

# THE ARTICLE 6 CAPACITY BUILDING TOOLBOX



Throughout the years of supporting countries to be ready to effectively engage in carbon market activities under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, the GIZ Article 6 Capacity Building project has produced a variety of knowledge products designed to serve the needs of diverse audiences.

This document outlines our key products in line with strengthening institutional, policy, and strategic capacities to implement Article 6 activities. It provides a short description of each product, with the respective links.

## Article 6 Explained: A Practical Learning Journey



This self-paced E-Learning course facilitates understanding of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, its mechanisms, and its potential applications at a national level. With use-case examples and expert interviews, it breaks down the often-complex world of Article 6. The course targets government officials, policymakers, and others interested in learning **how Article 6 shapes international climate cooperation**.

## Accessing Finance for the Private Sector under Article 6

The course aims to equip private-sector stakeholders with a clear understanding of Article 6, with a strong focus on building the capacity to access and mobilize finance through carbon markets. Key concepts include the foundations of carbon finance and Article 6, strategies for mobilizing private capital through cooperative approaches, guidance on designing bankable carbon market projects aligned with Article 6, and insights into pricing models, policy risks, and buyer expectations.



## Interlinkages between Gender and Carbon Markets



The study explores how **gender equality** can be **effectively integrated into carbon markets**, particularly under Article 6, analyzing how the voluntary carbon market has addressed gender issues so far and identifying pathways for gender-responsive climate finance. Based on a literature review and expert interviews, it identifies ways to make **climate finance more inclusive** and offers practical recommendations on how to strengthen **gender considerations in market design and implementation**.

## Long-term Article 6 Participation



This policy note explores how countries can use Article 6 not only for short-term NDC implementation but also to support **long-term strategies** such as net-zero targets, low-emission development pathways, and broader SDG priorities. By **aligning cooperative approaches with national strategies**, ensuring projects deliver benefits beyond the crediting period, and integrating sustainability across multiple goals, countries can make Article 6 a tool for both immediate action and lasting impact.

## Private Sector Engagement in Article 6

A thematic note providing an overview of the often under-explored **link between the private sector and the market approaches proposed by Article 6**, highlighting feasible paths to **overcoming the barriers** experienced by companies when designing and implementing mitigation activities. It examines the role public policy can play to facilitate businesses to participate in international carbon markets, while aligning with country strategies to support both short-term NDC objectives and long-term development goals.



## Mitigation Activity Selection Toolkit



The toolkit supports national authorities in **identifying and prioritizing Article 6 activities** that align with their **long-term climate goals and SDG financing priorities**. Building on GIZ's country-level catalog of criteria, it offers **practical guidance** for selecting and approving mitigation activities under cooperative approaches. By using this tool, countries can better target partnerships and projects that deliver lasting climate and development benefits while ensuring alignment with their national strategies.

## Economic and Non-Economic Tools for Advancing Article 6 and NDCs

This report examines how seven early-mover countries (Ghana, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Thailand, Indonesia, Chile, and Paraguay) are designing and implementing economic and non-economic instruments to **regulate, manage, and strategically benefit from activities under Article 6**. By mapping instruments already in place and comparing regulatory approaches across regions, **the report identifies emerging trends, common challenges, and practical lessons for host countries**.



## Foundations for Carbon Project Design



This policy note summarizes practical guidance from early Article 6 experiences and buyer program requirements. It highlights the core elements to prepare Expressions of Interest (EOIs), Mitigation Action Idea Notes (MAINs), and similar submissions, emphasizing **clarity** around methodology applicability, baseline justification, MRV feasibility, technology readiness, and alignment with national climate priorities. It also outlines the structured **financing cycle of carbon projects** from early-stage analysis to MOPA negotiation, monitoring, verification, and transfer of mitigation outcomes.

## Key Negotiations Aspects of Cooperative Approaches under Article 6.2

This policy note provides practical guidance for host countries engaging in **bilateral cooperative approaches under Article 6.2** of the Paris Agreement. Its purpose is to support countries in negotiating cooperation that reflects national priorities, **maintains control over mitigation outcomes**, and can be implemented in line with UNFCCC reporting and accounting requirements. It highlights the key elements needed for **credible and efficient ITMO generation and transfer**, drawing on lessons from early bilateral agreements.



## Article 6 Implementation Checklist Tool for Host Countries



Participating in international carbon markets under Article 6 requires meeting specific technical, institutional, and governance standards. This Article 6 checklist provides a comprehensive and user-friendly overview of the **requirements** that countries must meet in order **to engage with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement**. It is based on the Article 6 Rulebook, specifically the guidance under Article 6.2 and the Rules, Modalities, and Procedures under Article 6.4 (as adopted by the CMA).

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