



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.

The Government of Rwanda ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on 18 August 1998. The Paris Agreement, was signed by Rwanda on 22 April 2016 and ratified on 6 October 2016. These actions demonstrate Rwanda's commitment to global climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts.

Rwanda's participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism of the Paris Agreement underscores its commitment to sustainable development, aligning with national priorities and international climate goals. Rwanda's engagement with Article 6.4 complements its broader climate strategies and priorities, such as the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), the Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy (GGCRS) and the national Strategy for transformation 1&2. These frameworks aim to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, emphasizing the importance of sustainable development in climate action.

Through its participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism, Rwanda demonstrates a proactive approach to integrating climate action with sustainable development. By aligning international carbon market activities with national priorities, Rwanda ensures that its engagement in the Article 6.4 mechanism contributes to both global climate objectives and national sustainable development goals.

Rwanda has established the Designated National Authority for Article 6.4 which is Rwanda environment management authority, which evaluates proposed projects to confirm their consistency, ensuring they adhere to national sustainable development objectives. This oversight guarantees that carbon credit initiatives contribute positively to Rwanda's environmental, social, and economic landscapes. The implementation of the Sustainable Development Tool (SD Tool) under Article 6.4 mandates that projects not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also support the ambitions across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals. This tool ensures that projects developed under Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement uphold environmental and social safeguards, aligning with Rwanda's commitment to sustainable 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?

Rwanda's recent Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) outlines a comprehensive approach to enhancing both mitigation efforts, aiming to elevate the overall ambition of climate action while fostering sustainable development. These initiatives are predominantly categorized under the conditional contribution of NDC, reflecting Rwanda's commitment to advancing its Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy (GGCRS). The GGCRS envisions achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, underscoring the integral role of sustainable development in climate action.

In selecting activities and technologies for implementation, Rwanda adheres to the following criteria:

- Alignment with national development priorities: Ensuring that initiatives support Rwanda's broader objectives of economic growth, poverty reduction, and social well-being.
- Environmental sustainability: Prioritizing projects that contribute to the preservation and enhancement of natural resources, promoting biodiversity, and reducing environmental degradation and emissions.

- Social inclusivity: Focusing on interventions that benefit vulnerable communities, enhance social equity, and improve quality of life.
- Economic viability: Selecting technologies and activities that are economically feasible, create green jobs, and stimulate sustainable economic growth.

The project to be considered, it must meet the following requirements:

- be in line with national policies, laws and strategies;
- contribute to the Nationally Determined Contributions, environmental integrity and emission reductions at national level;
- be in line with additionality criteria
- adhere to national priority sectors;
- contribute to the SDGs;
- ownership of the property involved in the project; community development agreements or agreements with property owners;
- involvement of local communities in the project conceptualization and development;
- adhere to transparency and fairness;
- adhere to national investment priorities, ecological, social, cultural and economic safeguards;
- indicate expected employment creation to the national experts and local communities

In this regard, Rwanda seeks to host the following activity types:

- Electric mobility (electric vehicles, e-motos and hybrid).
- Waste management (waste to energy, landfill gas utilization, wastewater treatment, composting and biogas)
- Agriculture conservation and livestock improvement (Climate smart agriculture, livestock breeding, improved species, manure management)
- Energy generation (Hydropower, solar power plants.
- Clean cooking (electric cooking and LPG)
- Sustainable forest management and nature-based solutions (Afforestation and reforestation, agroforestry, wetland restoration)
- Renewable energy applications (e.g. solar-powered irrigation, solar water heaters)

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

Rwanda has established a comprehensive national carbon market framework to facilitate its participation in the Article 6 mechanisms of the Paris Agreement. This framework outlines the processes for implementing the country's commitments under the Article 6.4 mechanism as a host party. Within this framework, sustainable national institutional arrangements have been established, including the Article 6.4 Designated National Authority (DNA) and a technical committee responsible for operationalizing the national carbon market framework.

All projects seeking Rwanda's approval for transition to the Article 6.4 mechanism and requesting authorization must:

- Update their greenhouse gas emissions baseline to align with the latest Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) mitigation targets;
- Prepare a sustainable development benefit report;

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