



United Nations
Climate Change

NON-MARKET APPROACHES

ARTICLE 6, PARAGRAPH 8, OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT

What is Article 6.8 of the Paris Agreement?

Article 6.8 of the Paris Agreement refers to voluntary cooperation between Parties to achieve their climate action goals without involving the transaction of carbon or quid pro quo operations. It underscores the importance of non-market approaches in promoting sustainable development, enhancing mitigation and adaptation actions, and strengthening overall resilience to climate change.

Recognizing that market-based measures alone cannot address the full spectrum of climate challenges, Article 6.8 provides a framework for exploring alternative methods to meet nationally determined contributions (NDCs). By encouraging collaboration, knowledge-sharing and capacity-building, it fosters partnerships that advance climate action beyond market mechanisms.

Article 6.8 encourages Parties to implement voluntary non-market approaches in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. Parties can cooperate to develop and implement such approaches through the use of financial assistance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building.

Article 6.8 (full text)

Parties recognize the importance of integrated, holistic and balanced non-market approaches being available to Parties to assist in the implementation of their nationally determined contributions, in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, in a coordinated and effective manner, including through, inter alia, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology transfer and capacity-building, as appropriate. These approaches shall aim to:



(a) Promote mitigation and adaptation ambition



(b) Enhance public and private sector participation in the implementation of nationally determined contributions



(c) Enable opportunities for coordination across instruments and relevant institutional arrangements

Key decisions



Decision 4/CMA.3

Established the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches, known as the GCNMA

Adopted the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches



Decision 8/CMA.4

Adopted the work programme schedule

Agreed the specifications for a web-based platform (now known as the NMA Platform)

Mandated in-session workshops at GCNMA meetings



Decision 17/CMA.5

Established Article 6.8 national focal points to access the NMA Platform



Decision 7/CMA.6

Completed an expedited and simple assessment of the first phase of the work programme and provided guidance for the second phase, including on broader stakeholder engagement, outreach efforts and capacity-building



Decision -/CMA.7

Provided inputs for the SBSTA's 2026 review of the work programme

Provided guidance on information sharing, capacity-building and enhancements to the NMA Platform

What are non-market approaches?

Non-market approaches under Article 6.8 of the Paris Agreement should be aligned with the below principles. Within this scope, non-market approaches can take many forms, including capacity-building programmes, projects to develop clean energy technologies, and grants, concessional loans or other funding mechanisms to support climate-resilient development initiatives.

Each non-market approach facilitated under the framework of Article 6.8:

Aims to:

- Promote **mitigation and adaptation** ambition;
- Enhance **participation of public and private sector and civil society organizations** in the implementation of NDCs; and
- Enable opportunities for **coordination across instruments and relevant institutional arrangements**.

Assists participating Parties in **implementing their NDCs in an integrated, holistic and balanced manner** through:

- Mitigation, adaptation, **finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building**; and
- Contribution to **sustainable development and poverty eradication**.

- Is identified by the participating Parties on a **voluntary basis**;
- Involves **more than one participating Party**;
- Does **not involve the transfer of any mitigation outcomes**;
- Facilitates the **implementation of NDCs of host Parties** and contributes to achieving the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement;
- Is conducted in a manner **consistent with the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement**;[#] and
- Minimizes and, where possible, **avoids negative environmental, economic and social impacts**.

[#] Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity.



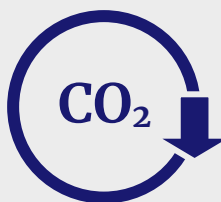
The work programme for Article 6.8

The work programme under the framework for non-market approaches operationalizes Article 6.8. Its aim is to enhance understanding of non-market approaches and provide guidance on how they can be implemented in a coordinated and impactful manner.

Initial focus areas of the work programme activities



Adaptation, resilience and sustainability



Mitigation measures to address climate change and contribute to sustainable development



Development of clean energy sources

Key activities of the work programme

1. Identifying measures

- Identification of non-market approaches, including defining focus areas and relevant existing initiatives.
- Identification and evaluation of experiences with non-market approaches to find and enhance existing linkages.

2. Implementing measures

- Development of tools, including the NMA Platform for recording and exchanging information on non-market approaches.
- Sharing best practices, including on the replication of successful non-market approaches, enabling environments, policy frameworks, private sector engagement, mitigation co-benefits and reporting.
- Identification of initiatives, programmes and projects which facilitate non-market approaches that support the implementation of NDCs, enabling higher mitigation and adaptation ambition.

Phase 1 2023–2024

- Identifying and framing work programme activities
- Expedited and simple assessment of progress in November 2024

Phase 2 2025–2026

- Fully implementing work programme activities, drawing on inputs from Phase 1
- Review of the work programme with recommendations to CMA 8 in 2026

The NMA Platform

The NMA Platform is an essential component of the work programme, designed to record and exchange information on non-market approaches under Article 6.8 of the Paris Agreement. It enables participating Parties and non-Party stakeholders to identify, develop and implement non-market approaches and includes information on finance, technology and capacity-building support available or provided for these initiatives.

The NMA Platform includes an information hub, which serves as a centralized resource designed to support the sharing and exchange of information related to non-market approaches. It hosts details of events, documents, technical papers, reports and other resources relevant to Article 6.8. The NMA Platform also includes a discussion forum, where all stakeholders interested in Article 6.8 can informally collaborate and share knowledge.

<https://unfccc.int/nma-platform>

Article 6.8 national focal points

The NMA Platform includes a section accessible only to Article 6.8 national focal points to enable Parties to record their non-market approaches. Article 6.8 national focal points also serve as a contact point between the Party and the UNFCCC secretariat, facilitating the communication of official information regarding the progress of implementing decisions related to non-market approaches.

The list of Article 6.8 national focal points designated by Parties is available at: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/nma-platform/list-of-NFPs-A6-8>.

How can Parties designate an Article 6.8 national focal point?

Parties interested in participating in non-market approaches should formally notify the UNFCCC secretariat of their Article 6.8 national focal point. To do this, Parties should take the following steps:



1. Send an official letter to nma-platform@unfccc.int with the subject: “Notification of the national focal point for Article 6.8 of the Paris Agreement”.
2. Include in the letter the following information:
 - a. Full name of the designated Article 6.8 national focal point.
 - b. Title and position of the designated Article 6.8 national focal point.
 - c. Phone number and email address of the designated Article 6.8 national focal point.

Parties may also send an email to nma-platform@unfccc.int with the information listed above. This email should either be sent by a Party’s UNFCCC national focal point or include the UNFCCC national focal point in copy.

Support providers

A support provider is any organization offering financial assistance, technology development and transfer, or capacity-building for non-market approaches. This includes, but is not limited to, United Nations bodies, multilateral and bilateral donors, public sector entities, private sector organizations and non-governmental organizations.

If an organization offers such support, it can register on the NMA Platform as a support provider with the following steps:

1. Go to the “Support available” tab on the NMA Platform.
2. Click the “Register as a support provider” button located above the map.
3. Complete and submit the form with the details of the support available.