



## **VIEWS OF ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND URUGUAY (ABU) ON THE WORK PROGRAMME UNDER THE FRAMEWORK FOR NON-MARKET APPROACHES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 6, PARAGRAPH 8, OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT**

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1. The governments of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay (ABU) welcome the opportunity to express their views on the Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, as per paragraph 4 of the draft conclusions proposed by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) at its Fifty-eighth session (SBSTA 58).
2. ABU recognizes the importance of Article 6.8. to deliver on our common objectives under the Paris Agreement, and the need to keep making progress in the operationalization of the Framework for NMAs, in a balanced manner to other agenda items under Article 6. ABU has been an active voice under these agenda items, and we expect to have equal treatment in the progress made towards operationalization mode.
3. ABU also welcomes the progress made in the operationalization of the web-based platform, as we see it as a first step towards full implementation of the Framework for NMAs.
4. This submission shall be read in conjunction with previous ABU submissions<sup>1</sup> on the Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement.
5. We recall the spirit of reading all ABU submissions (i.e. 6.2., 6.4. and 6.8) as a whole package to ensure a balanced implementation and progress on all three approaches referred under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.
6. In response to the SBSTA invitation to submissions, ABU wishes to submit its views on:
  - a. Work programme activities referred to in chapter V of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3;
  - b. The process for submitting and recording non-market approaches in the UNFCCC web-based platform for non-market approaches referred to in paragraph 3(b) of the draft conclusions, taking into account provisions in paragraphs 2–3 of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3 and acknowledging that Parties participating in non-market approaches may define arrangements based on the determination by their national focal points;

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/SubmissionsStaging/Documents/202208301827---2022%2008%2026%20-%20ABU%20SUBMISSION%206.8\\_ARG\\_BR\\_UY\\_clean%20\(2\).docx](https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/SubmissionsStaging/Documents/202208301827---2022%2008%2026%20-%20ABU%20SUBMISSION%206.8_ARG_BR_UY_clean%20(2).docx)



- c. Possible topics for the next in-session workshop, including round-table discussions and presentations on non-market approaches, referred to in paragraph 9(b) below.

## **WORK PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES**

7. Regarding work program activities referred to in chapter V of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3, ABU understands that priority shall be given to:
  - a. The full operationalization of the web-based platform to allow Parties to record existing NMAs as soon as possible, to move forward in the implementation of climate actions under Article 6.8 of the Paris Agreement;
  - b. Capacity building activities for developing countries, to allow the identification of existing and potential NMAs, submitting and recording of NMAs in the web-based platform;
  - c. Capacity building activities for developing countries to allow existing and potential NMAs fulfill the provisions established in paragraphs 2–3 of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3;
  - d. Capacity building activities to allow Parties implement their national frameworks and institutional arrangement for the implementation of NMAs;
  - e. Tracking support available for finance, capacity building and technology transfer to developing countries to allow the implementation of NMAs;
  - f. Promote strategies and measures to enhance available support for the implementation of NMAs;
  - g. Possibilities for enhancing engagement with public and private sector stakeholders at meetings of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches.

## **PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING AND RECORDING NMAs**

8. As per paragraph 7 of Decision 8/CMA.4, a Party participating in a non-market approach may, with the concurrence of the other participating Parties, voluntarily submit via its UNFCCC national focal point the following information on the non-market approaches to the secretariat for recording it on the UNFCCC web-based platform:
  - a. A description of the non-market approach and the implementing entities, including their contact information;
  - b. Information on how the non-market approach addresses the criteria referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3;
  - c. Updates to the information already provided on the non-market approach, as applicable, including any available reporting on progress in

- implementing the nonmarket approach or any lessons learned or case studies relating to the non-market approach;
- d. A description of the financial, technology and capacity-building support needed to identify, develop and implement the non-market approach;
9. As per paragraph 1b of the Annex to Decision 4/CMA.3, Parties submitting NMAs shall clearly report in the web-based platform how the NMA represent:
- a. Voluntary cooperative actions that are not reliant on market-based approaches and that do not include transactions or quid pro quo operations;
  - b. Integrated, innovative and transformational actions that have significant potential to deliver higher mitigation and adaptation ambition;
  - c. Actions that support the implementation of NDCs of Parties hosting NMAs and contribute to achieving the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement.
10. Furthermore, as per paragraphs 2 of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3, each NMA facilitated under the framework, in the context of Article 6, paragraph 8, shall clearly indicate how the proposed NMA:
- a. Aims to promote mitigation and adaptation ambition;
  - b. Enhance participation of public and private sector and civil society organizations in the implementation of NDCs;
  - c. Enable opportunities for coordination across instruments and relevant institutional arrangements;
  - d. Assists participating Parties in implementing their NDCs in an integrated, holistic and balanced manner, including through, inter alia, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building, as appropriate;
  - e. Contributes to sustainable development and poverty eradication.
11. Furthermore, as per paragraphs 3 of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3, each NMA facilitated under the framework, in the context of Article 6, paragraph 8, shall clearly indicate how the proposed NMA:
- a. Is identified by the participating Parties on a voluntary basis;
  - b. Involves more than one participating Party;
  - c. Does not involve the transfer of any mitigation outcomes;
  - d. Facilitates the implementation of NDCs of host Parties and contributes to achieving the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement;
  - e. Is conducted in a manner that respects, promotes and considers respective obligations of Parties on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and



- intergenerational equity, consistently with the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement;
- f. Minimizes and, where possible, avoids negative environmental, economic and social impacts.
12. Based on the above, regarding the process for submitting and recording non-market approaches in the UNFCCC web-based platform. ABU believes the following sequence can be followed:
- a. Parties willing to submit and record a NMA in the web-based platform shall inform the Secretariat the National Focal Point for the Article 6.8. of the Paris Agreement. A dedicated section may be included in the web-based platform, similar to the approach followed for communicating Article 6.4. DNAs to the Secretariat;
  - b. Once this Focal Points are communicated, registered and acknowledged by the Secretariat, participating Parties will be notified of the designation and be eligible to submit and record NMAs in the web-based platform;
  - c. Participating parties shall ensure in their NMA submission that all the relevant information described in para. 8 of Decision 8/CMA4 and para. 1b, 2 and 3 of the Annex to Decision 4/CMA3 are fully, transparently and consistently reported in the web-based platform;
  - d. For completing these information, Participating Parties can use in-built sections (i.e. forms) provided in the dedicated pages of the web-based platform;
  - e. The Secretariat shall perform completeness; transparency and consistency checks prior to visual publication of NMA in the web-based platform to ensure the reported NMAs are addressing and fulfilling these provisions;
  - f. The Secretariat may count of Technical Expert Teams to perform these checks;
  - g. The web-based platform shall allow to produce and download an NMA synthesis report based on the information provided by the participating parties. A specific template may be developed for this purpose;
  - h. The NMA synthesis report shall be the basis for performing the checks by the Secretariat and/or the Technical Expert Team;
  - i. In the case where inconsistencies or lack of information are identified, the Secretariat shall address the participating parties to solve the inconsistencies or lack of information;
  - j. A check list with comments template may be developed by the Secretariat to facilitate the review of the NMA synthesis report;
  - k. When inconsistencies or lack of information are identified, the Participating parties, through their National Focal Points, shall resubmit the information through the web-based platform, and notify the Secretariat, to allow a re-check of the information;



- l. The Secretariat shall notify the participating parties on the approval of the NMA for recording in the web-based platform;
  - m. The Secretariat and the Participating Parties shall implement all the necessary processes to avoid delays in the submission and approval of NMAs, subjected to the fulfilment of the provisions for submitting and recording NMAs in the web-based platform;
  - n. The Secretariat shall notify all the participating parties and entities on the status and final approval of the NMAs to be recorded and visualized in the web-based platform.
13. ABU understands this process will ensure that recorded NMAs in the web-based platform are consistent with the provisions described in para. 8 of Decision 8/CMA4 and para. 1b, 2 and 3 of the Annex to Decision 4/CMA3.

#### **POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR THE NEXT IN-SESSION WORKSHOP**

14. Regarding the possible topics for the next in-session workshop, ABU believes priority shall be given to discuss:
- a. How existing NMAs are addressing the provisions described in para. 8 of Decision 8/CMA4 and para. 1b, 2 and 3 of the Annex to Decision 4/CMA3;
  - b. Specific capacity building needs of developing countries for the implementation of NMAs;
  - c. Support available for developing countries and how to enhance it;
  - d. Possibilities for enhancing engagement with public and private sector stakeholders;
  - e. Process for approval by the Secretariat for recording NMAs in the web-based platform;
  - f. Additional focus areas.

#### **FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

ABU remains open and flexible to discuss these issues in the next intersectional work and at COP28, keeping in mind the need to ensure that cooperative approaches under Article 6 have comparable and compatible requirements, being equally able to provide transparency, environmental integrity and balanced guidelines, rules, modalities and procedures that allow all Parties to participate.