

# Sustainable Development Dialogue on Implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC process

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**Sustainable Development in Article 6 – state of the negotiations  
and perspectives on future developments'**

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## 'What was learned from the Sustainable Development Initiative?'

- a reporting segment on the debates in the SDI and lessons learned for the negotiation process

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# Overview of the SDD

# Objective of the Sustainable Development Dialogue (SDD), recap


*“A Party driven dialogue with the aim to help overcome knowledge and political barriers for Parties to promote sustainable development through voluntary cooperation under Article 6”*

# The 2030 Agenda and the SDGs : Key Facts



- ‘Universal’:
  - Adopted by 193 countries in Sept 2015
  - Developed and developing countries
- Global and National levels:
  - High Level political forum on Sustainable Development
  - Voluntary National Reviews (VNR)
- Globally accepted framework to track progress (17 goals, 169 targets, 232 indicators)

# Article 6 cooperative approaches - SD provisions



Art. 6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Unitary objectives:</b></li><li>• Increase ambition</li><li>• Promote <b>sustainable development</b></li><li>• Ensure environmental integrity</li></ul>
Art. 6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No international supervision, but guidance</li><li>• <b>Parties shall promote SD</b> and</li><li>• ensure environmental integrity</li></ul>
Art. 6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supervision by UN Body</li><li>• Rules, modalities and procedures</li><li>• Contribute to GHG ERs and <b>support SD</b></li></ul>
Art. 6.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Framework for non-market approaches to <b>sustainable development</b></li></ul>

# SDD activities in 2018

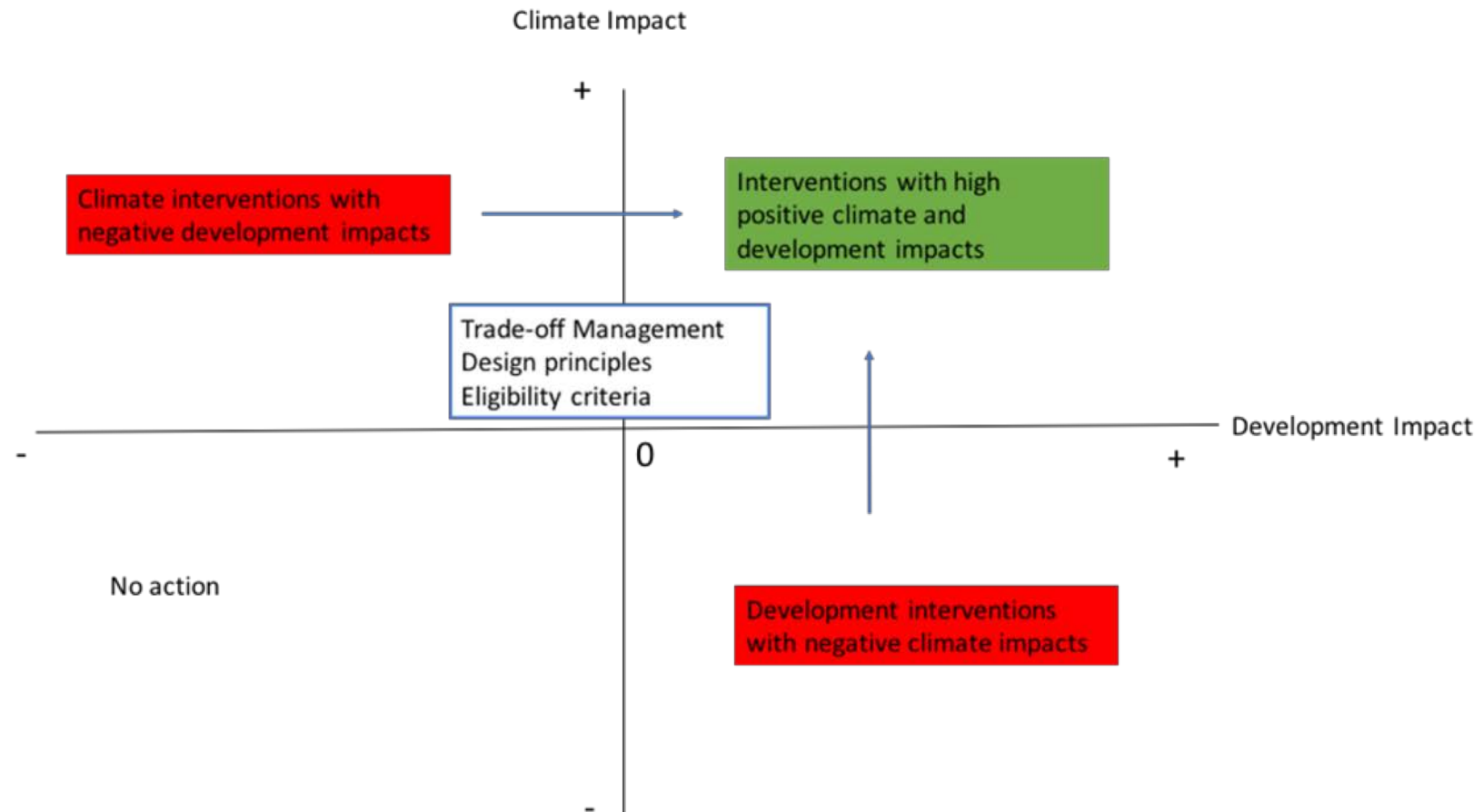
- **Focus:** Operationalize the Article 6 SD provisions through a Party driven stakeholder dialogue at the following events:

2018	Occasion	Location
February	ICTSD Art. 6 Meeting	Tokyo, Japan
April	AILAC / others	Mexico City, Mexico
April	GA PMR / Worldbank	Kiev, Ukraine
April / May	Meeting of SBs	Bonn, Germany
June	African Carbon Forum	Nairobi, Kenya
September	Meeting of SBs	Bangkok, Thailand
December	COP 24	Katowice, Poland



# Take-aways

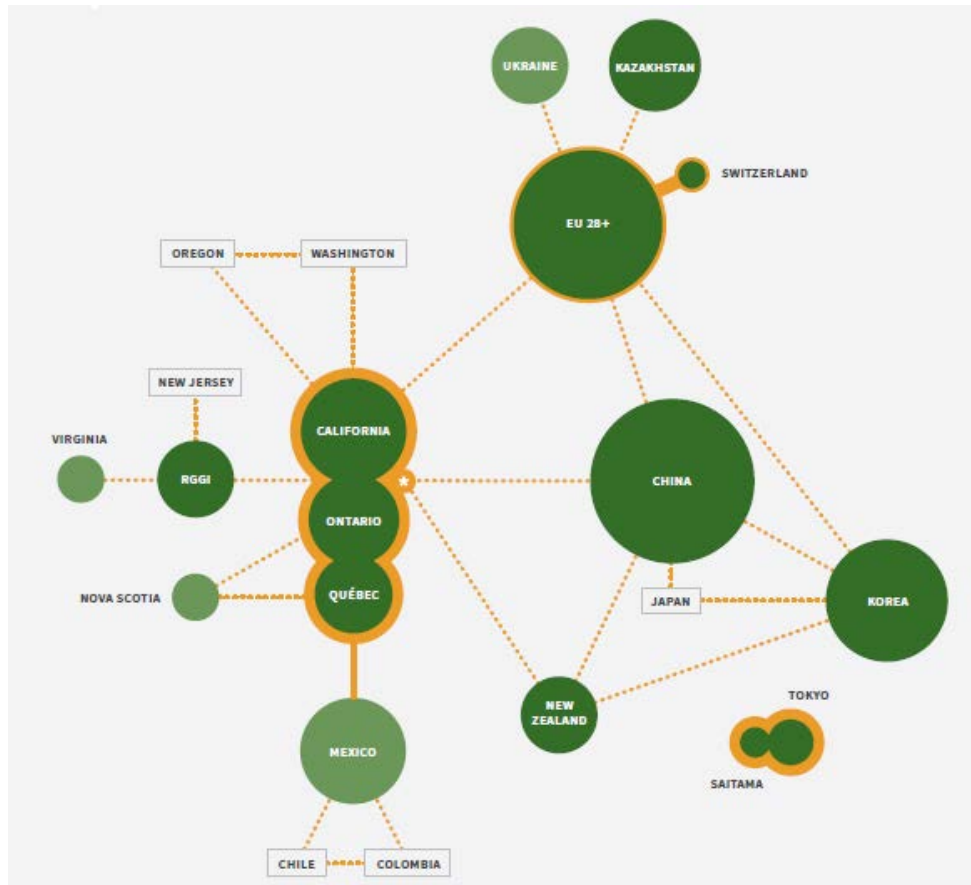
# NDC - SDG synergies and trade-offs



# High-Level Options (HLOs): Identified from Party Submissions



# Art. 6.2 example: Promoting SD through linking of ETS



## SD considerations:

- Why important? create a level playing field, avoid a race to the bottom
- Minimum requirements: Safeguards for no harm done incl. respect for human rights
- System level assessment: DNA/host country to be transparent and report on SD criteria, approach to SD assessment, policy level assessments e.g. using ICAT guidance to assess jobs created vs. lost, screening against all SDG impacts etc.
- Project level assessment: SD impacts, following above system level criteria and procedures, endorsing existing SD standards such as GS, CCBA etc.

Text proposals

# The rationale

There are four reasons, why operational SD provisions in Article 6 are important:

Public  
acceptance

Raising  
ambition

Private  
funding

Agenda 2030  
alignment

# Text recommendations (pre-CoP)

- General provisions
- The use of 'shall' provisions for SD requirements
- Minimum quality requirements for stakeholder consultations
- Second or Third party assessment of SD contributions
  
- Article 6.2 – Reporting:
  - Ex-ante assessment of expected SD contributions of the collaboration;
  - Periodic ex-post reporting of the SD contributions;
  - Development of tools and approaches (for voluntary use) to support SD reporting and to avoid/mitigate negative impacts catering to various types of collaboration (project level, sectoral level, policy level).
  
- Article 6.4 - Roles and responsibilities: Facilitative role of the Supervisory Body, mandated to
  - Foster knowledge exchange and support development of tools and approaches for SD assessment to promote SD goals and priorities of host Parties that follow common best practice standards;
  - Develop minimum SD requirements for activities for no-harm-done.

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