



HOST PARTY PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ARTICLE 6.4 MECHANISM (Version 02.0)

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

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SECTION 2: PARTICIPATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Is your country a Party to the Paris Agreement?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Has your country prepared, communicated, and is it maintaining a Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Has your country designated a Designated National Authority (DNA) for the Article 6.4 mechanism and communicated that designation to the UNFCCC secretariat?	☒ Yes ☐ No

Please describe how your country's participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism contributes to sustainable development, while acknowledging that the consideration of sustainable development is a national prerogative.

Cabo Verde considers sustainable development to be a national prerogative and will ensure that its participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism is aligned with its national development priorities, the implementation of its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), and its long-term objective of achieving a climate-resilient, low-carbon economy. The country **may consider approving** A6.4 activities in sectors such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transport, waste management, water desalination powered by renewable energy, climate-smart agriculture, sustainable land management, ecosystem restoration, and the blue economy, **subject to applicable Article 6.4 rules, approved methodologies, national approval procedures, and consistency with Cabo Verde's NDC and sustainable development priorities**, where **measurable and verifiable** emission reductions or **removals** can be achieved while delivering significant environmental, social, and economic benefits.

Participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism is expected to mobilize international climate finance, promote technology transfer, strengthen national capacities, and accelerate the deployment of innovative low-carbon solutions. These activities **may** contribute to improved energy security, increased access to affordable and clean energy, enhanced water security, sustainable management of natural resources, job creation, private sector development, and increased resilience of vulnerable communities and ecosystems. They **may** also support the protection of Cabo Verde's terrestrial and marine biodiversity and reinforce national adaptation efforts in the face of climate change.

The Government will ensure that all **approved** A6.4 activities are consistent with national legislation, environmental and social safeguards, and sustainable development priorities through transparent national approval procedures. Activities will be assessed for their contribution to national development objectives and their alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDGs 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), 13 (Climate Action), 14 (Life Below Water), and 15 (Life on Land). **For clarity, the approval of an A6.4 activity does not constitute, by itself, an authorization of A6.4ERs for international transfer or a commitment to apply corresponding adjustments.** Through this approach, Cabo Verde will ensure that participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism not only contributes to global climate mitigation but also delivers tangible and lasting benefits for sustainable national development.

Please provide detailed information on the types of activities under Article 6, paragraph 4 (A6.4 activities) that your country would consider approving pursuant to chapter V.C (Approval and Authorization) of the Rules, Modalities and Procedures (RMPs).

Additionally, explain how these activities, and any associated emission reductions or removals, would contribute to the achievement of your country's NDC, if applicable, its long-term low GHG emission development strategy, if it has submitted one, and the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement?

Cabo Verde would consider approving Article 6.4 activities that are consistent with its NDC priorities, national climate and development policies, and its transition toward a low-carbon and climate-resilient island economy. Priority may be given to activities capable of generating high-integrity, measurable and verifiable emission reductions or removals while supporting sustainable development, technology transfer, resilience and national capacity-building, **subject to applicable Article 6.4 rules, approved methodologies, national approval procedures, and consistency with Cabo Verde's NDC and national circumstances.**

The main types of A6.4 activities that Cabo Verde would consider approving include:

1. **Renewable energy generation and energy storage**, including solar photovoltaic, wind power, hybrid renewable systems, battery storage and renewable-energy mini-grids. These activities may support Cabo Verde's energy transition, reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels, improve

energy security and contribute to NDC mitigation objectives in the energy sector, **provided that their approval and any possible authorization of A6.4ERs are assessed on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the country's NDC implementation needs and the risk of transferring mitigation outcomes required for national targets.**

2. **Energy efficiency activities**, including efficiency improvements in public buildings, hotels, industry, street lighting, appliances, refrigeration and cooling systems. These activities may reduce electricity demand, lower fossil-fuel-based generation needs, and support the decarbonisation of the tourism, public and commercial sectors, **where emission reductions are additional, measurable and verifiable under applicable methodologies.**
3. **Sustainable and low-carbon transport**, including electric mobility, charging infrastructure powered by renewable energy, public transport improvement, fleet efficiency and modal-shift activities. These may reduce emissions from imported fossil fuels, support cleaner urban mobility and contribute to Cabo Verde's broader decarbonisation pathway, **subject to the availability of robust monitoring arrangements and approved methodological approaches.**
4. **Waste management and methane reduction**, including landfill gas capture, composting, recycling, organic waste diversion, wastewater treatment improvement and biogas production. These activities may reduce methane emissions, improve sanitation, promote circular economy practices and support NDC implementation in the waste sector, **where the emission reductions are additional, measurable and verifiable, and where environmental and social safeguards are respected.**
5. **Water, desalination and climate-resilient infrastructure powered by renewable energy**, including renewable-energy-based desalination, water pumping and efficient water distribution systems. These activities are particularly relevant for Cabo Verde as a small island developing State facing water scarcity and climate vulnerability, and may combine mitigation with adaptation benefits, **provided that the mitigation component is clearly measurable and separable from broader adaptation or resilience benefits for the purpose of Article 6.4 crediting.**
6. **Sustainable agriculture, land management and ecosystem restoration**, including climate-smart agriculture, soil conservation, agroforestry, restoration of degraded lands and coastal ecosystem protection. These activities may generate emission reductions or removals while strengthening food security, resilience and ecosystem services, **subject to robust accounting for removals, permanence, leakage, reversal risks, monitoring requirements and applicable safeguards.**
7. **Blue economy and coastal resilience activities**, including seagrass, coral reefs or coastal ecosystem restoration where applicable, sustainable marine resource management, and low-carbon infrastructure for ports and fisheries. These activities may support biodiversity, coastal protection and climate-resilient economic development, **and may only be considered under the Article 6.4 mechanism where they generate measurable and verifiable emission reductions or removals under approved methodologies and do not rely solely on adaptation, biodiversity or resilience benefits.**
8. **Industrial processes and refrigerant management**, including low-GWP cooling technologies, HFC phase-down, refrigerant recovery and destruction, and process efficiency improvements. These activities may support reductions in high-global-warming-potential gases and strengthen alignment with national climate and energy-efficiency policies, **where they are consistent with Cabo Verde's NDC, relevant national regulations and applicable international commitments.**

The emission reductions and removals generated from these activities may support the achievement of Cabo Verde's NDC by supporting mitigation in the key sectors covered by the country's NDC, including energy, industrial processes, agriculture, waste and LULUCF. Cabo Verde's NDC 3.0 **covers these sectors and includes CO₂, CH₄, N₂O and HFCs, with an economy-wide mitigation target of 18% below business-as-usual by 2030 on an unconditional basis and up to 28% below business-as-**

usual by 2030 under a conditional scenario, as well as 18% below business-as-usual by 2035 on an unconditional basis and up to 39% below BAU by 2035 under a conditional scenario.

Where A6.4 emission reductions or removals are authorized for international transfer, Cabo Verde would apply the relevant accounting requirements, including corresponding adjustments, as applicable, to avoid double counting and preserve environmental integrity. Where emission reductions or removals are retained domestically or used as mitigation contributions, they would directly support national NDC implementation and the scaling-up of additional mitigation action. **For clarity, the approval of an A6.4 activity does not, by itself, constitute authorization of A6.4ERs for international transfer, authorization for use towards another Party's NDC or for other international mitigation purposes, or a commitment by Cabo Verde to apply corresponding adjustments. Any such authorization would be subject to a separate decision by Cabo Verde, in accordance with applicable Article 6 rules, national procedures, NDC implementation needs, environmental integrity and the national interest.**

Cabo Verde's participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism may also help mobilize international climate finance, promote technology transfer, reduce fossil-fuel import dependence, strengthen MRV and institutional capacity, and accelerate investments in renewable energy, clean transport, water security, waste management and ecosystem resilience. These A6.4 activities may support the country's long-term low-emission development pathway, as reflected in its national climate strategies and planning instruments, including its LT-LEDS 2050 where applicable, by locking in cleaner infrastructure, strengthening resilience as a small island developing State, and contributing to the Paris Agreement long-term goals of limiting temperature rise, increasing adaptive capacity and making finance flows consistent with low-GHG and climate-resilient development.

Please provide any additional information that the host Party may deem necessary (optional)¹:

Baseline approaches and other methodological requirements, including additionality, to be applied for A6.4 activities that it intends to host, in addition and subject to and consistent with the RMPs, under the supervision of the Supervisory Body, and subject to further relevant decisions of the CMA, with an explanation of how those approaches and requirements are compatible with its NDC and, if it has submitted one, its long-term low GHG emission development strategy:

>> At this stage, Cabo Verde does not specify sector-specific baseline approaches or additional methodological requirements beyond those established under the Article 6.4 rules, modalities and procedures, applicable standards, approved methodologies, guidance from the Supervisory Body, and relevant decisions of the CMA. Cabo Verde will assess proposed A6.4 activities on a case-by-case basis, taking into account national circumstances, the country's NDC, sustainable development priorities, environmental integrity and the national interest.

All A6.4 activities proposed in Cabo Verde shall apply approved or otherwise eligible Article 6.4 methodologies and demonstrate robust additionality, conservative baseline setting, measurable and verifiable emission reductions or removals, avoidance of double counting, and consistency with applicable national policies and regulations. Cabo Verde may require additional information or conditions where necessary to protect the implementation of its NDC, ensure environmental integrity, and avoid over-crediting, leakage, reversal risks or lock-in of high-emission technologies.

The approval of an A6.4 activity shall not, by itself, constitute authorization of A6.4ERs for international transfer or a commitment to apply corresponding adjustments. Any authorization of A6.4ERs will be subject to a separate decision by Cabo Verde, in accordance with applicable Article 6 rules, national procedures, NDC implementation needs and the national interest.

Crediting periods to be applied for A6.4 activities that it intends to host, including whether the crediting periods may be renewed, subject to the RMPs and under the supervision of the Supervisory Body, and in accordance with further relevant decisions of the CMA, with an explanation of how those crediting periods are compatible with its NDC and, if it has submitted one, its long-term low GHG emission development strategy:

>> At this stage, Cabo Verde does not specify country-wide or sector-specific crediting periods beyond those provided under the Article 6.4 rules, modalities and procedures, applicable standards, approved methodologies, guidance from the Supervisory Body and relevant decisions of the CMA. Crediting periods for A6.4 activities hosted in Cabo Verde shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the type of activity, the applicable methodology, national circumstances, Cabo Verde's NDC implementation needs, environmental integrity, sustainable development priorities and the national interest.

Cabo Verde may consider crediting periods and possible renewals only where they remain consistent with the country's NDC, applicable national policies and regulations, and its long-term low-emission and climate-resilient development pathway. Any renewal of a crediting period shall not be automatic and shall be subject to a separate assessment and approval by Cabo Verde, in accordance with the Article 6.4 rules, modalities and procedures, relevant requirements adopted by the Supervisory Body, and further relevant decisions of the CMA.

Cabo Verde reserves the right to require shorter crediting periods, to limit or not approve renewals, or to attach conditions to any approval or renewal where necessary to avoid over-crediting, protect the achievement of the country's NDC, reflect updated baselines, policies and measures, address risks of non-permanence, leakage or reversals, and preserve environmental integrity. Approval of an A6.4 activity or of a crediting period shall not, by itself, constitute authorization of A6.4ERs for international transfer or a commitment to apply corresponding adjustments.

Definition of first transfer pursuant to decision 2/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 2(b)² as:

- ☐ The authorization
- ☐ The issuance
- ☐ The use or cancellation of the A6.4ERs

Exemption from the waiver for share of proceeds for adaptation for LDCs and SIDS³

Is the host Party an LDC or SIDS:

☒ Yes ☐ No☐ The host Party chooses not to exempt all projects or PoAs and CPs from the share of proceeds for adaptation⁴**Any additional information:**

>> Cabo Verde's participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism will be guided by its national circumstances, NDC implementation needs, sustainable development priorities, environmental integrity and the national interest. The information provided in this form does not constitute prior approval of any specific A6.4 activity, authorization of activity participants, authorization of A6.4ERs for international transfer, or a commitment to apply corresponding adjustments. Any approval or authorization by Cabo Verde will be subject to a separate decision, in accordance with applicable Article 6.4 rules, guidance from the Supervisory Body, relevant decisions of the CMA, national procedures and the country's NDC and long-term low-emission and climate-resilient development pathway.

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¹ The host Party may optionally provide additional information on: i) Baseline approaches and other methodological requirements, including additionality, to be applied for Article 6.4 activities as per decision 3/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 27; ii). Crediting periods to be applied for Article 6.4 activities that it intends to host, including whether the crediting periods may be renewed as per decision 3/CMA.3, annex 3, paragraph 27(b); iii) First transfer in case it intends to authorize A6.4ERs for other international mitigation purposes as per decision 2/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 2(b); iv) statement on exemption from the waiver for share of proceeds for adaptation for LDCs and SIDS of all projects or PoAs and CPs.

² Decision 2/CMA.3, annex, as contained in document FCCC/PA/CMA/2021/10/Add.1. Available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2021_10a01E.pdf.

³ This provision is only applicable to LDCs and SIDS and is to be checked if the LDC/SIDS hosting the projects or PoAs and CPs therein, chooses not to exempt all project activities or PoAs and CPs from the share of proceeds for adaptation or may be indicated for each project or PoA and CPs at the time of approval of the project or PoA.

⁴ Please see footnote 3.

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