

COP29 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

COP29 coincided with the close of Phase One of the work programme, and the receipt of the first simple assessment of the first phase by the Glasgow Committee. The following activities were completed during Phase One:

- Operationalisation of the NMA Platform in May 2024, and publication of user manual by the Secretariat;
- Identification and framing of all relevant elements for work programme activities;
- In-session workshops and spin-off groups to go into further detail on proposed NMAs; and
- Publication of two synthesis reports on information submitted by Parties regarding focus areas under the work programme.

Phase Two: 2025-2026

The next phase of work for A6.8 will cover the period 2025-2026 and includes the following key objectives:

- Expand the use of NMAs by a 'learning-by-doing approach' based on Phase One. This is proposed to be supported by a series of in-person workshops, and spin-off groups involving Parties and non-Parties, as well as Indigenous representatives, and representatives of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform; and
- Finalise the web-based platform and integrate existing NMAs into it.

In addition, the Secretariat is requested to:

- Develop a scope of NMAs and list this on the NMA Platform;
- Develop an A6.8-specific capacity building programme as part of the broader Article 6 programme; and
- Consider submissions made via the submission portal prior to March 31, 2025 on:
 - Barriers to using the NMA platform, as well as potential solutions;
 - Parties' and observers' experience with the NMA Platform so far; and
 - How NMAs can support a Party's NDC.

NMA Platform

Where Articles 6.2 & 6.4 operate through interconnected registries, A6.8 will utilise a custom web-platform, entitled the Non-Market Approaches Platform (NMA Platform). The NMA platform is intended to:

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