously reported information on the ITMOs, and how should such impacts be handled?
	2.3. Common nomenclatures
	2.3.1. Which reporting elements of the draft AEF require common nomenclatures to be agreed upon?
	2.3.2. What should be the process for a Party to suggest additions to common nomenclatures? How should the common nomenclatures be agreed?
	2.3.3. For ITMO generating activities associated with more than one sector, how should sectors be allocated to ITMOs?
	2.3.4. What changes to common nomenclatures are permissible? Would 'retiring' a value suffice when it is no longer needed or in need of a replacement?

Day 2, 25 April 2023 - Day 3, 26 April 2023 AEF and initial report	
17:00 – 14:10 Day 2 – Day 3	2.4. AEF structure
	2.4.1. What tables should comprise the AEF and what are the criteria for deciding that a separate table is necessary?
	2.4.2. Should AEF tables be linked with one another and if so, how?
	2.4.3. What other information should be included in table 1 “Heading” of the draft version of the AEF, if any?
	2.4.4. Do any notes to the draft version of the AEF tables need to be revised and if so, how?
	2.5. Other reporting aspects for the AEF
	2.5.1. What is the level of disaggregation required for the information to be included in the AEF?
	2.5.2. For mitigation outcomes generated by a cooperative approach and tracked through the issuance of units, should the issuance be recorded in the AEF if the mitigation outcome is not yet authorized (has not yet become an ITMO)?
	2.5.3. Should any of the information in the AEF be considered sensitive and if yes, what information and how should it be handled?
	2.5.4. Which participating Parties authorize “using entities”?
	2.5.5. At what time participating Parties may perform the action “Use towards NDC” and should the “value date” be added for such action in the AEF?
2.5.6. Can Parties that do not participate in the same cooperative approach trade ITMOs with one another?	