

Submission on (a) barriers to using the NMA Platform and potential solutions, with a view to enabling the NMA Platform to be used to its full potential; (b) Their engagement with the NMA Platform and the challenges encountered in unlocking its full potential; (c) How non-market approaches can support a Party's implementation of its nationally determined contribution

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This submission responds to the invitation to provide views on barriers to using the NMA Platform, challenges in engagement and how NMAs can support the implementation of NDCs. As a registered support provider, CIAT recognizes the platform's potential and its important role in facilitating the implementation of NMAs. By providing access to information on registered NMAs, decisions, support providers and other resources, the platform serves as a valuable resource for collaboration. To fully harness this potential, additional guidance on how support providers can engage beyond registration would enhance their ability to contribute effectively. The key challenge is ensuring that the platform fully leverages the expertise of support providers to help Parties identify, develop and implement NMAs.

A key area for improvement is the establishment of a structured mechanism for post-registration engagement. While the platform enables support providers to access information, it does not yet offer a clear process for linking NMAs with relevant expertise. Beyond matchmaking, there is an opportunity to create clear mechanisms that enable support providers to collaborate with Parties in identifying and developing NMAs. Establishing these connections early would position the platform as a catalyst for collaboration and knowledge-sharing among support providers, national focal points and NMA proponents. Enhancing opportunities for interaction would improve coordination and ensure that expertise is effectively leveraged, which would ultimately strengthen the platform's overall impact.

To maximize the platform's functionality, structured engagement pathways should be developed to facilitate stronger connections between Parties and support providers. A key improvement would be allowing support providers to regularly update their expertise and available services, ensuring that Parties have access to the most relevant and up-to-date support options. Additionally, a "Request Support" feature on provider pages could enable Parties to directly seek technical and capacity-building assistance. This would streamline engagement and make support providers more accessible.

Beyond direct support requests, the platform could introduce an enhanced matchmaking mechanism that allows support providers to indicate their areas of expertise and be paired with Parties seeking assistance. Strengthening the functionality of the forum or integrating an interactive discussion space would further improve collaboration by fostering ongoing dialogue, knowledge exchange and more efficient coordination of support efforts.

A structured framework for national focal points to request assistance, alongside dedicated spaces — such as a working group — where support providers can share best practices, contribute technical expertise and align efforts would further strengthen engagement. These initiatives would ensure that NMAs benefit

from a broad range of support services while optimizing the role of support providers in advancing non-market approaches.

In the interim, as more NMAs are registered, support providers have an important role to play in strengthening the foundation for future engagement. They can contribute by defining best practices, developing methodologies and building capacity-building resources that will be instrumental as additional NMAs emerge. The UNFCCC Secretariat-organized webinar for support providers is a step in this direction because it will enhance understanding of non-market approaches and the process for recording NMAs on the platform. Opportunities such as this will help clarify the role of support providers and identify practical ways they can assist Parties more effectively. In parallel, support providers can engage with national focal points, document lessons learned from their engagement and help identify potential barriers to NMA registration.

CIAT welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the advancement of NMAs under Article 6.8 and supports efforts to enhance engagement pathways for support providers. Strengthening coordination mechanisms and improving interaction within the platform will help NMAs realize their full potential in supporting climate action and sustainable development. We look forward to continued discussions and collaboration to further enhance the functionality and effectiveness of the NMA Platform.

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