

# Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: Informal technical expert dialogues

## Governance and timelines for 6.8 framework

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## Guiding questions for this informal technical expert dialogue

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- What **milestones** does the work programme need?
- How will **success** of the work programme be **assessed**?
- How will the work be **resourced**?
- What are **realistic** options for governance arrangements?
- How do these issues **relate to the rest of the package** (Article 6/the wider Glasgow outcome) and how could resolving these issues contribute to reaching consensus?



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*All slides are without prejudice to the outcome of Article 6 negotiations*



# Summary of 6.8 governance options proposed at CMA2 and ITEDs

Options	Who (membership)	Why (functions)	When (timing)	How (ROP & review)
<b>NMA forum</b> (per COP25 3 <sup>rd</sup> Presidency text)	Parties to the Paris Agreement	Implement the framework and work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet in conjunction with the 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> sessional period meeting of SBSTA/SBI each year</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> meeting: <b>SB56 (Jun 2022)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate as per procedures applicable to contact groups</li> <li>SBSTA/SBI 66&amp;67 (2027) to recommend to CMA9 (2027) on the need for institutional arrangements that will supersede NMA forum</li> </ul>
<b>Task force</b> (per COP25 1 <sup>st</sup> Presidency text)	13 members (5 UN regional groups, developed country Parties, developing country Parties, LDC, SIDS, social org., GCF, TEC and PCCB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address linkages between mitigation and adaptation, and matching them to the finance, technology, and CB needs of developing countries</li> <li>Provide alternative opportunities for voluntary cooperation other than cooperative approaches and 6.4 activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet in conjunction with the 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> sessional period meeting of SBSTA/SBI each year</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> meeting: <b>SB58 (Jun 2023)</b></li> </ul>	Operate as per rules of procedure (ROP) set out in relevant decisions of the CMA to be adopted at CMA4 (2022)
<b>Temporary task force &amp;</b>	15 members (5 UN regional groups, developed country Parties, developing country Parties, LDC, SIDS, social org., GCF, TEC, PCCB, LCIPP)	<p>Develop work programme for operationalization of framework in 1 year (COP26-27), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definition and registry of the actions under the scope of NMA</li> <li>Institutional arrangements for the functioning of the framework</li> <li>MPG for the coordination of relevant institutional arrangements to support NMA implementation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet during 1 year between after CMA3 (2021) and before CMA4 (2022)</li> <li>Frequency: Not specified</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> meeting: Not specified</li> </ul>	ROP are not specified
<b>Facilitative mechanism</b> (per Jun 2021 submission)	CMA4 (2022) to adopt a decision containing the membership of the facilitative mechanism that will be recommended by the temporary task force	<p>Report progress and outcomes of facilitating and coordinating NMAs including by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancing existing linkages and creating synergies for implementation of NDCs</li> <li>Overseeing establishment, development, functioning and follow up of the registry</li> <li>Coordinating operationalization of means of implementation in an integrated manner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet as necessary after CMA4 (2022)</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> meeting: Not specified</li> </ul>	Operate as per ROP to be developed by the temporary task force and adopted at CMA4 (2022)
<b>Article 6 committee</b> (per Jun 2021 submission)	<p>Modelled on PCCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 members (5 UN regional groups, LDC, SIDS)</li> <li>6 reps. from bodies &amp; Financial Mechanism including GCF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oversee the operation of Article 6.8.</li> <li>Request GCF to fund elements of the work plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet twice per year in conjunction with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sessional period meeting of the SBSTA each year and other timings as appropriate</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> meeting: <b>SB56 (Jun 2022)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operate as per ROP that are modelled on PCCB's (Annex, decision 2/CP.22)</li> <li>Timing of adopting ROP is not specified</li> <li>SBSTA 66&amp;67 (2027) to recommend to CMA9 (2027) on the need for institutional arrangements that will supersede Article 6 committee</li> </ul>

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# Timeline of key activities by 6.8 governance options proposed at CMA2 and ITEDs

Options	2021	2022	2023 (GST)	2025	2026	2027
<b>NMA forum</b> (per COP25 3 <sup>rd</sup> Presidency text)	CMA3 to adopt WP and establish NMA forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings of NMA forum to develop schedule for WP activities and identify focus areas</li> <li>SBSTA/SBI57 to adopt the schedule</li> <li>CMA4 to adopt the focus areas</li> </ul>	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> meetings of NMA forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8<sup>th</sup> meetings of NMA forum to report to CMA7 including inputs on review of WP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SBSTA/SBI64&amp;65 to undertake review of WP including institutional &amp; reporting arrangements</li> <li>CMA8 to adopt a decision on review of WP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submissions on the need for new governance</li> <li>SB66&amp;67 to recommend on the need for institutional arrangements superseding NMA forum</li> <li>CMA9 to adopt a decision on the need</li> </ul>
<b>Task force</b> (per COP25 1 <sup>st</sup> Presidency text)	CMA3 to adopt WP and establish task force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SBSTA/SBI56&amp;57 to develop rules of procedure for task force</li> <li>CMA4 to adopt the rules of procedures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings of task force to develop schedule for WP activities and identify focus areas</li> <li>SBSTA/SBI59 to adopt the schedule</li> <li>CMA5 to adopt the focus areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6<sup>th</sup> meetings of NMA forum to report to CMA7 including inputs on review of WP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SBSTA/SBI64&amp;65 to undertake review of WP including institutional &amp; reporting arrangements</li> <li>CMA8 to adopt a decision on review of WP</li> </ul>	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> meetings of task force
<b>Temporary task force &amp; Facilitative mechanism</b> (per Jun 2021 submission)	CMA3 to establish temporary task force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporary task force to develop WP containing definition of NMAs, registry hub of NMAs, institutional arrangements for the framework and MPG for coordination of relevant institutional arrangements</li> <li>SBSTA/SBI57 to establish facilitative mechanism and Network</li> <li>CMA4 to adopt the WP</li> </ul>	1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of facilitative mechanism	X <sup>th</sup> meeting of facilitative mechanism	X <sup>th</sup> meeting of facilitative mechanism	X <sup>th</sup> meeting of facilitative mechanism
<b>Article 6 committee</b> (per Jun 2021 submission)	CMA3 to adopt WP and establish Article 6 committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings of Article 6 committee to develop schedule for WP activities and identify focus areas</li> <li>SBSTA57 to adopt the schedule</li> <li>CMA4 to adopt the focus areas</li> </ul>	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> meetings of Article 6 committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8<sup>th</sup> meetings of Article 6 committee to report to CMA7 including inputs on review of WP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SBSTA64&amp;65 to undertake review of WP including institutional &amp; reporting arrangements</li> <li>CMA8 to adopt a decision on review of WP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submissions on the need for new governance</li> <li>SBSTA66&amp;67 to recommend on the need for institutional arrangements superseding Article 6 committee</li> <li>CMA9 to adopt a decision on the need</li> </ul>

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# Possible issues relevant to operationalization of Article 6.8 governance options proposed at CMA2 and ITEDs

Options	Possible issues	ITED comments
<b>NMA forum</b> (per COP25 3 <sup>rd</sup> Presidency text)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Merging consideration of need for new governance at CMA9 (2027) with review of WP at CMA8 (2026)?</b> Presidency text ver. 3 states that CMA9 (2027) will adopt a decision on the need for institutional arrangements superseding the NMA forum. To accelerate implementation of the framework, adoption of the decision could be advanced from CMA9 (2027) to CMA8 (2026) where decision on the review of the WP including institutional and reporting arrangements is adopted. Accordingly, in order to feed into NMA forum's inputs to the review of the WP by SBSTA/SBI, submissions on institutional arrangements could be advanced from 2027 to 2025 for consideration by NMA forum, and the scope of the submissions could be expanded from just the need for new governance to the review of WP.</li> <li>▪ <b>SBSTA/SBI decision on design of UNFCCC web-based platform at SBSTA/SBI57 (2022)?</b> Presidency text ver. 3 does not have a provision requesting NMA forum to develop and recommend the design of the UNFCCC web-based platform for adoption by SBSTA/SBI57 (2022). On the other hand, there are provisions to invite submissions on the design and operationalization plan of the platform by 30 Mar 2022 and to request NMA forum to develop the schedule for implementing the WP for adoption by SBSTA/SBI57 (2022). Therefore, addition of such a provision could be considered in order to accelerate implementation of the framework.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This year, Parties could review the timeframe of the work programme</li> <li>▪ All parts of Article 6 must be implemented fully at the same pace.</li> <li>▪ Views from the Parties on the UNFCCC web-based platform can be facilitated by the secretariat</li> </ul>
<b>Task force</b> (per COP25 1 <sup>st</sup> Presidency text)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>SBSTA/SBI decision on design of UNFCCC web-based platform at SBSTA/SBI59 (2023)?</b> Presidency text ver.1 does not have a provision requesting task force to develop and recommend the design of the UNFCCC web-based platform for adoption by SBSTA/SBI59 (2023). On the other hand, there are provisions to invite submissions on the design and operationalization plan of the platform by 30 Mar 2023 and to request task force to develop the schedule for implementing the WP for adoption by SBSTA/SBI59 (2023). Therefore, addition of such a provision could be considered in order to accelerate implementation of the framework.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as above</li> </ul>
<b>Temporary task force &amp; Facilitative mechanism</b> (per Jun 2021 submission)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>ROP for temporary task force at CMA3 or CMA4?</b> Submission does not refer to the rules of procedures (ROP) applicable to temporary task force. Without ROP adopted by CMA, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of temporary task force will not be able to be convened. Therefore, it is necessary to develop and adopt the ROP at either CMA3 (2021) or CMA4 (2022).</li> <li>▪ <b>Meetings of temporary task force in conjunction with SBSTA/SBI?</b> While the submission states that all necessary arrangements will be developed with the joint support of SBSTA/SBI chairs, it does not clarify the frequency of meetings of temporary task force and the timing of 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.</li> <li>▪ <b>Dissolving temporary task force after establishing FM?</b> Submission states "On the conclusion of the FNMA, the task force will be dissolved". As the framework referred to in the A6.9 of the PA will not be concluded, this could mean that temporary task force will be dissolved after establishing FM.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Following the adoption of the CMA decision, the task force would be dissolved</li> </ul>
<b>Article 6 committee</b> (per Jun 2021 submission)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>ROP for Article 6 committee at CMA3 or CMA4?</b> Submission does not refer to the timing of adopting ROP applicable to Article 6 committee. Without ROP adopted by CMA, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Article 6 committee will not be able to be convened. Therefore, it is necessary to adopt the ROP at either CMA3 (2021) or CMA4 (2022).</li> </ul>	



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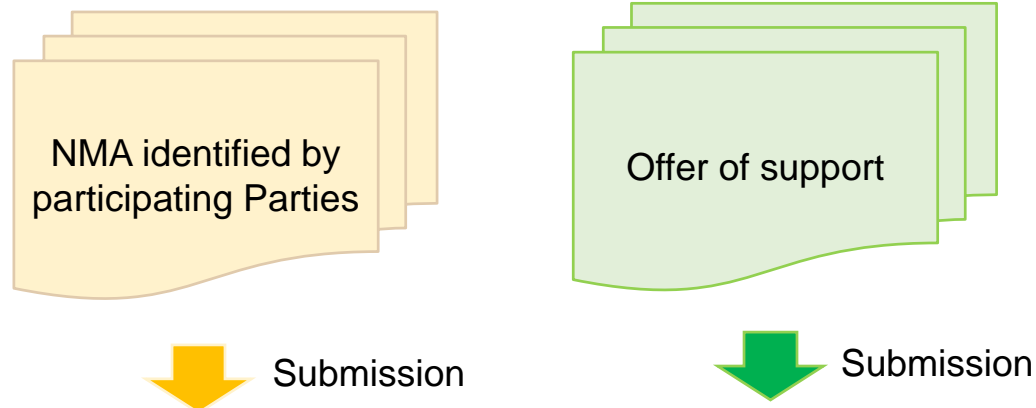
# Possible design elements of UNFCCC web-based platform (1)

Possible aspects (para 7(a)(iii))	Possible elements
<b>Functions</b>	Objectives of the web-based platform below (Annex - para 8(b)(i))? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Record information on NMAs</li> <li>▪ Exchange information on NMAs</li> <li>▪ Support identification of opportunities for participating Parties to develop and implement NMAs, including in relation to finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building</li> <li>▪ Support matching of the NMAs and the opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>Form</b>	Publicly available online platform operated by the UNFCCC secretariat (Annex - para 8(b)(i))?
<b>Target users</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participating Parties (Annex - para 3(a)), including host Parties and Parties providing support for the NMA?</li> <li>▪ Public and private sector stakeholders (Annex - para 2(a)(ii)), including NMA developers and support providers?</li> </ul>
<b>Information to be contained</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NMA identified by the participating Parties (Annex - para 8(a)(i)(b)) including the following information of the NMA?:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Title</li> <li>○ Status (e.g. development, implementation)</li> <li>○ Location</li> <li>○ Timeframe</li> <li>○ Participating Parties</li> <li>○ Public and private sector stakeholders</li> <li>○ Specific activities</li> <li>○ How the NMA meets provisions referred to in chapter II of annex</li> <li>○ Lessons learned and best practices including in terms of para 8(b)(ii)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Support needed/received for the development and/or implementation of the NMA?</li> <li>▪ Support offered/provided for the development and/or implementation of the NMA?</li> </ul>
<b>Timeline for development and implementation</b>	SBSTA/SBI to decide in its decision on the schedule for implementing the work programme activities (para 4)?
<b>Relevant lessons learnt from other existing tools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NAMA registry?</li> <li>○ NAMA facility?</li> </ul>

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## Possible design elements of UNFCCC web-based platform (2)



### **UNFCCC web-based platform**

- **Record** information on NMAs
- **Exchange** information on NMAs
- Support **identification of opportunities** for participating Parties to develop and implement NMAs, including in relation to finance, technology development and transfer and capacity-building
- Support **matching** of the NMAs and the opportunities
- ❖ Submission portal & public information interface could contain info of the NMAs including:
  - Title
  - Location
  - Timeframe
  - Specific activities
  - Participating Parties
  - Public and private sector stakeholders
  - How the NMA meets provisions referred to in Chapter II of the annex
  - Lessons learned and best practices including in terms of para 8(b)(ii)
  - Support needed/received for development and/or implementation of the NMA
  - Support offered/provided for development and/or implementation of the NMA

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