COP28 Article 6.8 breakdown



What is it?

Article 6, paragraph 8 of the Paris Agreement recognises the additional benefit of non-market approaches (NMAs) in implementing NDCs, eradicating poverty and promoting sustainable development.

NMAs are not defined by traditional market transactions, and should provide opportunities to coordinate across the versatile network of climate solutions and supports for maximum impact.

NMAs are broadly grassroot level activities, that consider multiple perspectives and may include:

- Capacity building activities and programs
- Mitigation activities
- Adaptation activities
- - Finance
- Technology development and transfer

How does it work?

The Glasgow COP meeting (COP26) saw the establishment of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches to spearhead the development of A6.8. The initial work programme for the implementation of the A6.8 mechanism was established across the broad areas of:

- Adaptation, resilience and sustainability
- Mitigation measures to address climate change and contribute to sustainable development
- Development of clean energy sources

At COP27 in Sharm El-Sheik, the Glasgow Committee's work programme was split into two phases.

Phase One: 2023-2024

• Identify and frame all relevant elements of NMAS including linkages, synergies and implementation

- Identify case study examples and replicate best practice, guidelines, procedures and safeguards from these
- Implement the UNFCCC web-based platform

Phase Two: 2025-2026

- Expand the use of NMAs by a 'learning-by-doing approach' based on Phase One
- Finalise the web-based platform and integrate existing NMAs into it

The web-based platform is intended to:

- Facilitate opportunities for collaboration between state & non-state actors
- Record & exchange information
- Develop NMA projects
- Promote & support new NMAs looking for funding

Ongoing work:

- Work has continued to progress under A6.8, with a consensus decision adopted at COP28 setting the programme for the next 12 months. Ongoing areas of work include:
- The operationalisation of the web-based platform by June 2024 (5th meeting of the Glasgow Committee).
- The establishment of a comprehensive list of approved NMAs, recognising the diversity of activities, which will be housed in the web-based platform.
- Work to showcase the diversity of NMAs on the web-based platform in an accessible manner for a broad range of stakeholders.
- A request to the Secretariat to develop a manual on the process of submitting and recording information on NMAs in the platform.
- Considerations on how best to enhance engagement with and between public & private sector stakeholders.

