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Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) convened at this session the 7th meeting of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches (GCNMA).

2. The SBSTA welcomed:

(a) The progress of implementation and outcomes of the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3, including:

(i) The continued progress since GCNMA 6 in operationalizing the NMA Platform,¹ including the technical adjustments made thereto, which is contributing to the implementation of the work programme activities referred to in decision 4/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 8(b)(i);

(ii) The new capacity-building resources² developed by the secretariat in relation to implementing Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, including on using the NMA Platform;

(iii) The launch in April 2025 of a discussion forum³ for Parties and non-Party stakeholders, designed to facilitate networking among active users of the NMA Platform and the presentation of information on non-market approaches (NMAs), including information identified through implementing the work programme activities;⁴

(b) The broad participation of Parties, relevant bodies, representatives of institutional arrangements and processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and observers, including through the delivery of seven presentations, a world café and a round-table discussion, in the in-session workshop held in conjunction with GCNMA 7⁵ with the aim of sharing views on using the NMA Platform, exchanging information on NMAs, including how they support the implementation of nationally determined contributions, and reflecting on support available and needed for strengthening NMAs, thereby contributing to the implementation of the work programme activities referred to in decision 4/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 8(b)(ii);

(c) The constructive use of a spin-off group at GCNMA 7, which provided an opportunity for more detailed discussion of common concerns, experience and challenges, including an exchange of lessons learned and other information, pertaining to innovative and synergistic NMAs that can enhance mitigation and adaptation action by creating and realizing efficiencies and co-benefits.

3. The SBSTA took note of:

¹ Available at <https://unfccc.int/nma-platform>.

² A range of resources are available on the NMA Platform information hub.

³ Available at <https://unfccc.int/nma-forum>.

⁴ As per decision 8/CMA.4, para. 11.

⁵ Organized in accordance with decisions 8/CMA.4, para. 10(a), and 7/CMA.6, paras. 17–18.

(a) The report by the secretariat on the in-session workshop held in conjunction with GCNMA 6,⁶ which contributed to the implementation of the work programme activities referred to in decision 4/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 8(b)(ii);

(b) The information recorded on the NMA Platform since GCNMA 6 on financial, technology and capacity-building support available or provided for identifying, developing or implementing NMAs;⁷

(c) The secretariat's notification to Parties and observers via the GCNMA email distribution list that the submission portal⁸ is open, enabling them to provide views and information on the topics referred to in decision 7/CMA.6, paragraph 27;⁹

(d) The secretariat's update¹⁰ at GCNMA 7 on the status of development of the NMA Platform and its quantitative report on the activities on the NMA Platform,¹¹ including:

(i) The recording of two NMAs as at 20 June 2025;

(ii) The receipt of a growing number of nominations for national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, with 97 nominations having been received as at 20 June 2025 compared with 78 as at GCNMA 6;

(iii) The registration of 23 support providers¹² as at 20 June 2025;

(iv) The revised language used on the NMA Platform to describe the scope of NMAs under the framework;¹³

(e) The capacity-building activities undertaken by the secretariat for national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, as well as those related to the work programme delivered as part of the broader capacity-building programme related to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

4. The SBSTA noted that the complementarity and added value of the work programme activities should be ensured, while avoiding duplication of work under the framework with the work of the subsidiary bodies and the constituted bodies under the Paris Agreement, taking into account the mandates of these bodies.

5. The SBSTA also noted that the work programme should contribute to the ambitious implementation of nationally determined contributions, building on the already existing subsidiary bodies and constituted bodies under the Paris Agreement, and their relevant work programmes.

6. The SBSTA invited Parties that have not yet notified the secretariat of their national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement to do so to enable them to access the NMA Platform, and encouraged Parties to ensure that their national focal points are aware of the capacity-building resources referred to in paragraph 2(a)(ii) above.

7. The SBSTA also encouraged national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement to share their national-level experience, best practices, lessons learned and case studies pertaining to NMAs with a view to improving implementation thereof, including by making use of the discussion forum referred to in paragraph 1(a)(iii) above, in-session workshops and spin-off groups.

8. The SBSTA further encouraged Parties to record their NMAs on the NMA Platform to facilitate information exchange and stakeholder engagement,¹⁴ and to make use of the

⁶ FCCC/SBSTA/2025/1.

⁷ As per decision 8/CMA.4, para. 8.

⁸ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁹ As per decision 7/CMA.6, para. 28.

¹⁰ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/647919>.

¹¹ As per decision 7/CMA.6, para. 19.

¹² Any entity providing financial, technology and/or capacity-building support for identifying, developing or implementing NMAs.

¹³ As per decision 7/CMA.6, para. 29.

¹⁴ Recalling decisions 17/CMA.5, para. 7, and 7/CMA.6, para. 24.

discussion forum referred to in paragraph 1(a)(iii) above for collaborating on potential NMAs.

9. The SBSTA encouraged interested Parties, relevant bodies, representatives of institutional arrangements and processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement related to, inter alia, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building, including United Nations bodies, multilateral, bilateral and other public donors, and private and non-governmental organizations to provide information on financial, technology and capacity-building support available or provided for identifying, developing or implementing NMAs for recording on the NMA Platform.

10. The SBSTA noted that the participants in the in-session workshop referred to in paragraph 2(b) above expressed the view that national processes for selecting NMAs are complicated and that there is limited knowledge and awareness of the NMA Platform among some stakeholders.

11. The SBSTA welcomed that some Parties are starting to put in place institutional arrangements and national processes for selecting NMAs for recording on the NMA Platform.

12. The SBSTA noted that Parties participating in the Adaptation Benefits Mechanism¹⁵ have invited other Parties to join the Mechanism.

13. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to:

(a) Continue providing capacity-building support for identifying, developing and implementing NMAs, as well as for using the NMA Platform, to national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, prioritizing the provision of support to developing country Parties;

(b) Conduct outreach to a broad range of stakeholders on the NMA Platform, covering matters such as the functionality of the discussion forum referred to in paragraph 1(a)(iii) above, with the aim of increasing awareness of and engagement in the Platform;

(c) Improve the experience of users of the NMA Platform by:

(i) Adding new country filters such as “Small island developing States”;

(ii) Adding “Forests” as a sector and disaggregating the existing “Land, ocean, food and water” sector into individual sectors;

(iii) Including a section for indicating the institutional frameworks pertaining to the NMA;

(iv) Ensuring that all countries are fully visible on the map and accurately reflecting the geographical locations (country and region) of NMAs;

(v) Including the total number of recorded NMAs in the graphics on the information hub;

(vi) Making the NMA Platform user manual more visible on the NMA Platform home page.

14. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to organize an event focused on NMAs at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (November 2025), with the event to include a dedicated session on the “Joint Amazon Mechanism of Mitigation and Adaptation for Integrated and Sustainable Forest Management” to effectively identify the needs of developing countries in the Amazon relating to NMAs and aligning them with means of implementation, including finance, technology transfer and capacity-building, with a view to providing opportunities for the identification of potential support, including finance, for the integrated and sustainable management of the Amazon forest and for expanding it to other interested countries and sub-groups.

¹⁵ The Adaptation Benefits Mechanism was the first NMA recorded on the NMA Platform.

15. The SBSTA further requested the Chair of the SBSTA to organize, in coordination with the secretariat, a meeting to be held during its sixty-third session (November 2025) aimed at maximizing the potential of bodies and representatives of institutional arrangements and processes under or related to the Convention and the Paris Agreement to enhance implementation of the “Joint Amazon Mechanism of Mitigation and Adaptation for Integrated and Sustainable Forest Management”.

Option 1

16. The SBSTA recommended a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption at CMA 7 *{for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2025/L.X/Add.X}*.

Option 2

17. The SBSTA agreed that consideration of this matter will continue at the 8th meeting of the GCNMA with a view to developing elements of a draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session (November 2025) *{for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBSTA/2025/L.X/Add.X}*.

{End of Option 2}

18. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 13–15 above.

19. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

Annex

[Elements of a] draft decision -/CMA.7

Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

I. Unlocking the full potential of non-market approaches

1. *Decides* that the NMA Platform¹ shall allow for non-market approaches, either existing or intended for implementation, to be submitted by both Parties and non-Party stakeholders such as civil society organizations, social organizations, Indigenous Peoples and local communities;
2. *Also decides* that the submission of non-market approaches may involve one or more participating Parties;
3. *Further decides* that the submission of a non-market approach by any stakeholder shall include a non-objection letter from the participating Party or Parties via their national focal point for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, or where one is not designated the UNFCCC national focal point, and that such a letter shall be provided at the time of submission of the non-market approach;
4. *Decides* that, where two or more Parties are participating in a non-market approach and it is submitted by a non-Party stakeholder, non-objection letters shall be provided by all Parties involved via their national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, or where such national focal points are not designated the relevant UNFCCC national focal points, at the time of submission of the non-market approach;
5. *Also decides* to transform, with the support of the secretariat, the NMA Platform into a dynamic instrument for deepening understanding of opportunities, best practices, actionable solutions, enabling conditions, challenges and barriers related to the topics discussed at the in-session workshops and in the spin-off groups for the identification, development, implementation and scaling up of non-market approaches;
6. *Further decides* to establish non-market approach focused events to be held in conjunction with each meeting of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches to effectively articulate the means of implementation with developing countries' non-market approach needs, including through finance, technology transfer and capacity-building, with the aim of providing opportunities for project proponents to identify potential support, including finance, through specific round tables, in order to unlock such support for implementing mitigation actions and achieving adaptation co-benefits;
7. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to consider establishing a dedicated window for financing non-market approaches, including a readiness process if needed, in the context of the effective fulfilment of Article 9, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement, through the provision of new and additional public finance by developed countries, and to report on the operationalization thereof to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its sixty-fourth session (June 2026);

¹ Available at <https://unfccc.int/nma-platform>.

8. *Also requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to include non-market approaches among its thematic focus areas and forums, and hold a forum dedicated to financing non-market approaches in 2027;
9. *Further requests* the secretariat to establish an interactive module on “Mother Earth Centric Actions” on the NMA Platform, open to Parties and non-Party stakeholders, to reflect and educate stakeholders on the potential of eco-centric approaches, to address climate change, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development jointly in the context of the implementation of Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement² and submit the module for consideration and approval by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its eighth session (November 2026);
10. *Requests* the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the secretariat to articulate the instruments and relevant institutional arrangements under the Convention for the support of each non-market approach registered in the non-market approach focused event, referred to in paragraph 6 above, following a per project basis approach;

II. Joint mitigation and adaptation approaches

11. *Decides* to support the development of policy approaches, including joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, in the context of the implementation of Article 5 of the Paris Agreement and decision 16/CP.21;
12. *Also decides* that such support shall be provided in the context of enhanced efforts to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation by 2030 as referred to in the outcomes of the first global stocktake;³
13. *Emphasizes* the role of the NMA Platform as a dynamic instrument for deepening understanding of opportunities, best practices, actionable solutions and enabling conditions, as well as challenges and barriers, related to the implementation of joint mitigation and adaptation approaches in the Amazon region and other interested regions;
14. *Requests* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to consider establishing a dedicated window for financing non-market approaches related to the implementation of joint mitigation and adaptation approaches, as per Article 5 of the Paris Agreement, through the provision of new and additional public finance by developed countries;

III. Other matters

15. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision;
16. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

² As per decision 7/CMA.6, para. 13.

³ Decision 1/CMA.5, para. 34.