

Guidance for the notification of a National Focal Point for Article 6.8

This document contains a summary of Article 6.8 of the Paris Agreement, with references to decisions that have been adopted on this topic. It also includes the process for notifying a National Focal Point for this mechanism.

What is Article 6.8?

Article 6 of the Paris Agreement established three mechanisms through which Parties can collaborate and work together to achieve their respective goals, set in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The mechanisms created by paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article 6 are market-based mechanisms, meaning that they involve the transaction of mitigation outcomes. The mechanism created by paragraph 8, establishes non-market approaches (NMAs), meaning that they do not involve the transaction of mitigation outcomes.

During COP26, COP27 and COP28, three decisions have been adopted regarding Article 6.8, which have shaped NMAs as they are known today. In the table below, you can find links to the three decisions:



4/CMA.3

Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement.



8/CMA.4

Matters relating to the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement.



17/CMA.5

Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3.

According to decision 4/CMA.3, NMAs are conducted between two or more Parties of the Paris Agreement engaging voluntarily. They may also include participating Non-Party stakeholders, such as private and public sector stakeholders, and civil society organizations. These approaches do not entail the transfer of mitigation outcomes and seek to facilitate the implementation of the NDCs of host Parties.

NMAs under the adopted framework represent:

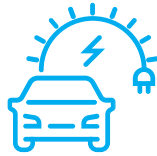
- Voluntary cooperative actions that are not reliant on market-based approaches and that do not include transactions or quid pro quo operations.
- Integrated, innovative and transformational actions that have significant potential to deliver higher mitigation and adaptation ambition.
- Actions that support the implementation of NDCs of Parties hosting NMAs and contribute to achieving the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement.

The decision also states that the objective of these NMAs is to promote ambition regarding mitigation and adaptation, increase the participation of the public and private sectors and civil society, and provide opportunities for coordination among relevant instruments and institutional arrangements.

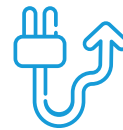
Decision 4/CMA.3, establishes that the focus areas of the work programme activities would be the following:



Adaptation, resilience
and sustainability.



Mitigation measures to
address climate change and
contribute to sustainable
development.



Development
of clean energy
sources.

What is the UNFCCC web-based platform for NMAs?

Decision 4/CMA.3 indicates that the activities of the NMA work programme include the development and operation of a web-based platform by the UNFCCC Secretariat, known as the NMA Platform.



The purpose of the NMA Platform is to register and exchange information about the NMAs, including recording support needed and provided by Parties participating in NMAs as well as other Non-Party stakeholders.

Decision 8/CMA.4, states that Parties participating in an NMA, with the consensus of all participating Parties, may submit information about the NMA through their National Focal Point to be registered in the NMA Platform. The NMA Platform has an information hub dedicated to available resources and tools, with links to relevant websites and news. It includes a tool for visualizing existing NMAs and a forum section aimed at facilitating networking among NMA practitioners and sharing information about NMAs, which will be available at a later date.



The website has a section accessible only to National Focal Points appointed for Article 6.8 (NMA-NFPs).

The National Focal Point section of the NMA Platform is accessible from any computer or mobile device with a web browser and network connectivity. NMA-NFPs must log in to the application by navigating to the Public Website, available at: <https://unfccc.int/nma-platform>, and clicking on the National Focal Point button in the upper right-hand corner. The permission to create, view and edit NMAs is role-based and restricted only to users who have been designated by a Party as a National Focal Point for Article 6.8.



Decision 17/CMA.5, requests the Secretariat to develop a User Manual for the NMA Platform for National Focal Points. This manual can be accessed at the following link: <https://unfccc.int/documents/638334>

The NMA Platform also provides a list of financial, technology and capacity-building support available for Parties to identify, develop or implement NMAs. This information can be found in the 'Support available' tab and can be filtered by region, focus area, sector and support type.

What does the National Focal Point for Article 6.8 do?

According to decision 8/CMA.4 (paragraph 7), the National Focal Point may upload to the NMA Platform information regarding the Party's NMAs. They also serve as a contact point between the Party and the Secretariat to communicate official information on the progress of implementation of decisions adopted on NMAs.



The list of National Focal Points that have been designated so far by the Parties is available at: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/nma-platform/list-of-NFPs-A6-8>.

How can a National Focal Point for Article 6.8 be designated?

Decision 17/CMA.5 states that Parties interested in participating in NMAs under Article 6.8 should notify the UNFCCC Secretariat of their National Focal Point. To do this, the following steps should be taken:

1. Send an official letter via email 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 National Focal Point for Article 6.8.
 - b. Title and position of the designated National Focal Point for Article 6.8.
 - c. Phone number and email address of the designated National Focal Point for Article 6.8.

How can Support Providers register?

As per the guidance from the COP 27 outcome¹, interested Parties, relevant bodies, institutional arrangements and processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement related to, inter alia, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building, including United Nations bodies, multilateral, bilateral and other public donors, and private and non-governmental organizations are invited to provide information on financial, technology and capacity-building support available or provided for identifying, developing or implementing non-market approaches for recording on the NMA Platform.

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 button ‘Register as a support provider’ located above the map.
3. Complete and submit the form with the details of the support available.

1. See decision 8/CMA.4, para. 8.