



Article 6.4

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Background

Article 6.4 establishes a carbon crediting mechanism to be overseen by a Supervisory Body. Effectively, the mechanism is a public carbon market with publicly agreed terms and through which states can buy and sell carbon credits. Prior to COP29, and even still in its aftermath, there are a lot of technicalities to work out under this mechanism.

COP29 Outcomes

On day one of COP29, parties agreed the standards adopted by the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body for the creation of carbon credits under Article 6.4. The UNFCCC reported this as “good news for developing countries, who will benefit from new flows of finance” and for LDCs to get “capacity-building support they need to get a foothold in the market”. However, this agreement was not reached within the parameters of the usual negotiation process. As noted by Isa Mulder from Carbon Market Watch, “Kicking off COP29 with a backdoor deal ... sets a poor precedent for transparency and proper governance”.

Party Positions

	Authorisation of 6.4 Emission Reductions (ERs)	Transparency
AGN African Group of Nations	Authorisation must be consistent and balanced for all credits	Countries' respective capabilities should be respected, since not all can afford management
AOSIS Alliance of Small Island States	Minimum requirements must be set for different types of credit authorisation	All information should be made accessible to the public
China	The previously agreed authorisation work programme should be reopened	Countries' respective capabilities should be respected, to ensure inclusivity
FINAL OUTCOME	Authorisation will be carried out be the ER host country, after which the ER can be counted towards an NDC	Information will be shared to a public, centralised platform

The Road Ahead

The Secretariat has been asked to consider and determine whether there is a need to set a time limit from the date of issuance to when the host Party shall provide a statement of authorisation and to report back in its annual report in November 2025.

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