



**HOST PARTY PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR ARTICLE 6.4 MECHANISM
(Version 01.0)**

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

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SECTION 2: PARTICIPATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Is your country a Party to the Paris Agreement?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has your country designated a Designated National Authority (DNA) for the Article 6.4 mechanism and communicated that designation to the UNFCCC secretariat?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

Morocco's participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism plays a crucial role in advancing sustainable development within the country. The updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) reflect Morocco's commitment to ambitious climate targets, including a 45.5% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030.

Participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism of the Paris Agreement contributes significantly to sustainable development in Morocco, recognizing that the consideration of sustainable development is a national prerogative. Here are the advantages of engaging in the Article 6.4 mechanism:

Achieving NDC Targets and Ambitious Goals:

- Utilizing carbon finance through Article 6.4 can aid in achieving National Determined Contributions (NDC) targets efficiently.
- Provides an opportunity to surpass current targets and set more ambitious emission reduction goals.

Buffer Account for Sustainable Projects:

- The possibility of establishing a buffer account allows for financing additional sustainable projects beyond regular funding.
- Enables the allocation of resources to initiatives that promote sustainable development and environmental integrity.

Financing Adaptation through Shares of Proceeds (SOP) and contribution to global emission reductions through OMGE:

- Allocating 5% of proceeds through SOP allows for financing adaptation projects, enhancing resilience to climate change impacts.
- OMGE (Overall Mitigation in Global Emissions) at 2% contributes to global emission reductions, supporting sustainable development efforts on a broader scale.

In the context of Article 6.4 projects implementation, Morocco had undergone through specific priorities, including readiness assessment (MAAP-ITR Tool), the development of a national framework including A6.2 and A6.4, capacity building sessions for all sectors with the specific regard to the mobilization of private sector, project identification (positive and negative lists), and a South-South exchange (Morocco preparing a blue print document and serving as model for other African countries). These priorities underscore Morocco's commitment to actively engage in Article 6.4, aligning with its national agenda for sustainable development and climate action. By leveraging these advantages, Morocco can not only achieve its climate targets but also advance initiatives that promote both environmental conservation and societal progress.

To support these goals, Morocco actively engages in international cooperation, seeking support under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. The efforts include the development of a **Framework for Article 6.2 and 6.4**, fostering cooperative approaches with various countries such as Switzerland, Norway, Singapore, Japan and South Korea. The ongoing engagement demonstrates Morocco's commitment to securing additional finance and knowledge exchange to address climate challenges.

Moreover, Morocco's interest in Article 6.4 implementation is evident in its formal expression to the Integrated Assessment for Article 6 project (IAA6). The Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, is proactively preparing a national set up for Article 6.4 involvement which aims to cover essential processes and procedures, emphasizing capacity building and the identification of eligible projects with social and economics co-benefits.

Existing efforts and ongoing collaboration with national institute (public and private sectors) & international partners (RCC MENA SA, UNDP, GIZ, GGGI, Klik Foundation...), contribute to the groundwork for Morocco's engagement in Article 6.4. The comprehensive approach involves not only carbon pricing and voluntary carbon markets but also the establishment of a National MRV system to monitor and report on GHG emissions and mitigation/adaptation measures progress.

The commitment to a green and inclusive economy, as outlined in Morocco's National Sustainable Development Strategy, aligns with the long-term vision of achieving net zero by 2050. The country's active involvement in initiatives like the Partnership for Market Readiness (PMR) underscores its dedication to

market-based instruments and capacity building for various sectors (Energy, Waste, Industries, Transportation...).

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?

Morocco is actively considering specific Article 6 activities under bilateral agreements and collaborative projects reflects its commitment to addressing climate challenges and contributing to its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), long-term low greenhouse gas (GHG) emission development strategy, and the overarching goals of the Paris Agreement.

- Under the Bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Switzerland, signed during COP27, Morocco is involved in diverse initiatives aimed at sustainable development. For example: the Organic Waste to Energy (OWtE) Program, an Energy Efficiency Program, and the improving energy efficiency and accelerating the decarbonization of the cooling sector... These activities and others not only underscore Morocco's commitment to environmental sustainability but also contribute directly to the reduction of GHG emissions and align with its NDC targets.
- Morocco's engagement with Norway signed at COP28 in Dubai involves participation in the Design of the Article 6 Policy Approaches under the DAPA/GGGI. These initiatives demonstrate Morocco's dedication to shaping policy approaches and fostering international collaboration to address climate change.
- A Bilateral MoU signed with Singapore in July 2022 emphasizes collaborative efforts and knowledge exchange under Article 6, specifically focusing on carbon markets. This initiative not only promotes global cooperation but also enhances Morocco's capacity to navigate carbon market mechanisms.
- Furthermore, Morocco has strategically engaged with South Korea through a 2022 Strategic Agreement on environment and climate change focusing on Article 6 activities, it signals Morocco's intent to participate in international efforts addressing climate challenges.

These specific projects is showing that Morocco is opening the scope for different kind of approaches whether project by project type, sectoral project and policy approaches which could be also applied to Article 6.4.

More specifically related to Article 6.4, Morocco idea was to actively engage in various activities under Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement, focusing first on the existing CDM projects and approve the transition to 6.4 which is ideal as these projects are already contributing to emission reductions and sustainable development. Some of these key projects include:

Renewable Energy Projects:

- Essaouira Wind Project
- Haouma Wind Farm Project
- Akhfennir Wind Farm Project
- Jbel Sendouq-Khalladi School Wind Farm Project
- Tetouan wind turbine project for Lafarge cement factory
- Tangier wind project
- Ouarzazate concentrated solar project
- Jbel Sendouq-Khalladi ("Khalladi") wind project
- Marrakech wastewater treatment plant with biogas recovery
- Switching from fuel oil to plant biomass at Lesieur Cristal Limited Corporation

Energy Efficiency Initiatives:

- Heat recovery and transition to biomass residues at Renault Tanger Mediterranean plant
- Landfill gas recovery and reuse projects
- Biogas recovery and electricity production from the M'zar wastewater treatment plant

Contribution to Morocco's Climate Goals

These activities align with Morocco's National Determined Contribution (NDC) and long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategy by:

- Enhancing renewable energy capacity to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
- Improving energy efficiency in industrial processes.

- Implementing sustainable waste management practices.
- Promoting a shift towards cleaner energy sources like wind and solar power.

Morocco is also willing to approve the projects listed in its positive list which go even beyond activities listed in the updated NDC, including activities like Green Hydrogen.

For further details on specific project outcomes, emission reductions, and their direct contributions to Morocco's climate objectives, it is advisable to refer to National Article 6 Framework including the positive and negative lists and also guidance related to Article 6.4 collaboration.

By participating in these projects, Morocco aims to achieve its NDC targets, advance its long-term emission reduction goals, and contribute to the overarching objectives of the Paris Agreement by fostering sustainable development, reducing emissions, and enhancing climate resilience.

Please provide any additional information that the host Party may deem necessary.

This is to inform that the METSD (Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development) has been informed of only 1 transition project from CDM to Article 6.4.

METSD is also waiting for the final list to be provided by the Secretariat of UNFCCC.

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