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Reporting on Article 6 activities

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Switzerland's reported information on Article 6 activities

- Switzerland published two preliminary (updated) initial reports for cooperative approaches

SWITZERLAND: Preliminary Initial Report (Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement)

Switzerland is pleased to present its preliminary initial report under the Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement (hereafter referred to as "initial report"), consistent with decision 2/CMA.3.

<i>2/CMA.3, paragraph 18 of annex, letter a)</i> Demonstration of fulfilment of the participation responsibilities referred to in chapter II (Participation) of the annex of decision 2/CMA.3	
<i>2/CMA.3, paragraph 3 of annex)</i> Consistency of Switzerland's participation in the cooperative approach, the authorization, transfer and use of ITMOs with 2/CMA.3 and relevant decisions of the CMA and application of 2/CMA.3 to all corresponding adjustments and cooperative approaches in which Switzerland participates	Switzerland concludes international Agreements ¹ (hereafter referred to as "bilateral Agreements") governing Switzerland's cooperation under the Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement. The bilateral Agreements ensure consistency of the cooperation with the Paris Agreement, its Articles 4, 6, and 13 and the relevant decisions, and govern the implementation of the Article 6.2 cooperation. The bilateral Agreements remain in force at least until the end of 2034, ensuring consistency with the Paris Agreement provisions throughout NDC implementation periods. The current national climate legislation ² of Switzerland requires all ITMOs to be recognized under a bilateral Agreement of Switzerland. Once the modalities for Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement will be operational, ITMOs from the Article 6.4 mechanism are foreseen to be recognized in the national legislation of Switzerland, potentially with enhanced eligibility criteria.

Acting as the authorized entity of the Swiss Government, the Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)¹ hereby authorizes per Article 6.3 of the *Paris Agreement* and per Article 5.1 of the *Cooperation Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the Republic of Ghana towards the Implementation of the Paris Agreement* signed on 23rd November 2020 (hereafter referred to as the *Cooperation Agreement*) the international transfer and use of Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) specified in this statement. The provisions of the *Cooperation Agreement* apply.

- I. **Date of authorization (date of signature of this authorization statement):** 11.11.2022
- II. **Entity authorized (to transfer):** UNDP Country Office Ghana
- III. **ITMO uses authorized:** ITMOs are authorized for use towards NDC, other international mitigation purposes and other purposes, including the voluntary offsetting, as specified in the authorization statement by the Republic of Ghana.
- IV. **Definition of first transfer:** The first transfer, triggering corresponding adjustments by the host Party is defined by the recognition of the occurred international transfer of an ITMO under the *Cooperation Agreement* (Article 8).
- V. **Authorized mitigation activity:** "Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana" (project ID number 5001) as determined below and in the annexed Mitigation Activity Design Document (MADD). Applied standards and baseline methodologies as well as requirements for monitoring and verification, including for contributions to sustainable development, apply as specified in the MADD
Total cumulative maximum amount of Mitigation Outcomes for which international transfer and use is authorized: 1'125'655 of t CO₂eq
- VI. **Authorized crediting period:** 1 June 2022 – 31 December 2030
- VII. **NDC period(s) during which the Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) are authorized for use, as appropriate:** 2021 – 2030

Ghana

5001 Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana

Authorization Statement (LoA) (PDF, 212 kB, 12.11.2022)

MADD "Promotion of climate smart agriculture practices for sustainable rice cultivation in Ghana" (project ID number 5001) (PDF, 1 MB, 11.11.2022)

Validation Report (PDF, 327 kB, 11.11.2022)

Preliminary Initial Report (PDF, 357 kB, 11.11.2022)

Thailand

5002 Operation of e-buses on privately owned, scheduled public bus routes in the Bangkok Metropolitan area by Energy Absolute

Authorization Statement (PDF, 208 kB, 27.02.2023)

MADD "Operation of e-buses on privately owned, scheduled public bus routes in the Bangkok Metropolitan area by Energy Absolute" (project ID number 5002) (PDF, 4 MB, 27.02.2023)

Validation Report (PDF, 523 kB, 27.02.2023)

Updated Initial Report (PDF, 247 kB, 27.02.2023)



Status quo on reporting clarity

- Initial report outline adopted at COP27
 - Now fully operational including interim CARP submission portal
 - Still some question up for interpretation
- Other reporting instruments require further CMA guidance
 - Agreed electronic format for annual information
 - Regular information (reported biennially)



Potential challenges for the initial report

- High-level guidance leaves open detail of information required for reporting, particularly for activity specific information (para 18g-i Decision 2/CMA.3)
 - Coordination with Partner country for consistency of information
 - Some reporting elements are substantial and may require (significant) coordination:
 - Arrangements for authorizing / tracking
 - Method for corresponding adjustment
 - Contribution to ambition in mitigation and adaptation actions
- Lock in policy decisions for the entire NDC implementation period
- Capacity building and sharing experiences very helpful



Background information

[Registered compensation projects abroad \(admin.ch\)](#)

- Authorization statements
- Mitigation activity design documents (MADDs)
- Validation reports
- Preliminary initial reports

[Bilateral climate agreements \(admin.ch\)](#)



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