

United States' submission on the work program under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8 of the Paris Agreement

The United States welcomes decision 4/CMA.3, which adopted the work program under the framework for non-market approaches (NMAs) and established the Glasgow Committee on Non-Market Approaches (GCNMA) to implement the framework and work program. We are confident that this work program will provide Parties with valuable opportunities for non-market-based cooperation.

The United States also welcomes decision 8/CMA.4, which adopted the schedule for implementation of the work program. We believe that if we adhere to this schedule, we will enhance stakeholders' abilities to collaborate in a manner that is not market-based.

As requested in the SB58 conclusions, this submission provides the United States' views and information on the key elements of the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 9, of the Paris Agreement, including:

- (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 FCCC/SBSTA/2023/L.4, 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;
- (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) of FCCC/SBSTA/2023/L.4.

(a) Work programme activities referred to in chapter V of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3

The GCNMA has made significant progress in implementing the activities referred to in chapter V of the annex to 4/CMA.3; namely, the GCNMA has examined measures for enhancing linkages, creating synergies and facilitating coordination and implementation of NMAs by:

- identifying NMAs (through ample discussion of current and potential additional future focus areas, and identifying existing NMAs through workshops and submissions);
- identifying measures for sharing experiences with current linkages and implementation measures for NMAs, and identifying potential enhancements of such measures;
- developing and implementing tools (including the web-based platform) and opportunities to identify, develop and implement NMAs;
- sharing information and case studies for developing NMAs; and
- identifying support for employing NMAs to support NDC implementation to enable higher ambition by establishing linkages with bodies, institutional arrangements and processes related to the Convention and Paris Agreement, and mapping initiatives and programs that can support Parties to implement NMAs.

We welcome the workshops, technical papers and multiple submission rounds to date, and are eager to continue to implement the schedule that was adopted in paragraphs 2 through 4 of 8/CMA.4. We would like to emphasize that we do not foresee adding additional elements to the schedule. Rather, we note that we are midway through implementation of the first phase of the schedule, and we would consider any

further additions to the schedule as detrimental to progress toward completion of this phase on time, which would further delay the expedited and simple assessment of the progress and outcomes of the first phase, which is expected to take place at the sixth meeting of the GCNMA, in November 2024.

(b) The submission and recording process for NMAs

Section II of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3 describes the types of NMAs that may be facilitated under the framework. Specifically, 4/CMA.3 provides that each NMA is voluntarily identified by the participating Parties; involves more than one participating Party; does not involve the transfer of any mitigation outcomes; facilitates the implementation of a host Party's NDC and contributes to achieving the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement; is conducted in a manner that respects, promotes and considers respective obligations of Parties on human rights; and minimizes and, where possible, avoids negative environmental, economic and social impacts. NMAs also represent integrated, innovative and transformational actions that have the potential to deliver higher mitigation and adaptation ambition.

8/CMA.4, paragraph 7, provides further guidance on the submission and recording process for NMAs by deciding that, with the concurrence of other participating Parties, a Party may voluntarily submit information on NMAs (further specified in (i)-(iv)) via their UNFCCC national focal point, and undertake Party-driven facilitation and matching to identify, develop and implement non-market approaches and record the information on the UNFCCC web-based platform.

(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) of FCCC/SBSTA/2023/L.4

- The process for submission of NMAs to the web-based platform
- Sharing NMAs that are currently being implemented;
- Exchanging experiences and best practices for implementing NMAs