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COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action Assembly at the UN Regional Climate Week for Africa

Capacity Building for Carbon Markets Participation

Wednesday 29 September 2021 –0900-1030 Kampala (0700-0830 London)

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COP26 Catalyst for Climate Action

The Paris Agreement provides us with a truly global framework for climate ambition and action. To unlock the full potential of the Paris Agreement, it is important that all countries can participate to their maximum potential and that a lack of capacity does not hold them back.

In its role as the incoming COP26 Presidency, the UK is committed to better understanding the capacity building challenges faced by developing countries, particularly those most vulnerable to climate impact, and to providing opportunities to share positive experiences and lessons learned across the Region.

Carbon Markets: Session Objectives:

Many countries have signalled that they intend on, or are willing to consider, using carbon markets to meet their NDC targets. At the same time, many developing countries have highlighted their need for capacity building support to enable them to take advantage fully of these opportunities.

This session will provide space to discuss countries' objectives for using markets, and obstacles to success. It will include case studies of carbon market mechanisms that are better developed, and those at earlier stages. This includes focussing on what has worked and why, and how participation and the benefits of markets can be more broadly realised.

Agenda

Time	Theme and speakers
10 mins	Welcome and introduction Chair: Matthew Booth Programme Director, Wilton Park George Hodgetts Programme Manager, Global Carbon Markets, UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

<p>30 mins</p>	<p>Session 1: Making progress with carbon markets: learning from country experience.</p> <p>Countries share what they have achieved so far in their preparation for crediting transactions under Article 6 of Paris Agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What objectives/benefits do you hope to achieve through Carbon Markets? - What are the challenges they encountered and how have they overcome them? - What are the most important factors in developing crediting projects that can support and lead to increased ambition in NDCs? - What policy framework should be put in place to ensure the legal security of the process? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to build a carbon market policy based on evidence and relevant data? - What co-benefits can carbon markets offer, and how do carbon markets promote innovation in countries? - What are main lessons learned or tips for others including the processes (and skills) to take action? <p>Short country introductions examining their approaches to readiness for Article 6 transactions, and any identified lessons, or needs based on their experiences to date. Reflections from:</p> <p>Dr. Daniel Tutu Benefoh - Ghana Deputy Director, Climate Change unit of Ghana's Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>Herman Hakuzimana - Rwanda Director of Climate Change and International Obligations Unit</p>
<p>30 mins</p>	<p>Session 2: Making progress with carbon markets: what more is needed to benefit from Article 6?</p> <p>An opportunity for countries to reflect on what they have heard from those further along in their carbon market journey and to share their capacity building needs, questions and observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What objectives/benefits do you hope to achieve through Carbon Markets? - What are the structural barriers that have been identified to taking action and accessing support? - What are the technical capacities you think would be most valuable, and at what stage? - Is there a process in place to collaborate decision making/ the authorisation of international transfers across government agencies? - How to link an international carbon market policy with your country's NDC goals? <p>Reflections from:</p> <p>Mr Mamadou Batiene – Burkina Faso National REDD+ Lead, Ministry of Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change</p>

	<p>Zerihun Mekuria - Ethiopia GGGI Ethiopia Senior Country Officer</p> <p>Bianca Gichangi - Regional Coordinator, The Eastern Africa Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance</p>
10 mins	<p>Session 3: Identifying areas for future discussion on capacity building to build carbon markets – and other countries in the region who could be involved.</p> <p>Round-table discussion and final reflections</p>
15 mins	<p>Q&A: Informal discussion</p>

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