

NDCs 3.0 Regional Forum & Regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Carbon Pricing and Article 6 Training for the Pacific

Dates: 12-16 August 2024

Venue: Apia, Samoa

I. Background

The Pacific nations, while contributing negligibly to global emissions, are on the frontlines of climate impacts. They are building resilience through adaptation planning and investments while also making bold commitments to reduce their carbon footprints through ambitious climate policies and projects. All 14 Pacific Island Countries have submitted their first NDC,¹ 11 have submitted updated, revised or second NDCs,² and 5 countries have submitted their National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).³

Mitigation and adaptation strategies are increasingly incorporated into domestic policy frameworks and regulations. However, the region faces many challenges, including access to resources, information and knowledge management, as well as the monitoring and coordination of these measures at local, national and regional levels. There are gaps in capacity for data collection and monitoring, and in accessing technology and finance on the ground. The challenges faced by the Pacific Islands underscore the necessity for support and collaboration to build solutions and bolster resilience of these vulnerable islands against adverse impacts of climate change.

The next generation of **NDCs (so-called NDCs 3.0)**, due in 2025, are an opportunity to set the world back on track for achieving the objectives of the Paris Agreement and to align climate action with sustainable development. New NDCs must be informed by the first Global Stocktake (GST), and they need to drive transformational implementation in each country, unlock finance, identify technology and capacity needs, increase resilience, and ensure that no one is left behind.

This year also marks a pivotal moment for the implementation of the **enhanced transparency framework (ETF)** under the Paris Agreement, as Parties shall submit their first biennial transparency reports (BTRs) and national inventory reports with the acknowledgment that least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS) may submit at their discretion. There is significant interest among LDCs and SIDS to prepare and submit their BTRs, to showcase their progress under the Paris Agreement and communicate their gaps and support needs. Therefore, providing technical support and advice to the Parties from the Pacific region to facilitate their BTR preparation efforts and timely submissions is crucial, aiming to fast-track the preparation of their BTRs and facilitate submission in 2024.

Participation in international **carbon markets and Art.6** can attract foreign investment into renewable energy, reforestation, and other green projects, thereby providing potential significant revenue for Pacific island nations, supporting local economies, and funding sustainable development projects. The Pacific island nations have not benefited much from the Clean Development Mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol (CDM), as awareness raising and capacity building were lagging behind. Technical expertise in measuring, reporting, and verifying emissions reductions can benefit greatly from carbon market participation. While some Pacific island states receive support, there is still much room for enhancing regional dialogues on effective carbon pricing strategies, stakeholder engagement strategies, and implementation pathways.

¹ Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

² Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu,

³ Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands and Tonga.

The final GST outcome from COP28 highlights the importance of ‘multi-stakeholder engagement, enhancing ownership by beneficiary countries, and sharing experiences and lessons learned, particularly at the regional level’,⁴ while recognizing the significant capacity constraints of the least developed countries and small island states,⁵ making the Pacific region a priority area for collectively providing support.

II. Objectives

The overall objective of a week-long event is to serve as a platform for development partners to strengthen their commitment to serve the Pacific countries to address the challenges posed by climate change, highlight the importance of regionally-specific, locally-driven initiatives, and discuss ways to accelerate climate action and just, inclusive transition in the region. The event offers a multi-faceted and practical approach to understanding, planning and implementing climate change mitigation strategies.

Specifically, the event is designed to:

- Enhance understanding of NDCs 3.0 whereby participants gain clear guidance on developing and submitting their new NDCs in 2025, including identifying support needs and addressing gaps and challenges.
- Empower stakeholders, in particular national experts, in the Pacific region by sharing best practices between Pacific countries and their partners, and providing them with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the ETF and prepare BTRs; as well as promote peer exchange and networking among participants;
- Share information and provide knowledge on Article 6, emissions trading and carbon markets with key stakeholders to increase their understanding and readiness for participation;
- Gain a comprehensive assessment of actions taken and progress made to address knowledge, capacity-building, monitoring and evaluation, technology and policy gaps in the Pacific region;
- Improve the understanding of the Pacific region's progress in addressing climate knowledge gaps, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation, finance mobilization, technology adoption, and policy development.
- Strengthen regional support for Pacific Island Countries from the UNFCCC secretariat through the RCC Asia-Pacific, fostering a long-term partnership for future climate action and ensuring heightened visibility of the Pacific countries;
- Co-create support frameworks between Pacific countries and support partners to address the challenges posed by climate change through a multi-faceted and multi-pronged practical approach;
- Provide an opportunity to convene a meeting of the NDC Hub Focal Points in the region, and update them on Phase 3 NDC implementation in the Blue Pacific through the Pacific Regional NDC Hub as well as provide more clarity and guidance on Phase 4 implementation commitments.

III. Participants

The event aims to target technical personnel from Pacific countries (listed in the Annex) responsible for preparing NDCs and BTRs and engaging with the Article 6 processes under the Paris Agreement, but it will also be open to other participants from Parties and Non-Party Stakeholders in the Pacific.

IV. Organization of the event

The event is co-organized by the UNFCCC secretariat, including through its Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCC Asia Pacific), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the NDC Partnership in cooperation with the UN Environment Programme and the Regional Pacific NDC Hub, with support from the UN Development Programme.

⁴ Outcome of the first global stocktake (FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/L.17), Paragraph 113.

⁵ Outcome of the first global stocktake (FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/L.17), Paragraph 41, 75, 106.

Annex I: List of Pacific countries

No	Country	Category
1	Cook Islands	Developing country
2	Fiji	Developing country
3	Kiribati	LDC
4	Marshall Islands	Developing country
5	Federated States of Micronesia	Developing country
6	Nauru	Developing country
7	Niue	Developing country
8	Palau	Developing country
9	Papua New Guinea	Developing country
10	Samoa	Developing country
11	Solomon Islands	LDC
12	Tonga	Developing country
13	Tuvalu	LDC
14	Vanuatu	Developing country

Annex II: Proposed Agenda

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TIME	12 AUGUST	13 AUGUST	14 AUGUST	15 AUGUST	16 AUGUST
08:30-09:00	Registration, Networking				
09:00-10:30	NDC Hub Focal Point Meeting	Opening Plenary	Article 6 NDC	Article 6 NDC	Article 6 NDC
10:30-11:00	Coffee/ Tea Break				
11:00-12:30	NDC Hub Focal Point Meeting	Plenary Keynotes	Article 6 NDC	Article 6 NDC	Article 6 NDC
12:30-14:00	Lunch				
14:00-15:30	NDC Hub Focal Point Meeting	Article 6 NDC	Article 6 NDC	Article 6 NDC	Plenary Session on Finance
15:30-16:00	Coffee/ Tea Break				
16:00-17:00	NDC Hub Focal Point Meeting	Article 6 NDC	Article 6 NDC	Article 6 NDC	Closing Plenary

Annex II: Detailed Agenda

12 August: NDC Hub Focal Point Meeting

Time	Session	Moderator Vanda Faasoa-Chan Ting
08:00 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 09:00 30 mins	Kava Ceremony [Participants and guests are kindly requested to be seated at the designated area by 08:30 hrs (at the latest) for the ceremony to start]	SPREP
09:00 - 09:05 5 min	Welcome Remarks Ms. Tagaloa Cooper , Director of Climate Change and Resilience Programme of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	SPREP
09:05 - 09:10 5 mins	Opening Prayer	NDC Hub Focal Point
09:10 - 09:30 20 mins	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Lealaisalanoa Frances Reupena, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of National Resources and Environment (MNRE), Samoa 	– Government of Samoa
09:35 - 09:45 10 mins	Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Heike Henn, Director for Climate, Energy and Environment and Commissioner for Climate Policy and Climate Financing, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) Ms Coral Pasisi, Director Climate Change and Sustainability Division, Pacific Community (SPC) 	– BMZ and SPC
09:45 – 09:50	Group Photo	
09:50 - 10:20	Morning Tea	
10:20 - 10:35 15 mins	NDC Hub progress to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key learnings/successes: Coordination – Structure – Relevance 	– GIZ
10:35 – 10:50 15 mins	Impressions from a Focal Point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Debra Sungi, Chair of the NDC hub, A/Managing Director Climate Change and Development Authority, PNG 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Toiata Apelu-Uili, Assistant Chief Executive Officer - Renewable Energy at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa 	
10:50 – 11:00 10 mins	Introduction to the Handover – (GGGI) Symbolic Handover of the NDC Hub Secretariat Photo Opportunity	
11:00 – 11:20 20 mins 11:20 - 11:25 5 mins	Phase 4 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vision of the NDC Hub under SPC – Future shape NDC Country Requests (Feedback on Country Requests received) <p>➤ Soft launch of the Website</p>	– SPC
11:25 – 11:55 30 mins	Annual Evaluation	– GIZ
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 – 13:45 60 mins 13:45 – 13:50 5 mins	Steering Committee Meeting Session (Includes voting for new incumbents per region and head) and announcement and welcome of newly composed Committee	– Steering Committee only – All
13:50 - 15:05 75 mins	Open Floor with Reflections from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focal Points and Donors 	– All
15:05 – 15:15 10 mins	Closing of the Focal Point meeting by the new Head of the NDC Hub Steering Committee	
15:15 - 15:25 10 mins	Announcement of the training opportunity in the next days	SPREP and UNFCCC
15:25 – 16:00 35 mins	Afternoon Tea	
17:30	(early) Evening Reception @ ROKOs	NDCP

13 August: Day 1

Opening Plenaries (9:00 am – 12:30 pm)

Time	Session
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00-9:45	Opening Plenary & Welcome Remarks <i>Master of Ceremony: Government of Samoa</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General, SPREP Mr. Themba Kalua, UN Resident Coordinator, UN Multi-Country Office for Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, and Tokelau Mr. Perumal Arumugam, Manager, Markets and Non-Markets Support and Stakeholders Interaction subdivision, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC secretariat Mr. Deo Gabinete, Regional Manager, NDC Partnership Support Unit
09:45- 10:15	Group Photo and Coffee/ Tea Break
10:15-11:45	Plenary Session: Talanoa Dialogue on Climate Ambition in the Pacific <i>Moderator: SPREP</i> <p>This session aims to reflect on what raising ambition means for Pacific Island countries in the context of the Paris Agreement. This will be an open, inclusive, and respectful dialogue for all participants from Pacific countries who would like to partake and share their stories and will set the regional context for the 4-day training. This will also provide an opportunity to share learnings from the NDC Focal Point Meeting.</p>
11:45-12:30	Plenary Keynotes <i>Moderator: RCC Asia Pacific</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urgency of NDCs 3.0 for the Pacific– Fast-tracking BTRs and aligning with NDCs – Mr. Vlad Trusca, Manager, Transparency Division, UNFCCC secretariat Article 6 as a tool to achieve NDCs – Mr. Perumal Arumugam, Manager, Markets and Non-Markets Support and Stakeholders Interaction subdivision, Mitigation Division, UNFCCC secretariat
12:30-14:00	Lunch

13 August: Day 1

Parallel Sessions (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Time	NDC Session
14:00 - 14:30	Introduction to Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of workshop agenda and objectives

	<p><i>RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of facilitators and participants <p><i>NDC Partnership</i></p> <p>Ice Breaker</p>
14:30 - 15:30	<p>Context Setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDC guidance: CMA Decisions, Outcomes of the Global Stocktake and what it means for the new NDCs in 2025 – <i>Mitigation Division, UNFCCC secretariat</i> • Transparency Outlook: Key outcomes from the intergovernmental process, key provisions on ETF and BTRs – <i>Transparency Division, UNFCCC secretariat</i> • Pacific NDCs: Sub-regional overview – <i>SPC, Regional Pacific NDC Hub</i> <p>Question and Answer Session</p>
15:30 - 16:00	Tea/ Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Taking stock of the Pacific NDCs: Looking Back, Moving Forward</p> <p><i>Moderator: RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>A critical starting point of the NDCs 3.0 revision process will be to reflect on the ambition levels of a country's current NDC, the progress made to date in implementing the current NDC and the wider policy and action landscape. In this breakout session countries will reflect on lessons learned from the development and implementation of previous NDCs and identify gaps, challenges and barriers, while also exploring their priorities for the NDC 3.0.</p> <p>Guiding questions (that will prompt reflections on process and content, including technical areas, institutional arrangements and coordination mechanisms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the most significant gaps and challenges in developing and submitting your NDC? • In assessing the progress made on your NDC, what were the barriers to achieving targets and implementing actions? • What are the key technical/content areas for raising ambition that your country may want to prioritize in the next NDC? • What are the key processes to support implementability that your country may want to prioritize in the next NDC? <p>Tour-de-table of all countries / Moderated discussion: 50'</p>

14 August: Day 2

Parallel Sessions (9:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Time	NDC Session
08:30 - 09:00	Registration

09:00 - 09:10	Recapitulation of Day 1 and Overview of Day 2 <i>RCC Asia Pacific</i>
9:10 – 09:30	Navigating the next generation of NDCs <i>Presentation by NDC Partnership</i> Introduction to the NDC 3.0 Navigator and Global Thematic Call for NDC 3.0 and LTS
09:30 - 10:30	Envisioning the NDCs 3.0 <i>Moderator: NDC Partnership</i> Presentations from development partners (7-8' each) on the following topics in the context of the NDCs 3.0: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting targets, including economy wide NDC targets, disaggregating and enhancing targets across sectors and government levels: <i>UNEP</i> • Aligning the NDC with LT-LEDS and net zero goals: <i>UNDP</i> • Guidance on ICTU and Accounting: <i>Mitigation Division, UNFCCC secretariat</i> • Inclusion of adaptation priorities in the NDCs: <i>SPREP</i> • Reflecting activities, policies and measures in the NDC and enhancing data availability for informed decision-making: <i>Transparency Division, UNFCCC secretariat</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Tea/ Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	NDCs 3.0: What does raising climate ambition mean for the PICs? <i>Moderator: UNFCCC Secretariat</i> Based on the previous presentations and considering national circumstances and priorities, countries will identify in breakout groups the different routes and opportunities they can take in their NDC 3.0 to raise ambition. The discussion will focus on ambition setting including target setting, sectoral coverage and timeframes, with consideration of enabling environments for ambitious and implementable NDCs such as alignment with long-term plans (LT-LEDS), national and subnational development plans and sectoral roadmaps, various policy instruments as well as other international communications (NBSAPs, NAPs, TAPs etc), stakeholder engagement, institutional arrangements and intergovernmental coordination, as well as means of implementation including finance, capacity building and technologies etc. Key guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key technical/content areas for raising ambition that your country may want to prioritize in the next NDC? • What are the key processes to support implementability that your country may want to prioritize in the next NDC?

	<p>Report back and discussion Each facilitator to report back: 5' per group</p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 14:45	<p>Sectoral Integration: Best Practices and Opportunities (45') <i>Moderator: UNEP</i></p> <p>In this panel discussion, country representatives will share their experiences of good practices, challenges, and opportunities for integrating sectoral commitments and policies in the NDCs and key lessons learned from this process that can be applied to the development of NDCs 3.0. The discussion will focus on key priority sectors for the Pacific as identified in the previous sessions.</p> <p>Countries: Vanuatu, Tonga, FSM, Nauru</p> <p>Question and Answer Session</p>
14:45 - 15:30	<p>Delivering a just and equitable transition and mobilizing all-of-government and all-of-society (45') <i>Moderator: RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>Moderated interactive discussion in breakout groups to discuss practical ways in how Pacific countries can align their NDCs to deliver just and equitable transition and to adopt all-of-government and all-of-society approaches for NDC preparation and implementation</p> <p>Station 1: Delivering a just and equitable transition <i>Moderator: UNDP</i> [Including cross-cutting enablers and integrated, collaborative approaches, economic diversification strategies, socio-economic impacts on workers and communities, identifying and quantifying the impacts on affected peoples, frameworks for Just Transition processes etc.]</p> <p>Station 2: Mobilizing all-of-government and all-of-society <i>Moderator: Melbourne Climate Futures (Indo Pacific Climate Change Hub)</i> [Including effective coordination across government, integration and mainstreaming the NDC in national planning processes, engaging local and regional governments, inclusive communication and engagement, inclusion of non-government stakeholders etc.]</p> <p>Report back (5' each)</p>
15:30 - 16:00	Tea/ Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:00	<p>Meaningful Youth Engagement in NDCs <i>Moderator: YECAP</i></p> <p>This YECAP session will offer concrete examples of meaningfully engaging youth in long-term strategy decisions. It will focus on sharing best practices for youth engagement with NDCs and financing and investment planning that takes into account youth considerations.</p>
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15 August: Day 3

Parallel Sessions (9:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Time	NDC Session
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:10	<p>Recapitulation of Day 2 and Overview of Day 3 <i>RCC Asia Pacific</i></p>
9:10 - 10:30	<p>Preparation of the BTRs - A Clinic Session <i>Transparency Division, UNFCCC secretariat</i></p> <p>Participants will be invited to respond to the following questions, and reflect on the potential solutions to address the concerns and challenges.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the status of BTR preparation in your country? When do you plan to submit the first BTR? 2. What are the main concerns or challenges in BTR preparation process? 3. Do you foresee the need to make use of the flexibility provisions? If so, which provisions you envisage to use? <p>Reflection question for all: How can the concerns or challenges be addressed? What are some good practices and potential solutions?</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Tea/ Coffee Break
11:00 - 13:00	<p>Preparation of the BTRs Hands-On Work and Peer Exchange <i>Transparency Division, UNFCCC secretariat</i></p> <p>Group work and peer-to-peer exchange on drafting BTR sub-chapter to track progress made in implementing and achieving NDCs, and the accompanying CTFs. (Group work: 45' & Peer exchange: 45')</p> <p>Participants will form groups and utilize available data and information as they proceed with drafting the relevant chapter of a BTR and accompanying CTFs. The groups will prepare the information/data relevant to selected CTFs. Following the group work, they will be invited to report back their reflections on the exercise,</p>

	<p>questions and identified gaps. The templates and the instructions will be developed and shared in advance.</p> <p>Presentation on the ETF reporting tools (30')</p> <p>Participants will be introduced to the ETF reporting tools and its functionalities.</p> <p>Question and Answer Session</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	<p>Panel discussion on utilizing implementation and investment frameworks for NDCs</p> <p><i>Moderator: NDC Partnership</i></p> <p>Countries to share how they are utilizing their action plans or implementation plans to guide and direct technical assistance and project financing needed for NDC implementation.</p> <p>Context Setting Presentation: 10'</p> <p>What do implementable and investable NDCs look like?</p> <p>2 Country Presentations: 10' each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshall Islands/ Samoa/ Vanuatu <p>Tour-de-table of all countries / Moderated discussion: 30'</p>
15:00 - 15:30	Tea/ Coffee Break
15:30 - 17:00	<p>Implementation pathways in the Pacific: Increasing ambition and accelerating decarbonization</p> <p><i>Moderator: UNDP</i></p> <p>This panel discussion will discuss good practices, challenges and opportunities on implementing the NDCs through systems approaches in decarbonizing the power and transport sectors, just transition, and incorporating principles of circular economy such as resource efficiency and waste reduction.</p> <p>Questions and answers (20')</p>

16 August: Day 4

Parallel Sessions (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Time	NDC Session
08:30 - 09:00	Registration

09:00 - 09:10	Recapitulation of Day 4 and Overview of Day 5 <i>RCC Asia Pacific</i>
9:10 – 10:30	NDC 3.0 Support for the preparation <i>Moderator: RCC Asia Pacific</i> <p>The clinic will offer an opportunity to countries to dive-deep on the enabling activities for implementable NDCs 3.0 with development organizations, based on the needs and priorities, as well as the gaps and challenges identified by countries in previous sessions.</p> <p>Each table will be facilitated by two-three organizations who will start with a brief ice-breaker on a priority regional challenge relevant to the thematic area of the table in the context of NDCs 3.0. Participants will brainstorm potential policy, technological, and financial solutions to the challenge.</p> <p>Potential focus areas for the Clinic tables (15' per table):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence and science-based policy making: <i>UNEP, UNFCCC secretariat</i> • Policies, regulatory frameworks & institutional arrangements: <i>UNDP, SPREP</i> • Finance & fiscal instruments: <i>GGGI, CFAN</i> • Capacity building: <i>SPC, RCC Asia Pacific</i> <p>Report Back and Questions and Answers (30')</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Tea/ Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	Identifying priority support needs for enhancing countries' capacities for NDC Implementation <i>Moderator: NDC Partnership</i> <p>Accessing technical resources from a diverse menu of multilateral, bilateral, public and private sources is a complex and dynamic challenge. This breakout group discussion is aimed at sharing common challenges and solutions to access support, and how these can be communicated in their next NDCs.</p> <p>Station 1: Identification of support needs <i>Moderator: RCC Asia Pacific</i> [Identifying capacity-building and technical assistance needs in both preparation and implementation of NDCs, greater clarity on technology needs for NDC implementation, understanding and leveraging different approaches to technology transfer and uptake etc.]</p> <p>Station 2: Unlocking finance for NDC implementation <i>Moderator: GGGI and SPC</i></p>

	<p>[Enhancing understanding of investment needs, enhancing NDC ‘investability’, reducing the investment gap through a climate finance landscape assessment, facilitating an enabling environment etc.]</p> <p>Report back (5-10’ per station)</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch

13 August: Day 1

Parallel Sessions (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Time	Article 6 Session
14:00 - 14:30	<p>Introduction to Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of workshop agenda and objectives <i>RCC Asia Pacific</i> Opening Remarks <i>SPREP and UNFCCC</i> Context and Agenda Setting <i>RCC Asia Pacific</i> <p>Ice Breaker</p>
14:30 - 15:30	<p>Scene setting: Taking stock of Carbon Pricing main instruments and trends – global to regional</p> <p>Presentation – UNFCCC/RCC-AP (20’)</p> <p>This session will start with an overview of the Carbon Pricing Instruments deployed globally and in the region, under development or considered in a presentation</p> <p>Q&A session.</p> <p>Implementing Carbon Pricing for Climate Action</p> <p>This session will dive into the complexities and strategic considerations essential for implementing and administering effective and equitable carbon pricing policies across different national contexts.</p> <p>Presentation on identifying what works: 20’ – UNFCCC/RCC-AP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic considerations for Carbon Pricing <p>Moderated Discussion: 20’ – RCC-AP</p> <p>How can we implement carbon pricing mechanisms, markets and other economic instruments that are both effective and equitable in national contexts?</p>

	Question and Answer Session
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Tea/ Coffee Break</i>
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Country presentation (45') <i>Moderator: RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>Each country to present on the role of carbon market/carbon pricing in the NDC and LT-LEDs, progress or status of introduction CP/CM (1-2 slides each country; template will be provided before the training)</p> <p>Open moderated discussion on the experiences of countries on which instrument they chose (carbon tax, ETS, Hybrid approaches, other economic instruments) or are considering deploying in their contexts.</p> <p>10 min Wrap up and a preview of 2nd day</p>

14 August: Day 2

Parallel Sessions (9:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Time	Article 6 Session
08:30 - 09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00 - 09:10	<p>Recapitulation of Day 1 and Overview of Day 2 <i>RCC Asia Pacific</i></p>
9:10 – 09:30	<p>Article 6 - Converging local actions and global markets <i>UNFCCC-RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>This session will consist of a presentation that gives an overview of Article 6, with a broader coverage of its mechanisms (especially 6.2 and 6.4) and how they interact with and support carbon markets. The presentation will highlight how Article 6 frameworks can establish an effective international market for carbon credits and facilitate cross-border cooperation. In addition, this will cover the current state of play in global climate discussions related to Article 6 including key milestones until now, and what is currently being negotiated.</p>
09:30 - 10:30	Unlocking NDC Potential and catalyzing climate action under Article 6

	<p><i>UNFCCC-RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>This session is designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to the mechanisms of Article 6 under the Paris Agreement, focusing on how they facilitate international cooperation to enhance Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Participants will gain foundational knowledge of the main operational components of Article 6—specifically Articles 6.2, 6.4, and 6.8. This will prepare attendees for more in-depth discussions on technical and practical aspects of implementing Article 6 strategies.</p> <p>Presentations from UNFCCC and RCC Experts: 45'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paris Agreement, NDC Ambition Cycle, and how Article 6 Cooperative mechanisms can support achieving national and global targets. (20') • Transitioning from CDM (5') • Engaging and participating in Article 6 mechanisms (20') <p>Moderated Discussion with the Participants (20')</p>
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Tea/ Coffee Break</i>
11:00 - 12:30	<p>Article 6.2: Cooperative Approaches <i>UNFCCC-RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>Presentation Art.6.2 – Introduction/overview (20 min)</p> <p>This session will highlight the facets and importance of the Article 6.2 initiatives and help the participants understand all that it entails. This session will have a panel discussion covering what constitutes a successful project and procedural and institutional requisites. This will yield valuable insights into optimizing the effectiveness and compliance of planned projects under Article 6.2.</p> <p>Panel Discussion (with Presentations if needed) (25')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why should we participate in Article 6.2? • What makes a good 6.2 project/initiative? • Authorization Process and Corresponding Adjustments <p><i>Tbc: UNFCCC, UNDP, Australia, other DPs</i></p> <p>Sharing Country Experiences (45 min) <i>Moderator: RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tbc: Vanuatu, Australia, Fiji, PNG • Recent MoUs signed with buyer countries
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

14:00 - 14:45	<p>Article 6.2: Reporting, Reviewing and Tracking <i>UNFCCC-RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>This session will dive into the critical aspects of reporting, reviewing, and tracking under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement. These processes are fundamental in ensuring the environmental integrity and transparency of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes (ITMOs) and supporting the achievement of NDCs.</p> <p>Panel Discussion: 45'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 1: Overview of Article 6.2 Reporting Requirements • Presentation 2: The Review Process under Article 6.2 • Presentation 3: Tracking Systems for ITMOs
14:45 - 15:30	<p>Article 6.2: Simulated Exercise on Reporting, Reviewing and Tracking (understanding Corresponding Adjustment) (45') <i>Introduction and Moderator: UNFCCC/RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>In this activity, participants will engage in a simulated exercise designed to practically illustrate the process of reporting, reviewing, and tracking Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) under Article 6.2. Participants will be divided into multiple groups, each of whom will be tasked with both creating a comprehensive ITMO transaction report and critically reviewing another group's report.</p> <p>Pre-designed templates and instructions for the session will be developed.</p>
15:30 - 16:00	<p><i>Tea/ Coffee Break</i></p>
16:00 - 17:00	<p>DP sharing information on support programs <i>Moderator: RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>DPs in the room or remotely will have a short time slot to present their programs in the Pacific region and opportunities for countries to join.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP: High Integrity Carbon Market initiative • FAO: Art.6 opportunities in the Agrifood System (tbc) • GIZ (tbc) • Others (tbc) <p>Discussion</p> <p>10 min Wrap up and a preview of 3rd day</p>

Parallel Sessions (9:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Time	Article 6 Session
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:10	Recapitulation of Day 2 and Overview of Day 3 <i>RCC Asia Pacific</i>
9:10 - 10:30	<p>Exploring Article 6.4: Framework and Opportunities <i>UNFCCC/RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>This session aims to provide a foundational understanding of Article 6.4, focusing on its role in promoting sustainable development through market and non-market mechanisms. Participants will learn about the design and operational aspects of the Article 6.4 mechanism, including similarities and differences compared to the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).</p> <p>Expert Presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Article 6.4 (20') • Challenges and Opportunities in the context of operationalization (20') <p>Moderated Discussion (15')</p> <p>Quiz (15')</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Tea/ Coffee Break
11:00 - 13:00	<p>Implementing Article 6.4: From Theory to Practice <i>Group facilitation: UNFCCC/RCC Asia Pacific, (tbc)</i></p> <p>This session will delve into the practical aspects of developing projects under Article 6.4, focusing on the procedural steps, stakeholder engagement, and project validation.</p> <p>Break out into 2-3 groups (topics tbc by survey):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep dive topics – 45' • 45' discussions, 30' reporting back
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	<p>Roles, Responsibilities and Participation Requirements Presentations (20 minutes) <i>UNFCCC/RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>This session will outline the envisaged roles of the Designated National Authorities and Article 6.4 eligible activities. It will start with an overview of the Article 6.4</p>

	<p>Activity Cycle and how host countries are required to approve mitigation activities prior to their registration under the mechanism. Presentations (45')</p> <p>Activity (25 minutes) Group Activity: Preparation of Host Party participation requirements for Article 6.4 mechanism (A6.4-FORM-GOV-001).</p> <p>Presentation and flip chart discussion (45') SDG benefits, Adaptation benefits</p>
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Tea/ Coffee Break</i>
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Article 6.8 – Introduction <i>UNFCCC/RCC Asia Pacific</i></p> <p>This session will deliver an overview of Article 6.8, including its definition, purpose and an explanation of how it differs from the market-based approaches of Articles 6.2 and 6.4. It aims to provide participants with an increased awareness of non-market approaches and how they contribute to the goals of the Paris Agreement. Participants will also have the chance to consider and discuss potential non-market opportunities in their respective countries.</p> <p>Presentation (25 minutes) Explanation of Article 6.8, summary of its work programme, overview of the NMA Platform, examples of non-market approaches.</p> <p>Discussion (35 minutes) Participants break into small groups to brainstorm potential NMAs suitable for their countries or examples of existing NMAs under implementation. Followed by plenary feedback summarizing the key views, experiences and lessons.</p> <p>10 min Wrap up and preview of 4th day</p>

16 August: Day 4

Parallel Sessions (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Time	Article 6 Session
08:30 - 09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00 - 09:10	Recapitulation of Day 3 and Overview of Day 4 <i>RCC Asia Pacific</i>

9:10 – 10:30	<p>Leveraging the Political Economy for Article 6.4 Engagement (50')</p> <p>This session will explore how political economy dynamics influence the authorization process under Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement. It aims to equip participants with strategies to leverage political, economic, and social factors to facilitate the engagement and implementation of Article 6.4 projects. The session will delve into how stakeholders can navigate the complex political landscapes to gain the necessary approvals and buy-in for successful project authorization.</p> <p>Embedding Workshop Learnings into National Strategies</p> <p>Expert Presentations (30')</p> <p>Topic 1: Integrating Carbon Pricing into NDCs (15') An expert presents on best practices and methodologies for incorporating carbon pricing mechanisms into Nationally Determined Contributions, with examples of countries that have successfully done this.</p> <p>Topic 2: Policy Design and Evidence-Based Approaches (15') Presentation on how to use data and evidence to design and refine carbon pricing policies, including tools for assessing impact and effectiveness.</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Tea/ Coffee Break
11:00 - 11:45	<p>Embedding Workshop Learnings into National Strategies (cont.)</p> <p>Group Discussion and Activity (45')</p> <p>Activity: Developing a Framework for NDC Integration Participants break into groups to draft a basic framework or action plan for incorporating carbon pricing into their own country's NDCs using a guided template. Focus on identifying key data points needed for evidence-based policy design.</p>
11:45 - 12:45	<p>Harnessing Voluntary Carbon Markets for NDC Implementation <i>GIZ</i></p> <p>Expert Presentation or Panel Discussion (60') about GIZ Project Support for Global Carbon markets including with representatives of selected project countries in the region.</p> <p>Discussion</p>
12:45-13:00	<p>Closing and Certificate distribution <i>Host Country Government and UNFCCC</i></p>

13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
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16 August: Day 4
Closing Plenaries (2:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Time	Session
14:00 - 15:30	Plenary Session: Panel discussion on unlocking finance for NDC 3.0 <i>Moderator: CFAN Regional Coordinator (TBC)</i> This panel discussion will reflect on the support and financing needs identified by countries over the last 4 days. Panelists will share thoughts on strategies about the enabling environment and what is really needed to make progress, drawing on reflections from the week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks with Pacific perspective: SPC (virtual) • Panel: GGGI, Melbourne Climate Futures, SPREP Climate Finance Unit and UNEP/GEF
15:30 - 16:00	Tea/ Coffee Break
16:00 - 16:30	Wrap Up Session and Evaluation <i>Moderator: UNFCCC Secretariat</i>
16:30 - 17:00	Closing Plenary <i>Moderator: Government of Samoa</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Aliona Niculita, UNDP Resident Representative in Samoa • Mr. Jinhua Zhang, Senior Coordination Officer, UNEP Pacific Office
17:00 onwards	Closing Reception hosted by NDC Partnership