

**Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice**

**Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement**

**Informal note by the SBSTA Chair**

In relation to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement,<sup>1</sup> the SBSTA Chair, Tosi Mpanu Mpanu, held a series of informal consultations/informal technical expert dialogues. The informal consultations/informal technical expert dialogues commenced in April 2021, pursuant to the COP/CMP/CMA Bureau meeting in February<sup>2</sup> that requested the Presiding Officers to make available a calendar of upcoming activities, including informal consultations and technical expert meetings throughout the coming months and up to COP26, in preparation for a successful COP 26 in November 2021. The SBSTA Chair has been supported in his work by co-facilitators Anshari Rahman (Singapore), Hugh Sealy (Barbados), Kim Solberg (Netherlands) and Peer Stiansen (Norway). This informal note, which has no status, reflects the work to date.

The following informal consultations/informal technical expert dialogues were held between 19 April 2021 and 12 June 2021<sup>3 4</sup>:

- Financing for adaptation/Share of Proceeds (Article 6.2 and 6.4);
- Avoiding double use for outside the nationally determined contribution for 6.4;
- Ensuring rapid operationalization of Article 6 (Articles 6.2, 6.4 and 6.8);
- Enabling ambition in Article 6 instruments;
- Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) activity transition to the Article 6.4 mechanism;
- Implementing overall mitigation in global emissions in the Article 6.4 mechanism;
- Use of Kyoto Protocol units towards NDCs;
- Implementation of Article 6.8;
- Reporting and accounting for GHGs and non-GHGs under Article 6.2;
- Any other matters identified by Parties.<sup>5</sup>

Some groups, Parties and observers made submissions in respect of these informal consultations/informal technical expert dialogues.

Parties addressed possible options for resolving outstanding issues. Observers made statements at the last informal consultation/informal technical expert dialogue relating to any other matters identified by Parties.

For each informal consultation/informal technical expert dialogue, the Chair produced under his own authority a summary note, with no formal status.

The SBSTA Chair convened an informal meeting with heads of delegation on Article 6 on 14 June 2021 to take stock of progress and consider next steps. At the invitation of the SBSTA Chair, at the start of the meeting the COP 25 Presidency made remarks and the incoming COP 26 Presidency provided an update on its

<sup>1</sup> Documents relating to the Article 6 negotiations since 2016 are available at <https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/cooperative-implementation>.

<sup>2</sup> See [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/message\\_to\\_parties\\_and\\_observers\\_outcomes\\_of\\_cop\\_bureau\\_meeting.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/message_to_parties_and_observers_outcomes_of_cop_bureau_meeting.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> All summary notes by the Chair and relevant submissions received are available at <https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/cooperative-implementation>.

<sup>4</sup> In addition, during the UNFCCC Climate Dialogues 2020, the SBSTA Chair convened an informal meeting with heads of delegation and an informal discussion on baselines and additionality; see <https://unfccc.int/process/the-paris-agreement/cooperative-implementation#eq-1>.

<sup>5</sup> This included baselines and additionality, capacity building for Article 6, and other matters raised by Parties.

ministerial-level work on Article 6. In relation to the work of the SBSTA, the SBSTA Chair informed heads of delegation of his intention to continue to convene them on a regular basis and to continue informal technical expert dialogues throughout the coming months and up to COP 26. The SBSTA Chair called on the heads of delegation to engage in unlocking difficult issues and seeking compromise and to ensure that their technical experts are enabled and authorized to work informally to find possible solutions to unresolved issues. The SBSTA Chair heard from Parties on areas that could benefit from possible informal technical work by the secretariat that is factual, objective and could be useful to all Parties, whatever their viewpoint, as a tool, among others, to support their efforts of identifying possible solutions at CMA.3 in Glasgow. The SBSTA Chair will make more information available as part of the updated SBSTA plan for the second half of 2021.

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