



## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

# KENYA'S SUBMISSION ON THE MATTERS RELATING TO ARTICLE 6.2 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT: REPORTING

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Kenya takes the opportunity to express her views on "*options for the outlines for the information required pursuant to chapter IV of the annex (Reporting) in reference to paragraph 4 of decision 2/CMA 3*" on guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement.

Kenya's updated NDC includes both mitigation and adaptation components based on her national circumstances, and intends to use voluntary cooperation in accordance with Article 6.2 of the Paris agreement. To facilitate this, Kenya commits to develop domestic legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks to govern her engagement in market and non-market mechanisms.

Kenya recognizes that, in order to meet her reporting obligations, it will require financial, technological and capacity building support to address the various capacity gaps required for effective and accurate reporting.

## 2. VIEWS ON THE OPTIONS FOR THE OUTLINES FOR THE INFORMATION REQUIRED

Kenya notes that the guidance is clear on information to be captured across the initial, annual and regular reporting and can form the basis of reporting tables. In this regard, Kenya submits the following views:

### 2.1: Initial Report (Chapter IV of the Annex)

In order to communicate the **ITMO metrics** and the **method for applying corresponding adjustments as per chapter III.B** for multi- or single-year NDCs that will be applied consistently throughout the period of NDC implementation and where the method is a multi-year emissions trajectory, trajectories or budget, describe the method (as provided in 18c);

- Kenya intends to report in tCO<sub>2</sub> equivalents as her ITMOs metric.
- Regarding the method for applying corresponding adjustments as per chapter III.B, it is noted that Kenya communicated a single-year NDC target. Kenya therefore looks forward to engage on the elaboration of further guidance in relation to corresponding adjustments for multi-year and single-year nationally determined contributions, in a manner that ensures the avoidance of double counting, and consistency in reporting throughout the period of NDC implementation.
- Kenya is of the view that reporting could be tabulated.

In order to quantify the party's mitigation information in its NDC in t CO<sub>2</sub> eq, including the sectors, sources of emissions, GHGs and time periods covered by the NDC, the reference level of emissions and removals for the relevant year or period, and the target level for its NDC; or where this is not possible, provide the methodology for the quantification of the NDC in t CO<sub>2</sub> eq (as provided in 18 d);

- Kenya proposes that the mitigation information in the NDCs could be converted into tCO<sub>2</sub> eq.
- Kenya proposes that, for ease of conversion, the elements of the quantification can be tabulated as shown in table 1 below.

**Table 1: Mitigation information in the NDC for the time period 2020 to 2030 with the reference level of emissions and removals for the year 2010 (example of AFOLU Sector)**

***Sector: 1 e.g., AFOLU***

Reporting Year	Source	GHGs	NDC Target (tCO <sub>2</sub> eq)	Achieved	Comments/Description
2023					
2024					
2025					
2026					
2027					
2028					
2029					
2030					

**Environmental Integrity:** In order to describe how each cooperative approach ensures environmental integrity, Kenya proposes that, in reporting sections 18 (h) and (i) to use an evaluation criteria using table 2 below:

**Table 2: Evaluation Criteria for ensuring environmental integrity for each cooperative approach**

<b>MEASURES TO:</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Ensure that there is no net increase in global emissions within and between NDC implementation periods;	
Ensure robust, transparent governance and the quality of mitigation outcomes, including through conservative reference levels, baselines set in a conservative way and below 'business as usual' emission projections.	
Minimize the risk of non-permanence of mitigation across several NDC periods and how, when reversals of emission reductions or removals occur, the cooperative approach will ensure that these are addressed in full	
Minimize and, where possible, avoid negative environmental, economic and social impacts	
Ensure that actions address, respect and promote gender considerations and human rights aspects.	
Ensure consistency with the sustainable development objectives of the Party, noting national prerogatives.	
Apply any safeguards and limits set out in further guidance from the CMA pursuant to chapter III.D above.	
Contribute resources for adaptation pursuant to chapter VII below (Ambition in mitigation and adaptation actions), if applicable	
Deliver overall mitigation in global emissions pursuant to chapter VII below (Ambition in mitigation and adaptation actions), if applicable	

## 2.2: Annual Information

Kenya is of the view that the agreed electronic format can capture information proposed in paragraph 20 (a) & (b) of the annex.

However, Kenya proposes further guidance to elaborate on other unique identifiers, such as, serial numbers.

Kenya suggests that the merits and demerits of adding unique identifiers can be elaborated on during the workshop at SBSTA 56 by the secretariat.

With regards to the information required in paragraph 20 (a) and (b), Kenya proposes that the information be tabulated as illustrated in table 3 below:

**Table 3: Proposed structure for annual information reporting.**

Sector	Activity Type	Unique Identifier	ITMOs Authorized		First Transfer Participating Party					Using Participating Party					Cooperative Approaches Used
			NDCs	Other International Mitigation Purposes	Transfer	Acquired	Holding	Cancellation	Voluntary Cancellation	Transfer	Acquired	Holding	Cancellation	Voluntary Cancellation	

### **2.3: Regular Information**

Kenya supports the inclusion of regular information by all participating parties, as an annex to the biennial transparency reports that are submitted in accordance with paragraph 10(b) of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 and no later than 31 December of the relevant year under paragraphs 21 and 22 of chapter IV of the annex.

Kenya supports the submission by parties, the annual information in a manner consistent with chapter III.B and any updates to information submitted for previous years in the NDC implementation period to the Article 6 database pursuant to chapter VI.B and shall include it in the structured summary of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 as part of the biennial transparency report.

For paragraph 23 under Regular reporting, Kenya welcomes the structured summary under the Enhanced Transparency framework to address paragraph 77d(i-iii) of the decision 18/CMA.1, and supports the submission of the annual information as part of the Biennial Transparency Report (BTR).

### **3. CONCLUSION**

Kenya intends to use voluntary cooperation in accordance with Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement and commits to develop the legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks to govern her engagement in market and non-market mechanisms. Kenya therefore recognizes the importance of transparency, accuracy and consistency in reporting among Parties that choose to engage in cooperative approaches under article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement.

Given the diversity displayed by the current NDC targets, accounting for ITMOs could be more complex and prone to errors. As Parties continue to deliberate on the appropriate reporting formats/outlines, it's Kenya's view that the Secretariat should ensure that there is standardization, uniformity and comparability of information required for transparency.

To promote effective participation by all Parties in the cooperative approaches, financial, technical and capacity building support to developing countries is paramount.