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Review of the 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

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Informal note by the co-facilitators

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I. General reflections

1. In the context of the review of the work programme, Parties:
 - (a) Reiterated that Article 6 of the Paris Agreement constitutes an important pillar for enabling international cooperation, including through non-market approaches;
 - (b) Noted progress made in the implementation of the work programme, including in-session workshops, spin-off groups and related activities, while also noting that views on its overall effectiveness remain mixed;
 - (c) Recognized that the review of the work programme provides an important opportunity to identify practical improvements that could further strengthen the contribution of non-market approaches to the implementation of nationally determined contributions, including by helping to connect nationally determined priorities with practical support;
 - (d) Further recognized the importance of enhancing participation in the work programme, while respecting the mandate, scope and nature of non-market approaches under Article 6, paragraph 8;¹
 - (e) Noted that the work programme should continue to mature, particularly in advance of the discussions on institutional arrangements at CMA 9,² so that Article 6, paragraph 8, can serve as a bridge between national priorities and international cooperation.
2. Parties emphasized that the review of the work programme should:
 - (a) Identify practical improvements to enhance its effectiveness, rather than undertake a fundamental redesign;
 - (b) Retain the overall objective, scope and focus of the NMA Platform, including its relevance to mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology, capacity-building and other relevant areas of cooperation, while ensuring that non-market approaches recorded on the Platform remain consistent with agreed criteria, relevant CMA decisions and the framework referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8;
 - (c) Ensure that any recommendations arising from the review should remain consistent with the voluntary, Party-driven, facilitative, non-prescriptive and non-punitive nature of Article 6, paragraph 8, and fully respect national circumstances, national sovereignty and the nationally determined character of nationally determined contributions;

¹ Articles referred to in this informal note are Articles of the Paris Agreement.

² See para. 36(a) below.

(d) Ensure that any recommendations arising from the review should remain consistent with the voluntary, Party-driven, facilitative nature of Article 6, paragraph 8, and fully respect national circumstances, national sovereignty and the nationally determined character of nationally determined contributions;

(e) Not be used to introduce substantive changes to the agreed scope, nature or role of the NMA Platform and should remain focused on improving implementation within the existing mandate;

(f) Respect agreed mandates and negotiated boundaries when considering potential changes under the framework;

(g) Preserve the Party-driven nature of the framework, ensure balanced consideration of all non-market approach focus areas and maintain a focus on practical outcomes that support the implementation and enhance participation of developing countries;

(h) Not be understood as a procedural exercise nor should it be limited to the consideration of specific initiatives, such as those related to the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme;

(i) Be done within the framework of Article 6, paragraph 8.

3. Parties expressed views on challenges regarding the implementation of the work programme, including:

(a) Limited clarity regarding the purpose of Article 6, paragraph 8;

(b) Time constraints faced by Parties in engaging in the work programme.

4. Parties expressed that the implementation of the work programme should be prioritized by Parties.

5. Parties noted that the NMA Platform has value in showcasing how voluntary cooperation between Parties generates greater mitigation and adaptation ambition.

6. Parties recognized the value of the NMA Platform, but also noted that clearer guidance is needed, especially for developing countries, to understand how Article 6, paragraph 8, can be implemented, including through:

(a) Clearer templates;

(b) Regional training;

(c) Peer learning;

(d) Simplified procedures.

II. Scope of non-market approaches under the framework

7. Parties expressed views that the scope of non-market approaches under the framework:

(a) Could be broadened by removing the requirement for a non-market approach to involve more than one participating Party, which would encourage a broader range of non-market approaches to be recorded on the NMA Platform, including projects under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme that meet the other non-market approach criteria;

(b) Could be broadened by removing the requirement for a non-market approach to involve more than one participating Party, which would encourage and enable the recording of projects under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme on the NMA Platform that meet the other non-market approach criteria, thereby enhancing visibility, facilitating participation and supporting implementation;

(c) Could be broadened by removing the requirement for a non-market approach to involve more than one participating Party, which would encourage a broader range of non-market approaches to be recorded on the NMA Platform, including initiatives related to

mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology, capacity-building and other relevant areas that meet the other non-market approach criteria;

(d) Should not be altered, as the requirement for the involvement of more than one participating Party reflects the internationally cooperative nature of non-market approaches;

(e) Should not be altered, as the requirement for the involvement of more than one participating Party reflects the internationally cooperative nature of non-market approaches, with the NMA Platform showcasing how such cooperation generates greater mitigation and adaptation ambition.

8. Parties highlighted that the current scope of non-market approaches under the framework should not be altered as existing features of the NMA Platform, including the discussion forum, could be better utilized to support the development of non-market approaches.

9. Parties reflected that initiatives that involve only one Party could be recorded as potential non-market approaches on the NMA Platform while they seek cooperation with another Party, which would not change the existing scope of non-market approaches.

10. Parties noted positive developments in the use of the NMA Platform and emphasized that existing challenges should be addressed through improved implementation, outreach and engagement rather than through fundamental changes to the scope or nature of the framework.

III. Support for non-market approaches

11. Parties expressed views on the limited awareness of capacity-building activities available and requested continued outreach to promote participation to enhance the effectiveness of the work programme.

12. Parties supported further capacity-building activities by the secretariat, including through its regional collaboration centres, by providing:

(a) Training in other languages;

(b) Peer-learning activities.

13. Parties highlighted a need for additional support for the implementation of non-market approaches, in particular:

(a) For developing countries in the areas of finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building, while preserving the voluntary and Party-driven nature of non-market approaches;

(b) Predictable, adequate, grant-based and concessional finance:

(i) From developed countries to developing countries.

14. Parties noted that support for non-market approaches must remain central to the implementation of the work programme.

IV. Engagement of national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement

15. Parties highlighted the central role of national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, in enhancing participation, coordination and implementation under the framework.

16. Parties noted the limited engagement of national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, and stressed the importance of further activating and strengthening their engagement in the implementation of non-market approaches, including through:

(a) Dedicated time during each in-session workshop to seek feedback from national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8;

- (b) Efforts by the secretariat to increase the number of designated national focal points, noting that many countries have yet to designate focal points;
 - (c) Their role in helping to identify priorities and communicate support needs.
17. Parties also noted that existing arrangements for submitting non-market approaches to be recorded on the NMA Platform should continue to be submitted through designated national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8.

V. Enhancing the effectiveness of the NMA Platform

18. Parties noted the NMA Platform's usefulness as an information repository.
19. Parties highlighted that the NMA Platform should assist Parties in developing non-market approaches and not merely act as repository.
20. Parties highlighted that the number of non-market approaches recorded on the NMA Platform continues to grow.
21. Parties noted the NMA Platform has not reached its full potential, given the:
- (a) Limited number of non-market approaches recorded;
 - (b) Difficulties in using the Platform to attract partners and support;
 - (c) Complicated recording process for non-market approaches due to the long list of submission questions and the process of gaining approval from partner countries.
22. Parties expressed interest in expanded functionality of the NMA Platform to improve its effectiveness, including by:
- (a) Permitting the recording of proposed non-market approaches that may not yet involve another participating Party, however meet all the other criteria under the scope of the framework:
 - (i) While recognizing that, should a non-market approach not identify another participating Party, it will remain as a proposed approach;
 - (b) Facilitating matchmaking for support for non-market approaches:
 - (i) Which would enable the connection of Parties' national priorities with finance, technology and capacity-building support;
 - (ii) From developed countries to developing countries;
 - (c) Enabling Parties to voluntarily organize non-market approaches by region through a specific dashboard function;
 - (d) Establishing a pipeline for projects and programmes;
 - (e) Tracking capacity-building and technical assistance needs to help identify gaps in institutional capacity;
 - (f) Providing a space for knowledge-sharing and lessons learned;
 - (g) Enabling the tagging of safeguards and co-benefits;
 - (h) Adding hyperlinks to other relevant platforms, including national platforms, in the 'Related links' section of the information hub;
 - (i) Creating a dedicated section for other relevant platforms, including national platforms, on the information hub;
 - (j) Broadening the Platform's role to serve as an aggregator of data on non-market approaches, thereby acting as a hub on non-market approaches.
23. Parties expressed interest in exploring how safeguards and co-benefits could be better reflected and highlighted through the NMA Platform to support transparency and knowledge sharing.

24. Parties noted that, should other platforms be allowed to be listed on the information hub, as referred to in paragraphs 22(h)–(i) above, criteria would need to be developed to guide their inclusion.
25. Parties noted the success of matchmaking and finance for non-market approaches depends less on the NMA Platform and more on whether Parties make use of existing arrangements, including by:
- (a) Directly contacting the 34 registered support providers (as at 15 June 2026) for details of available support;
 - (b) Connecting with specific countries through their national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, and through the secretariat’s support team for the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches.
26. Parties did not support adding further functionalities to the NMA Platform, noting the low level of engagement with the Platform to date and instead emphasizing the need to:
- (a) Strengthen capacity-building for stakeholders on the use of the NMA Platform, including through the secretariat’s regional collaboration centres;
 - (b) Prioritize the efficient use of limited resources over costly Platform modifications.
27. Parties expressed a concern in the interpretation of low level of engagement with the NMA Platform as an indication of the limited interest of non-market approaches, and noted:
- (a) That the low level of engagement may reflect that the Platform, in its current form, does not adequately meet the needs and expectations of Parties;
 - (b) A need to address underlying issues before drawing on conclusions regarding the participation level.
28. Parties noted the current constraints on resources and the need to:
- (a) Consider the cost implications of any further development of the NMA Platform;
 - (b) Be mindful of introducing items that could exacerbate financial burdens;
 - (c) Recognize that earlier decisions under the work programme have not yet been fully implemented due to funding constraints.
29. Parties highlighted that minor modifications to the NMA Platform, such as allowing the recording of potential non-market approaches, including from the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme, would not be costly and could assist Parties seeking finance.
30. Parties highlighted that minor modifications to the NMA Platform, such as allowing the recording of potential non-market approaches, including initiatives related to mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology, capacity-building and other relevant areas, would not be costly and could assist Parties seeking finance.
31. Parties noted that Parties may be encouraged to include hyperlinks in non-market approaches that they submit to the NMA Platform.
32. Parties also noted that the NMA Platform should:
- (a) Be accessible, user-friendly, transparent and responsive to the circumstances of developing countries;
 - (b) Assist in identifying opportunities, barriers, support needs, good practices and potential partnerships;
 - (c) Assist in identifying opportunities, barriers, support needs and potential partnerships;
 - (d) Avoid creating additional reporting burdens.

33. Parties supported a discussion on enhancing the NMA Platform's accessibility and usefulness in a way that is cost effective, feasible and consistent with previous CMA decisions to help non-market approaches attract cooperation where needed.

34. In regard to the discussion forum, Parties noted the need to:

- (a) Encourage greater participation by Parties and non-Party stakeholders;
- (b) Address two-factor authentication technical issues that are preventing access;
- (c) Promote the forum as a space for identifying projects that do not yet fulfil the requirements of a non-market approach under the framework;
- (d) Support Parties' use of the forum to further develop and coordinate on activities that do not yet involve international cooperation.

VI. Conclusion of the 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

35. In considering the effectiveness of the work programme, Parties expressed interest in discussing its possible conclusion as a negotiation item under the SBSTA, while:

- (a) Maintaining the NMA Platform and discussion forum;
- (b) Developing a monitoring tool to ensure continued oversight of non-market approaches;
- (c) Developing a monitoring tool to maintain and improve the work programme.

36. Parties did not support discussing the possible conclusion of the work programme, noting that:

- (a) The SBSTA is to make recommendations to CMA 9 (November 2027) on whether institutional arrangements for the framework that will supersede the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches are needed;³
- (b) The work programme has not yet fully achieved its objective of supporting the nationally determined contributions of host Parties and enabling substantive coordination on non-market approaches between stakeholders;
- (c) The discussions on the future direction of the framework should not be predicted, and that the framework is necessary to ensure meaningful support is provided for the implementation and scaling up of non-market approaches.

37. Parties noted, in regard to the SBSTA's consideration of the governance arrangements referred to in paragraph 36(a) above, that:

- (a) The CMA can always supersede its decisions provided all Parties agree;
- (b) Parties are able to decide to consider the governance arrangements at CMA 8 (November 2026) if they wish to do so, which would enable a coherent discussion as this matter is interconnected with the review of the work programme.

VII. Options for the operationalization of additional features and functionalities of the NMA Platform

38. Parties noted the request from CMA 7 for the SBSTA to consider, in the context of the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement in decision 4/CMA.3, ways to implement additional functionalities of the NMA Platform that would enable Parties to record thereon projects that they identify under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work

³ Decision 4/CMA.3, annex, para. 6.

programme through their national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, and enable interconnection between the NMA Platform and other platforms, including national platforms for Parties that request it, with a view to the SBSTA recommending a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption at CMA 8.⁴

39. Parties expressed their support for the following options⁵ in relation to:

(a) Enabling recording of relevant projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme on the NMA Platform:

(i) Option 1: no changes to the NMA Platform;

(ii) Option 2: changes to the NMA Platform, including sub-option 2.1: enabling the recording of proposed non-market approaches, and sub-option 2.2: broadening the scope of non-market approaches under the framework for them;

(b) Enabling interconnection between the NMA Platform and other relevant platforms:

(i) Option 1: addition of hyperlinks to the NMA Platform;

(ii) Option 2: creation of a dedicated section on the NMA Platform;

(iii) Option 3: NMA Platform as a data aggregator.

40. Parties noted that options outlined under paragraph 39 above are not mutually exclusive and may be considered in different combinations.

41. Parties highlighted that the visibility of Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme projects would be better served if national and regional platforms focused first on interconnection with one another rather than with the NMA Platform.

42. Parties highlighted their priority to effectively accommodate the recording of projects and activities identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme and encouraged further consideration of the functionalities that would enable this outcome.

43. Parties highlighted their priority to effectively accommodate the recording of projects and activities identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme and encouraged further consideration of ways to implement additional functionalities that would enable this outcome.

44. Parties emphasized the importance of fulfilling the mandate referred to in paragraph 38 above, and, in considering ways to implement that mandate, recognize that all projects, not only those from the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme, could be reflected on the NMA Platform.

45. Parties noted that projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme could already be recorded on the NMA Platform under the focus area of “Mitigation measures to address climate change and contribute to sustainable development” without any changes to the current system, so long as they met the criteria for non-market approaches.

46. Parties underscored the importance of preserving the NMA Platform as a dedicated tool for facilitating cooperation on non-market approaches under Article 6, paragraph 8, and supporting the implementation of nationally determined contributions.

47. While recognizing the mandate to consider additional functionalities related to projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme, Parties emphasized that any such functionalities should remain within the framework for non-market approaches under Article 6, paragraph 8, and the agreed scope and nature of the Platform.

⁴ Decision 13/CMA.7, para. 11.

⁵ As outlined in FCCC/TP/2026/1.

48. Parties stressed that the Platform's primary purpose remains to support the visibility, development and implementation of non-market approaches under Article 6, paragraph 8.

49. Parties further highlighted the need to carefully consider resource and budget implications and to prioritize the effective implementation and promotion of existing functionalities.

50. Parties stressed the importance of implementing the mandate agreed by CMA regarding the consideration of ways to implement additional functionalities of the NMA Platform which would allow Parties to record project they identify under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme, and which would enable the interconnection between the NMA Platform with other platforms.

51. Parties emphasized that discussions under this agenda item shall remain consistent with previous decisions and guided by the agreed mandate provided by CMA and shall ensure that all relevant options identified for consideration are adequately reflected.

52. Parties further noted that the assessment of such options should not be limited to any single functionality and should take into account the full range of approaches available for implementing the CMA mandate.