

Regional Workshop on Article 6 and Carbon Pricing

15th to 18th Dec 2025

Civil Aviation Authority Training Centre, Muscat, Oman

Concept Note

Overview

UNFCCC secretariat and its Regional Collaboration Center for MENA and South Asia, in collaboration with the “Environmental Compliance Environment Authority, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman”, is organizing a four-day Regional Workshop on Article 6 and Carbon Pricing focusing on the MENA region. The overarching objective of this workshop is to foster an effective engagement with the cooperative mechanisms, including both market and non-market approaches, established under the Paris Agreement.

This workshop forms part of the UNFCCC’s broader regional capacity-building initiatives to address critical gaps in implementing Article 6, which became fully operational following COP 29.

Despite the framework’s potential to mobilize climate finance and accelerate NDC implementation, many Parties face challenges in engaging with Article 6’s cooperative mechanisms-particularly integrating the in the NDC implementation. Some of the reported and observed gaps include limited technical understanding of the associated processes, compliance requirements, key decisions and their implications, and applicable carbon crediting mechanisms.

This workshop will provide hands-on training to enhance clarity on Article 6 rules, foster peer-to-peer knowledge exchange, and strengthen institutional readiness for market-based climate action.

Objectives

The overarching goal of this workshop is to enable a comprehensive understanding of the opportunities presented under the cooperative approaches of Article 6, and to support the operationalization of PACM, considering the approval of the maiden baseline methodology by the PACM Supervisory Body during its 18th meeting.

In particular, this workshop aims to:

1. Foster greater regional dialogue on effective carbon pricing strategies, stakeholder engagement, and implementation pathways
2. Deepen the understanding of how to effectively engage with market and non-market cooperative mechanisms under Article 6, including 6.2, 6.4 and 6.8
3. Assist the participants in developing better strategies and plans to embed Article 6 in their NDC implementation, and climate action policies
4. Facilitate a platform for sharing of best practices, challenges and experiences in engaging with Article 6 mechanisms
5. Strengthen the technical knowledge of the regional stakeholders about participation and compliance requirements under Article 6.

Target Audience

The format of this four-day capacity building workshop will be in-person with the following target audience:

- UNFCCC National Focal Points, CDM and Art 6.4 DNA representatives
- Representatives from relevant line ministries of target parties (Energy, Natural Resources, Environment, Climate Change, Forest, Finance, and other relevant ministries)

- International Development Agencies, Multilateral Development Banks and other relevant regional partners
- Private sector and civil society representatives

Workshop Programme

Moderated by Ms. Ana Vukoje, Regional Lead, RCC MENA SA, UNFCCC

DAY 1 – Regional Dialogue on Carbon Pricing (REDiCAP)	
INTRODUCTION	
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Ceremony Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eng Sulaiman bin Nasser Al Akzami, Vice President, Environment Authority, Sultanate of Oman. • Ms. Ana Vukoje, Regional Lead, RCC MENA SA, UNFCCC • Dr. Said Hamed Alsarmi, Article 6.4 DNA, Oman NetZero Center, Sultanate of Oman.
09:30 – 09:40	Group Picture
SESSION 1	
09:40 – 10:30	Taking stock of the Carbon Pricing in MENA: Main Instruments and Trends Format: Presentation and discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Umamaheswaran Krishnan, RCC MENA SA, UNFCCC <p>The session will provide a macro-level overview of the state of carbon pricing globally, with a focused coverage of the main carbon pricing trends and instruments deployed by the countries in the region.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
SESSION 2	
11:00 – 12:45	Aligning Carbon pricing with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) Format: Presentations and discussion Speakers: Country representatives from Iraq, Morocco <p>This session will explore how well-designed carbon pricing policies can enhance climate ambition under the Paris Agreement, particularly in the context of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs 3.0) in 2025.</p> <p>It will examine and present country experiences from up to 4 selected countries in the region who have instituted carbon pricing policies in support of their NDCs. The presentations would focus on aligning these policies with the NDCs, national circumstances and sustainable development priorities, while also featuring insights on leveraging carbon markets for mitigation actions and investment acceleration.</p>
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch
SESSION 3	
14:00 – 15:15	Role of Carbon Markets in NDC Implementation. Format: Presentations and discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mohammed AlShuiali, Oman Net Zero Center, Sultanate of Oman

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rachid Tahiri, Head of Climate Change Division, Direction of Climate Change and Biodiversity, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development -Morocco <p>This session will explore the critical role of Carbon Markets in supporting countries' NDC implementation, providing structured pathways for emissions reductions that complement national climate strategies.</p> <p>It will highlight the nexus between voluntary carbon markets and Article 6 mechanisms, including corresponding adjustments (CA), demonstrating how voluntary efforts can align with national climate priorities while supporting credible market architecture and investment pathways.</p> <p>The discussion will focus on the development of high-integrity project pipelines that contribute to NDC goals and are adaptable for future participation, with projects designed in accordance with Article 6.4. The session will also draw on insights from the Voluntary Carbon Market, PACM, and NDC Linkages Study, illustrating a robust framework for integrating voluntary market actions into national climate strategies.</p>
15:15 – 16:00	<p>Cooperative Mechanisms under Article 6 Format: Presentation followed by a discussion</p> <p>Format: Presentations and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Umamaheswaran Krishnan, RCC MENA SA, UNFCCC <p>This session will feature a presentation by the UNFCCC, providing an introductory overview of Article 6, including its mechanisms (6.2, 6.4, and 6.8) and the next steps in its implementation. The session aims to foster a broader understanding of Article 6, with detailed discussions on each mechanism to follow throughout the workshop. It will also explore the interlinkages between Article 6 and NDC implementation, highlighting how the mechanisms can support countries in achieving their climate commitments.</p>
16:00 – 16:15	Break
16:15 – 17:00	<p>Article 6 Implementation: Prospects and road ahead</p> <p>Format: Townhall discussion led by UNFCCC and Article 6.4 SBM Members from the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNFCCC Secretariat Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne, Member, Supervisory Body for the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM) <p>The session will feature a presentation by the UNFCCC to synthesize the implications of the Baku and Belem outcomes, particularly the operationalization of the PACM, an overview of the opportunities it presents for the region, and the roles of different stakeholders. The rest of the session will be open for questions and comments from the participants.</p>
17:00 – 17:15	Wrap up of day 1

DAY 2 - Operationalizing Article 6	
SESSION 1	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Unlocking Article 6 Potential and catalysing climate action</p> <p>Format: Presentations and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Umamaheswaran Krishnan, RCC MENA SA, UNFCCC <p>COP29 has charted a decisive course for advancing global carbon markets through the finalization of Article 6 implementation rules, yet translating these frameworks into action demands robust national policies.</p> <p>This session will examine the progress in operationalizing Article 6.2, with a focus on bilateral cooperation and the agreements emerging in the region, as well as the support provided to and requested by countries. It will also provide an in-depth discussion of PACM (Article 6.4), highlighting the differences between Articles 6.2 and 6.4 and their interrelationships. Additionally, given the increasing participation of MDBs, their perspectives will also be incorporated into the discussion.</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Break
SESSION 2	
10:45- 13:00	<p>Understanding the PACM</p> <p>Format: Presentations and discussion</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNFCCC Secretariat</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the Paris Agreement Carbon Markets (PACM) governance structure, including roles of the Supervisory Body (SBM), Expert Panels, and Designated National Authorities (DNAs).</p> <p>Further discussions in this session will include the operational processes and will also navigate participants through the Article 6.4 website to show the (activity cycle, tools, guidance, standards and procedures Mechanism Registry) and guidance for transitioning Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) activities into the PACM framework.</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
SESSION 3	
14:00-15:30	<p>Understanding the Roles and Responsibilities of Host Parties under Article 6 – Part I</p> <p>Format: Presentations and discussion</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNFCCC Secretariat</p> <p>The session will provide a comprehensive walk-through of Host Parties' roles and responsibilities under the PACM, including participation requirements, methodological roles, and responsibilities. Interactive exercises will guide participants through practical applications including guidance on how to fill related documentation and the associated processes. Exercise – Host Party Participation form deliberation</p>
15:30 - 15:45	Break
SESSION 4	
15:45 – 16:45	<p>Understanding the Roles and Responsibilities of Host Parties under Article 6 - Part II</p> <p>Format: Presentations and discussion</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNFCCC Secretariat</p>

	The session will provide a comprehensive walk-through of Host Parties' roles and responsibilities under PACM, focusing on activity specific roles and responsibilities, including matters related to authorization, as well as accounting and reporting responsibilities. Interactive exercises will guide participants through practical applications including guidance on associated documentations and processes.
16:45 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00 – 17:15	Reflections and closing
End of Day 2	

DAY 3 – Engagement under PACM: Operational Aspects	
SESSION 1	
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Transitioning of CDM Activities</p> <p>Format: Presentations and discussion Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, UNFCCC Secretariat • UNEP CCC <p>This session would provide the participants with the strategic and procedural guidance for transitioning Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) activities to the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM).</p> <p>The discussions will focus on application of the eligibility criteria, timelines, stakeholder collaboration, documentation, and safeguarding against double counting.</p> <p>Participants will also be invited to share their experience and insights on the transition process, including observed and foreseen implementation challenges to ensure compliance with Article 6.4 requirements.</p>
SESSION 2	
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Understanding the rules and regulations: Registry and Tracking</p> <p>Format: Presentation followed by a discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Santhosh Thanjavur Prakasam, UNFCCC Secretariat <p>This session will provide an overview of the forthcoming international registry and the interim mechanism registry.</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Break
SESSION 3	
11:15 – 12:15	<p>Building High integrity Carbon Markets</p> <p>UNFCCC Secretariat and Representatives from the Supervisory Body of the Mechanism</p> <p>Format: Presentation and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne, Member, Supervisory Body for the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM) <p>This session explores how verification, rigorous methodologies, and governance structures ensure credibility and integrity through real climate</p>

	<p>impact across the carbon market landscape.</p> <p>It will cover a few key integrity features of existing standards, particularly under the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism under Article 6.4 as an emerging benchmark. Through its multilateral UNFCCC oversight, centralized governance, harmonized methodologies, and transparent institutional architecture, Article 6.4 creates systematically higher assurance than fragmented approaches.</p>
12:15 – 13:00	<p>Understanding the Reporting and review processes under Article 6</p> <p>Format: Presentation and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Umamaheswaran Krishnan, RCC MENA SA, UNFCCC <p>This session will provide the participants with an overview of the key reporting and review processes under Article 6, including AEF, Initial Reports, Regular Information, as well as the expected roles and responsibilities of the Article 6.4 DNAs.</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
SESSION 4	
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Understanding the Reporting and review processes under Article 6</p> <p>Format: Presentation and Discussion UNFCCC Secretariat</p> <p>Participants should focus on practical application and real-world examples, collaborate within their groups to ensure completeness and accuracy, and be prepared to share and discuss their reports with the wider group for feedback.</p> <p>Group Exercise: In this exercise, participants will work in groups to prepare the following types of reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Report – Capture baseline information, planned activities, and the framework for reporting.
15:00 – 15:15	Break
15:15 – 16:45	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Report – Summarize yearly progress, activities completed, and preliminary outcomes. Regular Information – Provide ongoing updates, clarifications, or additional data as needed.
16:45 – 17:00	Review and wrap-up of the day
End of Day 3	

DAY 4 - Operationalization and Action Planning

SESSION 1

09:00 – 10:00	<p>Private sector roles in Article 6 for NDC Implementation</p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <p>This session will feature a presentation by a project developer on the role of the private sector in mitigation projects as well as on the linkages with Article 6 and NDC implementation.</p>
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SESSION 2

10:00 – 11:00	<p>Overview of Article 6 Capacity Building Initiatives</p> <p>UNFCCC Secretariat</p>
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	This session will feature presentations by select international and regional development partners on their capacity building initiatives in the region.
11:00 – 11:15	Break
SESSION 3	
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Article 6.8: Background and Experiences</p> <p>Format: Presentation and Discussion Ms. Barbara Ratusznik, UNFCCC Secretariat – Virtual Session</p> <p>This session will feature a presentation by UNFCCC which will provide an overview of Article 6.8, including its definition, purpose, and how it differs from the market-based approaches of Articles 6.2 and 6.4. It aims to enhance participants' awareness of non-market approaches and their contribution to the goals of the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>The session will also include an activity for the participants to identify potential non-market opportunities in participants' respective countries.</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
SESSION 4	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Embedding Workshop Learnings into National Strategies</p> <p>Guided discussion followed by an activity</p> <p>This session will provide space for countries to present their positions on Article 6 and the tools needed to accelerate its integration into their respective NDC targets. This includes integrating carbon pricing into NDCs and designing evidence-based policies. This will be followed by an individual activity.</p> <p>Individual Activity: Participants will draft a basic framework or action plan for incorporating carbon pricing into their country's NDCs over the next five years. This will focus on identifying key data points needed for evidence-based policy design, assessing the support needed and currently received, and addressing main foreseeable risks.</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Survey / Evaluation</p> <p>Wrap up and Closing remarks UNFCCC, Sultanate of Oman</p>