



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES

The list below provides an overview of various international initiatives and programmes focused on capacity building that are directed at, or relate to, building Article 6 readiness:

Disclaimer: The list itself, as well as activities and functions attributed to the institutions and initiatives mentioned above, are not exhaustive.

- **The Africa Carbon Markets Initiative (ACMI)** is a coalition of organisations initiated by the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP), Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), with support from the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions. Initiated during COP27 in Egypt, ACMI provides support to African governments, communities, project developers and other stakeholders to scale the supply and demand of high integrity African carbon credits and supplement direct decarbonisation. Available [here](#).
- **The International Emission Trading Association's (IETA) Business Partnership for Market Readiness Initiative** summons the power of markets to price carbon effectively, promotes the growth of the VCM and advocates linked carbon pricing systems that can deliver a net zero future. Available [here](#).
- **The Climate Finance Innovators (CFI)** project is supported by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German government. The CFI project establishes innovative linkages between the UNFCCC market mechanisms and international financing institutions. The project enhances program partner countries' (Ethiopia, Senegal and Uganda) capacities to



improve Mitigation Activity Design Documents (MADDs) and scale up existing mitigation activities. Available [here](#).

- **The East African Alliance** endeavours to enhance the long-term vision of East African countries regarding carbon markets and climate finance. Additionally, it plays a pivotal role in facilitating the active and coordinative engagement of regional delegates in UNFCCC negotiations and various other international fora. Available [here](#).
- **The European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition (ECRST)** works on markets and non-market provisions for Article 6 in an informal setting by delving deeper into the explanation and understanding of the different views and interpretations of the rules, modalities, and procedures related to Article 6. Available [here](#).
- **The Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market (ICVCM)** is an independent governance body whose role is to set and enforce global threshold standards for high-quality carbon credits. In 2023, the ICVCM introduced the final Core Carbon Principles (CCPs) that define a “high-integrity” carbon credit, as well as the Assessment Framework that provides detailed criteria for assessing whether carbon crediting programmes and carbon credit “categories” meet the CCPs. Available [here](#).
- **The International Initiative for Development of Article 6 Methodology Tools (II-AMT)** was created by Perspectives Climate Group, with the aim of building Article 6 readiness by developing a set of methodology tools that reflect the principles and approaches of Article 6. They can be added to existing baseline and monitoring methodologies previously used under the Kyoto Protocol’s CDM, making them fit for Article 6. Available [here](#).
- **The Mobilising Article 6 Trading Structures (MATS) Program** developed in partnership by the Swedish Energy Agency (SEA) and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) aims to establish the required frameworks to fulfil transactions of ITMOs. Available [here](#).
- **The NDC Partnership** acts as a matchmaking facility that supports countries by aligning their NDC goals with financial resources through access to tools, data, guidance, and funding opportunities. Available [here](#).
- **The Nordic initiative for cooperative action (NICA)**, developed by the Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO), seeks to operationalise market-based collaboration under Article 6 and finances activities – through grants and co-finance – linked to Article 6 operationalisation. Available [here](#).
- **The Paris Agreement Article 6 Implementation Partnership (A6IP)** aims to facilitate the understanding of Article 6 rules and the linkages with countries’ NDCs for the steady implementation of a ‘high integrity carbon market’. The initiative promotes joint efforts for capacity building, notably



to avoid duplicating the support and the efforts provided by the broader community. Available [here](#).

- **The Preparedness for Article 6 Cooperation (SPAR6C)** consists in a 5-year program geared to support 4 developing countries in building their capacity to use Article 6 cooperative approaches while engaging the private sector in NDC implementation and ambition raising. Available [here](#).
- **The Transformative Carbon Asset Facility (TCAF)** is a trust fund developed by the World Bank. It helps countries develop policies and programs that unlock private sector investments in low-carbon technologies and enhances their efforts to implement market-oriented carbon pricing. Available [here](#).
- **The UNDP Learning for Nature training course** “Operationalising Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement: Achieving ambitious climate action through cooperative approaches”, provides valuable support to nations striving to engage in Article 6 and establish themselves as a reliable partner in that context. This assistance is delivered through a self-paced course. Available [here](#).
- **The UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre (UNEP-CCC)**, that is supported operationally by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), provides assistance to developing countries, helping them to enhance their national transparency systems to track and report on climate actions. Available [here](#).
- **The UNFCCC Capacity-building work programme for implementing Article 6 of the Paris Agreement** was launched at COP 27 to provide regular updates on the status of Article 6 implementation while facilitating knowledge-sharing. The work programme is designed to be running over a three to five years period, assisting stakeholders in locating institutional needs, ensuring that all of them have access to well-structured information for bolstering the knowledge base and infrastructure related to Article 6.2 and Article 6.4. Available [here](#).
- **The UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centres (RCCs)** have the broad task of supporting the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions, Article 6, Adaptation, Climate Finance, Stakeholder engagement and other related areas. In addition to the general RCC Coordination Unit, there are six distinct regional entities located in each of the respective region. These regional centers provide capacity building, technical assistance, and strategic networking, acquiring expertise and resources to propel clean development. Available [here](#).
- **The Voluntary Carbon Market Integrity Initiative (VCMI)** is a non-profit organisation aiming “to enable high-integrity VCM which contribute to the goal of the Paris Agreement”. The VCMI has developed its flagship Claims Code of Practice, a “rulebook on credible use of high-quality carbon credits



and associated claims". In addition, VCMI has published the VCM Access Strategy Toolkit to provide supply-side guidance for countries to engage in high-integrity voluntary carbon markets. Available [here](#).

- **The West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance (WACC)** is supported by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German government. WACC provides targeted support to its members to deepen the sub-regional cooperation and to enhance in-country readiness for Article 6 implementation. Available [here](#).
- **The World Bank** offers and administers several programs, including platforms, related to capacity building, notably to facilitate the exchange of information and encourage synergies between countries and regions including:
 - **The Climate Market Club (CMC)** provides a knowledge sharing platform where countries jointly develop rules and modalities for Article 6.2 pilot projects. Available [here](#).
 - **The Climate Warehouse Work Program** facilitates country participation in Article 6 transactions through four workstreams, to increase resource mobilisation towards NDC implementation. Available [here](#).
 - **The Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition (CPLC)**, administered by the World Bank, facilitates exchanges from business, government, civil society and academia to support and enhance carbon pricing implementation. Available [here](#).
 - **The Partnership for Market Implementation (PMI)** helps countries pilot, design and implement carbon pricing and market instruments to facilitate the reduction of emissions. Available [here](#).
 - **The Standardized Crediting Framework (SCF)** – supported by the World Bank's Carbon Initiative for Development (Ci-Dev) – helps countries get access to climate finance by building the capacity of host country institutions through efficient MRV approaches. Available [here](#).

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