



RCC West and Central Africa
Collaboration for Climate Action

Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (Article 6.4/PACM) capacity building and technical assistance in Cameroon

Concept Note

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1 Background and context

[Cameroon's updated Nationally Determined Contribution \(NDC 3.0\)](#), submitted to the UNFCCC on 17 June 2026, raises the country's mitigation ambition and provides an important policy basis for strengthening engagement with international carbon markets. Cameroon aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 38% below the business-as-usual scenario by 2030, comprising 13% unconditional and 25% conditional reductions, and to deepen this effort to 41% by 2035, comprising 14% unconditional and 27% conditional reductions. These targets reinforce the importance of mobilising international support, investment, technology and technical capacity to complement domestic action. The NDC identifies mitigation opportunities across key sectors, including energy, waste, agriculture and forestry, while linking climate action with Cameroon's broader national development and climate-policy framework. This is particularly significant given Cameroon's strategic position in Central Africa and the Congo Basin, where the country combines substantial forest resources with growing mitigation and investment opportunities across land use, energy, infrastructure and other productive sectors.

Cameroon's engagement also takes place in a context where analytical work, including the World Bank's work on Article 6 and carbon-market implementation in the Congo Basin, has highlighted the need to strengthen institutional readiness, technical capacity, environmental integrity and access to climate finance. These provide an important complementary basis for strengthening national readiness to engage with the [Article 6.4/Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism \(PACM\)](#). The NDC 3.0 also explicitly expresses Cameroon's intention to participate in the financial and cooperative mechanisms under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and to strengthen national capacities for their effective implementation, providing a direct policy basis for enhanced Article 6 readiness, including engagement with the PACM. The programme responds to the mandate in [decision 3/CMA.3, paragraph 14](#), which requests the [UNFCCC secretariat \(UN Climate Change\)](#), including through its regional collaboration centres and in consultation with the Supervisory Body and Parties, to support voluntary participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism. This mandate covers the institutional arrangements needed to implement the mechanism and technical capacity-building for developing baselines in host countries.

Following a request by the MINEPDED, Cameroon, to the [UNFCCC RCC WAC Africa](#), this proposed programme combines a virtual session, an in-person workshop and targeted technical follow-up. The virtual session is the first stage of the programme: it introduces Article 6 and the PACM and initiates the capacity-building needs assessment. The questionnaire adapts the UNFCCC Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB) framework and Article 6 capacity-building approach to Cameroon. It compares existing and required capacities, records evidence and constraints, and identifies key priorities. Its findings will inform the introductory recap, discussions on the functions of the Designated National Authority (DNA) and examination of needs during the workshop.

Building on the virtual session, this workshop covers an introductory recap of Article 6 and the PACM, the functions of the DNA, and further assessment of capacity-building needs. Participants will examine DNA functions, their relationships with relevant institutions, and the capacities needed to perform those functions. They will clarify gaps and support priorities using the questionnaire responses. RCC WAC Africa provides technical advice and capacity-building.

2 Objectives

The workshop aims to consolidate the introductory knowledge of Article 6 and the PACM gained during the virtual session, clarify DNA functions and identify Cameroon's priority capacity-building needs. Questionnaire responses will guide discussions and proposals for subsequent support.

The specific objectives are to:

- Consolidate understanding of the basic concepts of Article 6 and the PACM, their purposes and key actors, in relation to Cameroon's NDC 3.0 and questions arising from the virtual session.
- Clarify DNA functions in PACM participation, including activity approval, authorization of A6ERs and institutional coordination, and the information and working relationships needed to perform those functions.
- Refine the needs assessment by comparing existing and required capacities and identifying gaps.
- Prioritise key support needs and propose follow-up arrangements that take account of existing assistance, institutions to involve and the intended results.

3 Expected results

The expected results of the workshop include:

- Participants share an understanding of the basic concepts of Article 6 and the PACM and can explain the DNA's role in national participation in the mechanism.
- A preliminary matrix links DNA functions to institutions to involve, information needs and coordination issues to clarify, distinguishing existing mandates from proposed arrangements.
- A needs-assessment synthesis draws together questionnaire responses and workshop discussions, covering existing and required capacities, supporting evidence, gaps and their causes at individual, institutional and systemic levels.
- Key support priorities are recorded in a follow-up matrix specifying proposed actions, expected results, institutions to involve and indicative timing to be confirmed.

4 Programme format and arrangements

The in-person workshop scheduled to take place in Yaounde, Cameroon on 26 October 2026 will combine introductory recaps, discussions of DNA functions, a focused institutional mapping exercise and group work on capacity-building needs. The plenary report-back and final synthesis will clarify support priorities.

Organisers: UNFCCC RCC WAC Africa in partnership with the Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED)

Participants (TBD)

Duration
01 day
Date
26 October 2026
Venue / Place
TBD

5 Provisional agenda for the in-person workshop

Time	Item	Responsible
08:30–09:00	Registration	MINEPDED / RCC WAC Africa
09:00–09:15	Opening remarks - Welcome from the National Focal Point, - UNFCCC RCC Regional Lead - MINEPDED Ministry representative.	- Kagonbe Timothée, UNFCCC National Focal Point - Walters Tubua, UNFCCC RCC Regional Lead - MINEPDED representative
09:15–09:30	Objectives and agenda Recall the virtual-session discussions, present initial questionnaire responses, and clarify the scope of the day.	National Focal Point team / RCC WAC Africa
Section 1: Introduction to Article 6 and the PACM		
09:30–10:15	Session 1: Introductory recap following the virtual session Overview of Article 6 and the place of the PACM; purpose, governance and key actors of the mechanism; links to NDC 3.0. Address questions identified during the assessment. Recap 30 min; Q&A 15 min.	Article 6 and Carbon Pricing Specialist, RCC WAC Africa
10:15–10:30	Coffee break and group photo	All
Section 2: DNA functions and institutional coordination		
10:30–11:20	Session 2: Functions of the Designated National Authority The DNA's role in Article 6/PACM participation, activity approval, national coordination and communication with the secretariat. Clarify relationships with other stakeholders and relevant institutions. Presentation 30 min; discussion 20 min.	Article 6 and Carbon Pricing Specialist, RCC WAC Africa / national team

Time	Item	Responsible
11:20–12:05	Session 3: Guided exercise on DNA functions Link each function to the institutions to involve and information needed. Distinguish existing mandates, proposed arrangements and questions requiring clarification. <i>Mapping 30 min; discussion 15 min.</i>	RCC WAC Africa / National Focal Point team / national institutions
12:05–13:05	Lunch break	All
Section 3: Needs assessment and support priorities		
13:05–13:35	Session 4: Review of initial assessment findings Present questionnaire responses, check reported capacities and supporting evidence, and clarify missing information and constraints. <i>Presentation 20 min; discussion 10 min.</i>	RCC WAC Africa / National Focal Point team
13:35–14:20	Session 5: Two groups on priority needs Group 1: capacities needed to perform DNA functions and coordinate with institutions. Group 2: needs for understanding Article 6 and the PACM, and requests for further support. Each group records the intended task, existing capacity, gap, cause and proposed support.	Participants RCC WAC Africa / MINEPDED facilitators
14:20–14:35	Coffee break	All
14:35–15:00	Plenary report back Present proposed needs, compare findings and clarify differences. <i>Two reports and discussion: 25 minutes.</i>	Group rapporteurs / RCC WAC Africa / participants
15:00–15:20	Session 6: Priorities, learning review and follow-up Agree on key priorities, proposed actions (short-term vs medium- to long-term priority action points), expected results, institutions, and indicative timelines. Review key learning and remaining gaps and confirm next steps and follow-up arrangements.	MINEPDED / National Focal Point / RCC WAC Africa / participants
15:20–15:30	Closing remarks: - UNFCCC RCC Regional Lead - UNFCCC National Focal Point - MINEPDED Ministry representative.	- Walters Tubua, UNFCCC RCC Regional Lead - Kagonbe Timothée, UNFCCC National Focal Point - MINEPDED representative