

Submission by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group on the Operationalization of Article 6, paragraph 8 and paragraph 9 of the Paris Agreement
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Ethiopia on behalf of the Least Developed Countries welcomes this opportunity to submit its view on elements to be addressed, including their operationalization, in the decision on the work programme on the framework for non-market approaches to sustainable development defined in Article 6, paragraph 9, of the Paris Agreement, overarching issues, and relationships between Article 6, paragraphs 8 and 9, and other provisions of the Paris Agreement, the Convention and its related legal instruments, as relevant.

LDCs believe that the framework for non-market approaches under Article 6.9 of the Paris Agreement can make an effective contribution to assist Parties in achieving their nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

The type of approaches can be wide ranging and will depend on the national circumstances of each Party. Examples of approaches that could be applied include: appliance efficiency standards, fuel economy standards, feed-in tariffs, joint adaptation and mitigation activities such as planting trees on lands subject to the effects of climate change. The framework for non-market approaches should be guided by the following principles:

1. **Capacity Building and Technology Transfer:** Non market approaches established under Article 6.8 should focus on capacity building and technology transfer. It should be a system of centres of excellence to assist Parties engage in low carbon economy technologies. Geo-engineering activities would not be considered appropriate under this framework.
2. **Sharing By Doing:** Non-market approaches established under Article 6.8 should be founded on a sharing by doing system with an open source system of sharing experiences will be encouraged.
3. **Non-Tradable:** Consistent with the notion of non-markets, approaches developed under Article 6.8 should not be eligible for trading under Article 6.2 or 6.4.
4. **Regular Reporting:** Actions developed under Article 6.8 should be reported by Parties in their biennial communications.
5. **Do Not Infringe Rights:** To be consistent with various preamble paragraphs of the Paris Agreement, any non-market approach shall ensure that such actions respect, promote and consider *inter alia*, obligations 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. Furthermore the non-market approaches shall ensure the integrity of all ecosystems.

6. **Review:** The framework for non-market approaches should be subject to assessment and review under the global stocktake established under Article 14 of the Paris Agreement.

The Least Developed Countries give their full assurance to participate in discussions and negotiations under Article 6.8 and 6.9 in a constructive manner.