

Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications (DETEC) Federal Office for the Environment FOEN

# 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.

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

### Outline for the updated initial report referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter IV.A (Initial report)<sup>1,2,3</sup>

[English only]

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

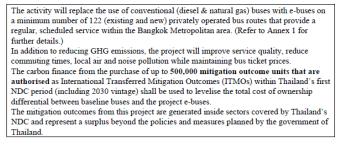
<sup>a</sup> Ascribe sequential number for updated initial reports. The number '1' is reserved for the initial report. <sup>b</sup> Ascribe version number as follows: decimal increase for minor revisions (typos, corrections) and digit increase for content changes (where unavoidable).

#### 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))



# 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)<sup>1</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

 <u>5001 Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice</u> <u>cultivation in Ghana</u>
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)

Juiliation 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 adapation 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

### Challenges in the readiness for Article 6 implementation



# 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**