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Preparation of initial reports under Article 6

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Switzerland's initial reports on Article 6

- Switzerland published two preliminary (updated) initial reports for cooperative approaches

SWITZERLAND: Preliminary Initial Report (Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement)

Switzerland is pleased to present its preliminary initial report under the Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement (hereafter referred to as "initial report"), consistent with decision 2/CMA.3.

<i>(2/CMA.3, paragraph 18 of annex, letter a)</i> Demonstration of fulfilment of the participation responsibilities referred to in chapter II (Participation) of the annex of decision 2/CMA.3	
<i>(2/CMA.3, paragraph 3 of annex)</i> Consistency of Switzerland's participation in the cooperative approach, the authorization, transfer and use of ITMOs with 2/CMA.3 and relevant decisions of the CMA and application of 2/CMA.3 to all corresponding adjustments and cooperative approaches in which Switzerland participates	Switzerland concludes international Agreements ¹ (hereafter referred to as "bilateral Agreements") governing Switzerland's cooperation under the Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement. The bilateral Agreements ensure consistency of the cooperation with the Paris Agreement, its Articles 4, 6, and 13 and the relevant decisions, and govern the implementation of the Article 6.2 cooperation. The bilateral Agreements remain in force at least until the end of 2034, ensuring consistency with the Paris Agreement provisions throughout NDC implementation periods. The current national climate legislation ² of Switzerland requires all ITMOs to be recognized under a bilateral Agreement of Switzerland. Once the modalities for Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement will be operational, ITMOs from the Article 6.4 mechanism are foreseen to be recognized in the national legislation of Switzerland, potentially with enhanced eligibility criteria.
<i>(2/CMA.3, paragraph 4 of annex, letter a)</i> Party to the Paris Agreement:	Switzerland has ratified the Paris Agreement on 8 October 2017 and is a Party to the Paris Agreement.
<i>(2/CMA.3, paragraph 4 of annex, letter b)</i> An NDC has been prepared, communicated and is maintained in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 2:	Switzerland has submitted the latest version of its updated NDC on 17 December 2021. ³ Switzerland's national CO ₂ Acts (2022-24 in force; 2025-2030 ⁴ under Parliamentary debate) anchor Switzerland's emission reduction targets and define domestic measures.

Outline for the updated initial report referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter IV.A (Initial report)^{1,2,3}

[English only]

Party	Switzerland
NDC period	2021-2030
Report number for the NDC period ^a	1
Version ^b	1.0
Date	27/02/2023

^a Ascribe sequential number for updated initial reports. The number '1' is reserved for the initial report.

^b Ascribe version number as follows: decimal increase for minor revisions (typos, corrections) and digit increase for content changes (where unavoidable).

IV. Information on each cooperative approach (para. 18(g-i), para. 19)

A. Copy of the authorization by the participating Party (para. 18(g))

[Registered compensation projects abroad \(admin.ch\)](#)

B. Description of the cooperative approach (para. 18(g))

The activity will replace the use of conventional (diesel & natural gas) buses with e-buses on a minimum number of 122 (existing and new) privately operated bus routes that provide a regular, scheduled service within the Bangkok Metropolitan area. (Refer to Annex 1 for further details.)
In addition to reducing GHG emissions, the project will improve service quality, reduce commuting times, local air and noise pollution while maintaining bus ticket prices.
The carbon finance from the purchase of up to 500,000 mitigation outcome units that are authorised as International Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) within Thailand's first NDC period (including 2030 vintage) shall be used to levelise the total cost of ownership differential between baseline buses and the project e-buses.
The mitigation outcomes from this project are generated inside sectors covered by Thailand's NDC and represent a surplus beyond the policies and measures planned by the government of Thailand.



Switzerland's reported information on Article 6



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Business case: BAFU-230.2-60197/3/53/2/3/5/1

AUTHORIZATION STATEMENT BY THE FEDERAL OFFICE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

Authorization statement reference number: 5001, 11.11.2022

Acting as the authorized entity of the Swiss Government, the Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)¹ hereby authorizes per Article 6.3 of the *Paris Agreement* and per Article 5.1 of the *Cooperation Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the Republic of Ghana towards the Implementation of the Paris Agreement* signed on 23rd November 2020 (hereafter referred to as the *Cooperation Agreement*) the international transfer and use of Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) specified in this statement. The provisions of the *Cooperation Agreement* apply.

Ghana

∨ [5001 Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana](#)

[Authorization Statement \(LoA\)](#) (PDF, 212 kB, 12.11.2022)

[MADD "Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana" \(project ID number 5001\)](#) (PDF, 1 MB, 11.11.2022)

[Validation Report](#) (PDF, 327 kB, 11.11.2022)

[Preliminary Initial Report](#) (PDF, 357 kB, 11.11.2022)

Thailand

∨ [5002 Operation of e-buses on privately owned, scheduled public bus routes in the Bangkok Metropolitan area by Energy Absolute](#)

[Authorization Statement](#) (PDF, 208 kB, 27.02.2023)

[MADD "Operation of e-buses on privately owned, scheduled public bus routes in the Bangkok Metropolitan area by Energy Absolute" \(project ID number 5002\)](#) (PDF, 4 MB, 27.02.2023)

[Validation Report](#) (PDF, 523 kB, 27.02.2023)

[Updated Initial Report](#) (PDF, 247 kB, 27.02.2023)



Potential challenges for the initial report: general

- Some initial reporting elements imply **substantial decisions** that require **internal coordination**:
 - Arrangements for authorizing / tracking ITMOs
 - Method for corresponding adjustment
 - Contribution to ambition in mitigation and adaptation actions
- **Lock in policy decisions** for the entire NDC implementation period
- Parties may partially rely on future CMA decisions to answer these questions (e.g. tracking infrastructure)
- Capacity building and sharing experiences very helpful



Potential challenges for the initial report: activity specific

- Reporting elements describing each cooperative approach provide **little guidance on level of detail** of information required (para 18g-i) Decision 2/CMA.3)
 - *«Describe how each cooperative approach [...]:*
 - *Ensures environmental integrity [...]*
 - *Will reflect the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement»*
- Mandated «manual containing illustrative elements of information» (para 22 Decision 6/CMA.4) will be helpful
- **Coordination with other participating Party** for consistency of information



What is this workshop really about?

**Challenges in the
preparation of initial reports**

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**Challenges in the *readiness for
Article 6 implementation***

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Background information

[Registered compensation projects abroad \(admin.ch\)](#)

- Authorization statements
- Mitigation activity design documents (MADDs)
- Validation reports
- Preliminary initial reports

[Bilateral climate agreements \(admin.ch\)](#)



THANK YOU