



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 Republic of Congo, a signatory to the Paris Agreement, is currently working to implement its updated NDC through the financing of unconditional actions included in the 2022-2026 National Development Plan (NDP). In order to highlight the share of external financing in the implementation of its NDC, the Government, through the Ministry of the Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin, will be organising a mission to identify sectoral projects from 12 to 19 February 2024, with a view to determining the contribution of external financing under the conditional scenario.

Most of the existing projects in the Republic of Congo are registered with the Voluntary Carbon Market. Currently, 4 projects have been identified: Projects.

- North Pikounda REDD+,
- Agroforestry plantation Bateke Plateaus,
- IMPROVED FOREST MANAGEMENT THROUGH LOGGED-TO-PROTECTED FORESTS AND REDUCED IMPACT LOGGING IN UFA NGOMBÉ,
- REPUBLIC OF CONGO,
- OKA 2 PROJECT),

A great deal of thought is currently being given to tracking the credits generated by these carbon projects in order to avoid leakage or the non-recognition of credits issued by these projects.

Apart from these projects registered in the voluntary market, no project has yet been registered in the regulatory market. The Ministry's current policy is to put in place a legal framework for the development of carbon projects that will be registered in the regulatory market.

The aim of these projects is to generate carbon credits in the form of profit-sharing payments, which will help to finance local development. The implementation of these projects contributes to climate change mitigation and adaptation in the localities where they are developed. These projects also contribute to improving food security and the well-being of local populations.

The setting up of an office to monitor the Article 6 process within the Ministry of the Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin is a sign that the Republic of Congo is working to comply with the requirements for implementing Article 6 at national level.

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?

The Republic of Congo would like to:

- 1- Create a national register of carbon projects;
- 2- Establish a manual on the modalities and procedures for developing carbon markets in line with national circumstances and the Republic of Congo's national development plan; this procedural manual will enable the Republic of Congo to monitor all projects registered in both the VCM and the regulatory markets;
- 3- Capacity-building for Article 6 team members on the methodologies and requirements of Article 6 and its components, in particular Article 6.4;
- 4- Systematic implementation of an emissions register within national companies;
- 5- Drafting and adoption of a regulatory text on the carbon market that takes account of national circumstances.

The Republic of Congo's carbon emissions scenario is a historical one, adjusted to its development. In addition, the Republic of Congo, with its very dense forest cover (69% of the national territory) and very low emissions outside forests, has a very negative emissions and absorptions balance, in favour of sequestration. The various projects identified will only serve to reinforce the country's status as a carbon sink. In addition, a number of measures taken outside the forestry sector are aimed at developing a low-carbon economy, particularly in the transport and energy sectors. The Republic of Congo is aware that mitigation has global benefits, and is increasing the number of forest management projects (the Republic of Congo has opted to manage all of its forests), afforestation projects (several projects are under way as part of a private-public partnership) and reforestation projects as part of a strategy to preserve biodiversity in ecosystems, a strategy for which is being drawn up with the support of the UNDP and NDC Partnership.

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

The Republic of Congo would like to receive more information on the creation of carbon markets. Together with a number of countries in the Congo Basin, discussions are being held on the creation of a sovereign market.

Initiatives aimed at strengthening regulations within companies to implement a low-carbon environmental policy.

The Republic of Congo is seeking the support of the UNFCCC secretariat in developing the regulatory market.

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