

# Implementation of the Paris Agreement: Supporting Non-State actors

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Session on Paris Agreement: Means of Implementation**

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# UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centres

Catalyse Climate Action

- Five regional centers in partnership with UNFCCC and regional institutions
- Mission: to catalyze climate action on the ground
  - Broad scope of support
    - ✓ Technical support
    - ✓ Capacity building
    - ✓ Partnerships
- Working with a broad range of stakeholders



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Catalyse Climate Action

## The RCCs work with

- Governments and government agencies
- Subnational jurisdictions –provinces, cities, towns
- International organizations and institutions
- National, regional and multilateral development and funding agencies
- Businesses
- Private, public and multilateral banks
- NGOs
- Research and academia

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# Regional Context – Countries supported

RCC Lomé supports Francophone Africa including Comoros and Madagascar

RCC Kampala supports East and Southern African countries



# RCC highlights - 2016

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- Number of events conducted – 30
- Type of events –
  - ✓ capacity building workshop for State and Non-State actors;
  - ✓ Trainings for government officials and project developers;
  - ✓ thematic conferences on issues related climate change such climate finance, standardized baselines
- **Main topics** – Standardized baselines, MRV, GHG inventory, INDC/NDC, Paris Agreement and its article 6, renewable energy, climate finance
- **Partnership established** with UNDP (Global Support Programme), IRENA, ECREEE, GIZ – Uganda



# Paris Agreement and Mechanisms

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- Three instruments foreseen in Article 6 of the PA
  - Not operationalized – still under negotiation
  - Parties to decide (CMA)
  
- UNFCCC: to support the negotiations
  - Management of negotiations
  - Collection of views
    - Submissions by Parties
    - Submission from non-Party stakeholders
  - As required, preparation of synthesis papers



# Non-Party stakeholder consultations on Article 6

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## Objective:

- Collect and make the views of Non-Party Stakeholders (NPS) available
  - enrich the discussion around Article 6
  - facilitate a consensus among different views held by parties

## Expected results:

- Identification of need and usefulness of elements
- Exchange of views on options and their implications
- Better identification of areas of convergence or contention
- Accelerated progress on Article 6 discussions

## Supported by:

- German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)
- Government of Norway

Reports available on - <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/>





# Key topics and views expressed

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- **Purpose** of article 6 mechanisms - for achieving NDCs and/or country's ambition (what is ambition?)
  
- **When** are transfers appropriate?
  - Any share of the NDC?
  - For conditional part of NDC?
  - For exceeding NDCs?
  - Risk of non-achievement of NDC

Need for safeguards?



For transfers: → Need to clarify / quantify NDCs



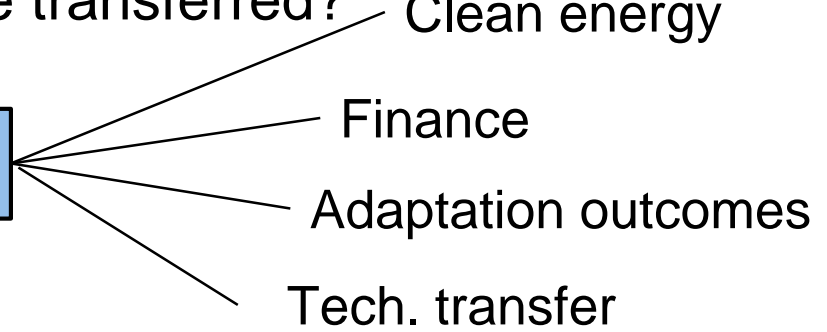
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- **What** types of outcomes can be transferred?

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Others?



- **Who** - only Parties?  
- other stakeholders (authorization)? } overlap?

- **Financial support** for implementation of actions under mechanisms



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## Consistency across instruments

(baseline, treatment of NDCs, policies, additionality, etc.)

**Broad coverage** (scope of activities / approaches)

**Simplicity / usability / low transaction cost**

**Transparency**

**Robust MRV**

**Effort-based** (no hot air)

**Consideration of SD co-benefits** ○ **SDG** ○ **Party** ○ **Standard**

**Governance:** Centralized or not? Which level? Representation?



# Three instruments: different views expressed

<b>Art 6.2 ITMOs</b>	<b>Art 6.4 Market Mechanism for sustainable development</b>	<b>Art 6.8 Framework for non-market approaches to sustainable development</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only transfers?</li> <li>• Generation of units?</li> <li>• Which governance?</li> <li>• Scale of oversight?</li> <li>• Eligibility criteria?</li> </ul>	<p>Broadly similar to CDM/JI (crediting)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcomes not transferred and traded?</li> <li>• Acknowledgement of support?</li> <li>• Incentive setting?</li> </ul>
<p>Linking Country-based approaches</p>	<p>Could be broader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sectoral crediting</li> <li>• Adaptation</li> <li>• NAMA type of activities</li> <li>• REDD+</li> <li>• Policies/programmes</li> </ul>	<p>GCF type of activities Tech. transfer Adaptation activities Capacity building Policies/regulations Carbon pricing / grants / FiT / soft loans / etc. REDD+ CSR initiatives</p>



# Key views expressed by region:

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- **Africa:** build on elements of CDM / with major improvements; Synergies with climate finance; Transition from current to future instruments
- **Asia:** baseline and additionality in relation to NDC; Possible decentralized approach; Environmental integrity
- **Caribbean:** Simpler approach for LDCs & SIDS; More balanced representation in governance
- **Latin America:** Challenges related to NDC (different types, quantification, achievement, etc.); MRV for all instruments



# Next steps

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## Next steps: (suggested by participants)

- Need for non-Party stakeholder engagement
  - Continued process to better channel their views
  - Need for instruments elaborated to be rooted in real world

## Further needs expressed during project:

- Further elaboration of NDCs in terms of :
  - ✓ quantification
  - ✓ means of implementation
  - ✓ MRV systems



Thank you for your attention



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