

31 August 2023

To,

The Chair
Supervisory Body for Art 6.4 Mechanism
UNFCCC Bonn

Dear Madam:

Input for the Annotated agenda for the 7th Meeting of the Supervisory Body 10-14 September 2023

Thanks for circulating the Annotated agenda with notes and draft documents to be discussed at the 7th meeting of SB. I would like to submit my input on the Agenda item 2.3 Draft standard: Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation.

The Draft Standard Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation Version 01.0 circulated under the Annex A6.4-SB007-AA-A08 suggests some additions and requirements that refer to few ISO standards Viz., ISO 17029:2019, ISO 14065:2007 ISO 14065:2011, ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 17021:2015. As all the ISO standards priced heavily it is a barrier for entities such as the Activity proponents, especially in the developing countries. Moreover, the annexure AA08 does not explicitly mention, which particular provisions of these standards are expected to be followed by proponents and validated by the DOEs. **I would, therefore, like to suggest that the accreditation standard should copy the applicable portion or provisions of the above or any additional ISO standards that are applicable for Art 6.4 Mechanism Accreditation Standard and Procedure in toto within the Accreditation Standard (possibly in annexures thereto).** This will remove any ambiguity and lack of common understanding between the Activity proponents, DOEs and the Experts to be appointed in the Accreditation Panel, RIT of the SB etc. and will also make the process affordable to the entities involved in the Art 6.4 Mechanism.

I hope you find the suggestion above acceptable and beneficial for the Art 6.4 Mechanism.

Thank you,

Vinay Deodhar
Mumbai, India