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Leveraging Article 6 to Accelerate NDC Implementation in Djibouti

1st Capacity-Building Workshop

Article 6 Operationalization in Djibouti: From Frameworks to Action

Date : 10^{th} February and 11^{th} February 2026

Venue : Djibouti Palace Kempinski, Djibouti City, Djibouti

Overview

In November 2025, Djibouti submitted its updated NDC, and this workshop will focus on how Article 6 can be leveraged to accelerate NDC implementation in the country. In December 2025, the Government of Djibouti requested the support of RCC MENA and South Asia under the CiACA initiative, with the objective of developing a National Strategy for Carbon Market Readiness and supporting the operationalization of Article 6 in Djibouti. This first capacity-building workshop will aim to enhance stakeholders' understanding of Article 6 under the Paris Agreement, including key concepts, participation requirements, and practical approaches for utilizing the implementation of Article 6 to support and accelerate NDC implementation.

The in-person workshop aims to build institutional readiness, clarify participation requirements, and identify opportunities for Djibouti to engage effectively in international carbon markets.

Workshop Outcomes

The first capacity building workshop aims to:

1. Enhance the understanding of how Article 6 can be leveraged to accelerate NDC implementation in the country
2. Strengthen institutional understanding of Article 6 and its relevance to domestic policy frameworks.
3. Build capacity among government agencies for participation in cooperative approaches and mechanism-based activities.
4. Enhance awareness of private sector roles in supporting Djibouti's NDC implementation through market mechanisms and low carbon development.
5. Lay the groundwork for the development of Djibouti's National Carbon Market Strategy and carbon trading framework.

Modality

- This will be an in-person workshop conducted over two days (9^{th} and 10^{th} February) at a hotel venue, with dedicated sessions for both government representatives and private sector stakeholders.

Participants

The workshop will bring together government representatives, private sector stakeholders, and technical experts to build comprehensive capacity for Article 6 readiness and carbon market engagement. Ensure broad participation and interaction between government and private sector actors to facilitate practical understanding of Article 6 mechanisms, domestic policy alignment, and project opportunities.

Representatives from Government

- Department of Environment (Article 6 Focal Point)
- Representatives from relevant ministries and mitigation agencies
- Climate Change Secretariat – National Focal Point for UNFCCC
- Representatives from the Presidential Secretariat
- Other relevant experts

Representatives from Private Sector

- Chambers of Commerce and key business associations
- Private sector entities with potential mitigation projects
- Banks and financial institutions engaged in green finance
- CDM project proponents and project developers
- Technical consultants and investment facilitators

Representatives from Civil Society

- Environmental NGOs and community-based organizations working on climate action
- Academic and research institutions engaged in climate policy and carbon markets
- Organizations active in sustainability and advocacy
- Development partners and non-governmental organizations supporting local climate projects

Day 1 – 10th February 2026; "Foundations of Article 6 and Carbon Markets"

Time	Session	Description
09:00 – 09:30	Registration & Participant registration.	
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome Remarks Mr. M.Dini Aabdallah Omar, Secrétaire General du Ministère de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable.	
09:45 – 10:00	Introduction and Context Setting; RCC MENA and South Asia	
10:00 – 10:45	**Session 1:** Les Contributions Déterminées au niveau National (CDN)	
10:45 – 11:00	Questions and Answers	Clarifications and discussion on the concepts presented in the session.
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:15	**Session 2: Article 6 as a Tool for Ambitious NDC Implementation**	Introduction to the Paris Agreement and its five main elements, with a focus on linkages between NDCs and carbon pricing instruments. The session provides an overview of Article 6 (Articles 6.2, 6.4, and 6.8) and explains how cooperative approaches can support enhanced ambition and effective NDC implementation.
12:15 – 12:30	Questions and Answers	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 14:15	**Session 3: Operationalization of Article 6**	Overview of the evolution of Article 6 negotiations and the current state of carbon markets, including key actors, demand trends, and market value. The session also covers institutional and policy frameworks, national arrangements, and an introductory overview of Article 6 mechanisms—

		Article 6.2 (ITMOs and cooperative approaches), Article 6.4 (Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism – PACM), and Article 6.8 (non-market approaches)—with emphasis on participation requirements, institutional roles, and host country expectations.
14:15 – 14:30	Questions and Answers	
14:30 – 15:15	**Session 4: Article 6 Implementation: Prospects and the Road Ahead**	Overview of recent developments shaping Article 6 implementation, including progress on operationalizing the PACM and implications for host countries. The session highlights opportunities for Djibouti to engage in Article 6 and leverage carbon markets to accelerate NDC implementation.
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 – 16:30	Open Discussion: Capacity Gaps, Priorities, and Expectations	Identification of national capacity gaps for Article 6 engagement, priority sectors, and expectations from government and private sector stakeholders. Inputs from this session will inform the national readiness roadmap and sequencing of technical assistance.
16:30 – 17:00	Wrap-up of Day 1	Summary of key takeaways, confirmation of next steps, and formal closing of Day 1.

Day 2 – 11th February 2026; "Article 6 Operationalization, Policy Framework & Private Sector Engagement"

Time	Session	Description
09:00 – 09:15	Recap of Day 1	
09:15 – 10:30	Session 1: Understanding the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM)	Detailed overview of the PACM governance and institutional arrangements, including the full activity cycle from project design through validation, registration, monitoring, verification, and issuance. The session also introduces applicable tools, standards, procedures, registry functions, and linkages with voluntary carbon market instruments.
10:30 – 10:45	Questions and Answers	
10:45 – 11:05	Coffee Break	
11:05 – 11:45	Session 2: Operationalizing Article 6 in Djibouti – Requirements and Readiness	Focused discussion on participation requirements under Articles 6.2 and 6.4, institutional arrangements, authorization processes, eligibility and positive lists, corresponding adjustments, project cycle requirements, and validation of pilot activities. The session also addresses practical sequencing for operational readiness, policy and political considerations, coordination mechanisms, and the economic implications of Article 6 engagement for Djibouti.

11:45 – 12:30	Discussion: Institutional Readiness for Article 6	Guided stakeholder discussion to identify readiness gaps and needs across policy, governance, institutional roles, procedures, and stakeholder coordination. Key inputs will be captured to inform the national Article 6 readiness roadmap.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 14:15	Development of Djibouti's Carbon Trading Policy Framework & Guiding Principles	Presentation of the proposed technical assistance approach to develop Djibouti's national carbon trading policy framework and guiding principles. The session outlines core elements including governance and approvals, eligibility criteria, safeguards, high-level benefit-sharing considerations, alignment with NDC and national development priorities, and the stakeholder engagement process.
14:15 – 14:30	Questions and Answers	
14:30 – 15:15	Working Session: Policy Framework Design and Priorities	Interactive working session to identify priority elements, policy design considerations, and sequencing for the development of Djibouti's carbon trading policy framework and Article 6 operational instruments.
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 – 16:30	Role of the Private Sector in Carbon Markets – Opportunities and Participation Pathways	Overview of market-based mechanisms and the evolving role of the private sector in carbon markets. The session covers international and voluntary carbon market trends, relevance of Djibouti's NDC commitments, private sector participation under Article 6.2, and engagement under Article 6.4 PACM, including differences from the CDM, baselines, and crediting periods.
16:30 – 17:00	Open Discussion, Way Forward, and Closing	

Outcome and Deliverables

The in-person workshop is designed to strengthen Djibouti's readiness to engage under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement by building a common understanding of Article 6 mechanisms (Articles 6.2, 6.4 and 6.8), recent international developments, and the operationalization of the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM).

Through structured technical sessions and deep-dive working discussions, the workshop will enhance institutional and technical capacity by clarifying indicative roles and coordination arrangements, advancing understanding of authorization and reporting requirements, and identifying priority actions such as positive lists and UNFCCC-related nominations.

Dedicated private sector sessions will raise awareness of participation pathways and help identify priority sectors and pilot activities aligned with NDC implementation and investment opportunities.

Overall, the workshop will lay the foundations for the development of Djibouti's National Carbon Market Strategy and a national carbon trading policy framework by consolidating strategic inputs and agreeing on a sequenced roadmap for policy development, institutional strengthening, and pilot implementation.

Outcome	Outputs	Indicators
1. Strengthened institutional understanding of Article 6 and its relevance to domestic policy frameworks	• Government officials demonstrate improved understanding of Article 6 mechanisms (6.2, 6.4, 6.8) and recent international developments. • Shared understanding of the Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM), its governance, and implications for Djibouti.	a. Number and diversity of government institutions participating in technical sessions b. Evidence of improved understanding reflected in workshop discussions, Q&A, and feedback c. Identification of key Article 6 concepts and implications documented in workshop proceedings.
2. Enhanced institutional and technical capacity for participation in cooperative approaches and mechanism-based activities	• Clarified indicative institutional roles, coordination mechanisms, and authorization processes for Article 6 engagement. • Initial roadmap outlining reporting, review, tracking, and registry requirements. • Agreement on priority institutional actions, including positive lists and UNFCCC-related nominations.	a. Draft outline of institutional arrangements and workflows captured during working sessions. b. Documented agreement on priority actions (e.g. DNA and focal point nominations). c. Identification of next steps for registry and MRV-related infrastructure.
3. Increased awareness and engagement of the private sector in supporting NDC implementation through A6 mechanisms	• Improved understanding of private sector roles and participation pathways under Articles 6.2 and 6.4 • Identification of priority sectors and pilot activity types suitable for private investment.	a. Participation of private sector representatives in dedicated sessions. b. Documented discussion of private sector participation pathways and investment considerations. c. List of potential pilot activity areas identified during the workshop.
4. Foundations laid for the development of Djibouti's National Carbon Market Strategy and carbon trading framework	• Consolidated strategic inputs for a National Carbon Market Strategy and Article 6 policy framework. • Agreed direction for sequencing policy development, institutional strengthening, and pilot implementation.	a. Draft elements and structure of a National Carbon Market Strategy identified. b. Workshop outcomes reflect alignment between Article 6 engagement and Djibouti's NDC priorities. c. Post-workshop roadmap outlining short-, medium-, and long-term actions agreed.