



CONCEPT NOTE (FINAL)

Article 6.8 workshop: Understanding and engaging with non-market approaches

Thursday 10 September 2026, 09:00–11:00, Meeting Room A1

Implementation Forum, Baku Convention Centre

Climate Week 4, Baku, Azerbaijan

Background:

[Article 6](#) of the Paris Agreement recognizes that some Parties choose to pursue voluntary cooperation in the implementation of their nationally determined contributions (NDCs), with a view to allowing for higher ambition in their mitigation and adaptation actions and promoting sustainable development and environmental integrity.

Under [Article 6.8](#), Parties recognize the importance of integrated, holistic and balanced non-market approaches (NMAs) being available to assist Parties in implementing their NDCs, in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.

The framework for NMAs under Article 6.8 is relevant for Parties and stakeholders seeking practical ways to strengthen international cooperation beyond carbon markets. It can help bring together Parties and non-Party stakeholders around climate actions that contribute to NDC implementation through finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building.

As part of the [Implementation Forum](#) at [Climate Week](#), the workshop will align with the [Global Climate Action Agenda](#) axis on “Unleashing enablers and accelerators”. As NMAs may be developed across a wide range of sectors, the workshop will also highlight how Article 6.8 can support other axes of the Global Climate Action Agenda.

Objective:

The overall objective of the workshop is to build participants’ practical understanding of Article 6.8 and NMAs, with a focus on how these approaches can support NDC implementation through voluntary international cooperation on finance, technology and capacity-building.

The workshop will take a practical, example-based approach, helping participants understand the Article 6.8 framework, how to recognize potential NMAs and bring existing cooperation initiatives into the framework, and identify concrete next steps for Parties and non-Party stakeholders.

Format:

The workshop will be a two-hour interactive technical session delivered in person by UNFCCC, complemented by participant polling, quizzes and discussion, as well as interventions from Parties sharing their experience with NMAs. **It is open to all Climate Week participants** as part of the Implementation Forum. The workshop will also be streamed online for viewing only; virtual participation will not be available.

Registration:

Delegates who are registered for any mandated events during Climate Week can automatically join events at the Implementation Forum. Those not registered for any mandated events may register for the Implementation Forum at:

<https://indico.un.org/event/1024296/registrations/27354/> (closing 31 August 2026). No separate registration process is required for the workshop.



Workshop agenda

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Time	Session	Description
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome Open and agenda overview	Introductory remarks by Perumal Arumugam, UN Climate Change
09:00 – 09:25	Part 1 Setting the scene: Article 6.8 and non-market approaches	Introduction to Article 6.8 in the context of voluntary cooperation under the Paris Agreement, how it differs from market-based approaches under Articles 6.2 and 6.4, and its relevance to cooperation beyond carbon markets and the Global Climate Action Agenda
09:25 – 10:10	Part 2 Identifying and developing non-market approaches in practice	Guidance on how to identify and frame non-market approaches using quizzes, practical examples and case studies Speakers from Japan and the Philippines will discuss examples
10:10 – 11:00	Part 3 Engaging with Article 6.8: Roles, NMA Platform and institutional arrangements	Overview of how Parties and non-Party stakeholders can engage with Article 6.8, including through the NMA Platform, and possible institutional arrangements for coordinating Article 6.8 work at the national level Includes a group discussion