

Terms of Reference

DUTY STATION: Lomé, Togo

JOB TITLE: RCC West and Central Africa Article 6 and Carbon Pricing Expert

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the UN Climate Change partnered with the Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD) located in Lome, Togo, to establish the Regional Collaboration Centre for West and Central Africa (RCC WAC Africa). The RCC is dedicated to supporting regional initiatives to achieving the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Climate Change Agreement. The RCC channels local, regional and global resources into climate action to facilitate implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement, National Adaptation Plans, roadmaps for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other relevant policies and strategies. The Centre supports 25 countries across west and central Africa, including Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.

INTRODUCTION

In 2021, Parties agreed on how to operationalize Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, with decisions:

2/CMA.3 Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement

3/CMA.3 Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

4/CMA.3 Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement

The decisions set out the framework for the voluntary participation by Parties and other stakeholders in market and non-market approaches that support the implementation of nationally



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determined contributions (NDCs). In the annexes to the decisions, Parties elaborated participation requirements and governance matters, rule basis for implementation, infrastructure requirements and necessary operative provisions.

The UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centers (RCCs) support national climate action through capacity-building, technical assistance, and strategic networking sourcing know-how and resources to help developing countries participate in addressing climate change. They were initially established to support the CDM but have since grown beyond and now provide support for all UNFCCC mandates.

The UNFCCC partners with organizations operating six RCCs globally, including:

1. RCC Asia-Pacific, covering Asia and the Pacific in partnership with Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES);
2. RCC MENA-SA, covering Middle East, North Africa and South Asia, in partnership with World Green Economy Organization (WGEO);
3. RCC WACA, covering Western and Francophone Africa, in partnership with Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD);
4. RCC EASA, covering East and Southern Africa, in partnership with East African Development Bank (EADB);
5. RCC Latin America, covering Latin America, in partnership with UNEP;
6. RCC Caribbean, covering the Caribbean, in partnership with the Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation (WINDREF)

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

Under the direct supervision of the Regional Lead administratively for the RCC and in close collaboration and direction from substantive teams in Bonn, the expert(s) will support Parties within west and central Africa on the implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

Tasks expected to be undertaken by the expert in the region will include:

- Pro-actively identifying, prioritizing, and developing targeted opportunities for cooperation, work plan, and partnerships. Managing and implementing these opportunities in alignment with the mandate, with the strategic direction, and with the guidance provided by the Regional Lead and relevant teams at the UNFCCC Secretariat.
- Gathering, analyzing and compiling information from various sources (including that which is presented in NDCs) on the current and proposed use of market and non-market approaches for the implementation of NDCs, including performing qualitative and quantitative analysis on GHG mitigation impacts and other macroeconomic, fiscal, trade, social and broader environmental impacts, and create a repository of information in coordination with substantive teams in Bonn;



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- Supporting Parties and Non-Party stakeholders in using market and non-market approaches for the implementation of NDCs, through cooperative approaches under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, including supporting countries in establishing domestic carbon pricing (policies or instruments), carbon market mechanisms, voluntary carbon markets, potential use of offsets and internationally-linked Emissions Trading Systems, as well as developing and implementing relevant non-market initiatives that would support the implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement;
- Supporting RCC activities in reaching out to countries in west and central Africa region to develop understanding on the needs for capacity building on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, including through establishing and strengthening relationships with policymakers, multilateral and bilateral development agencies, collaboration with national focal points in raising awareness on the benefits of cooperative and collaborative instruments of climate action and assessing the political appetite for implementing market and non-market policy approaches for the achievement of their NDCs;
- Supporting national governments in the deployment of institutional arrangements and infrastructure requirements to fulfill participation requirements as defined in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

This requires the following key activities to be undertaken:

- Prepare a country analysis report on current and proposed use of market and non-market approaches to support the preparation of new NDCs (NDC 3.0) and facilitate the implementation of existing NDCs (NDC 2.0), including opportunities for ambitious climate action based on qualitative and quantitative analysis on GHG emission trends and projections and mitigation impacts;
- Prepare a country analysis report on capacity building needs on the implementation of institutional arrangements in a host country for Article 6 instruments;
- Mapping of existing and planned market and non-market-based policy approaches to achieving the NDCs of the host countries of such activities, along with an analysis of their alignment with the Paris' goal;
- Conduct regional and country specific capacity building workshops for the implementation of market and non-market approaches under Article 6 and provide technical support to countries developing and/or implementing market and non-market policy approaches for achieving their NDCs;
- Establishing and maintaining relationships with internal and external stakeholders, including cooperation or partnership alliances with local entities;
- Identifying key contacts and opportunities for strategic partnerships in the region and maintaining working relationships with individuals or entities;
- Supporting the delivery of related capacity building activities including workshops.

OUTPUTS

The below list includes some of the deliverables to be met by the Article 6 Regional Expert. Specific deliverables and dates will be discussed with the incumbent upon commencement of the assignment and a workplan for the year will be drawn up which may include *inter alia*:

- Analysis on current and proposed use of market and non-market approaches for the implementation of NDCs, including opportunities for ambitious climate action for all the
- Analysis of capacity building needs on the implementation of institutional arrangements in a host country for Article 6 instruments for all the countries covered by the RCC.
- Assistance to at least one country for the implementation of institutional arrangements for Article 6 instruments in the host country
- Establishment of a database of existing and planned new markets and non-market-based approaches, with a specific focus on their alignment with the Paris' goal for the countries covered by the RCC for west and central Africa;
- Establishment of key relationships with internal and external stakeholders, including cooperation or partnership alliances with local entities;
- At least two countries are supported in the consideration of market and non-market policy approaches for the achievement of their NDCs;
- At least two countries are supported in recording their non-market approaches on the NMA Platform;
- At least one regional workshop is organized, and multiple external presentations are made by utilizing training materials for delivering knowledge and enhancing capacity building activities in the region;
- A monthly report on information gathered on market and non-market policy approaches for the achievement of their NDCs within the RCC region is prepared.

LOCATION AND DURATION

The assignment is for a period of one (1) year with the possibility of extension, thereafter, starting as soon as possible. The expert will be based in the RCC WAC Africa office in Lomé, Togo. Travel in the region and beyond will be required as deemed necessary to deliver the outputs.

SUPERVISION

The expert will work under the direct supervision of the RCC WAC Africa Regional Lead for both performance and administrative issues, and under the overall guidance of the Team Lead of



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the Coordination Unit of the UN Climate Change secretariat in Bonn, Germany. The expert will therefore be under BOAD employment terms and hence is not an employee of the UN Climate Change secretariat. The expert will receive the required IT, office, and administrative support from BOAD.

REQUIREMENTS

Education: Advanced university degree (Masters) in development studies, economics, business administration, international relations, environmental studies, or in a related discipline. A combination of a university degree plus substantial professional experience in the field may be accepted in lieu of an advanced degree in the relevant discipline.

Experience: At least five (5) years relevant professional working experience on climate change/environment, development cooperation, relationship management at an institutional level, stakeholder engagement and/or capacity building. Knowledge and working experience in the field of addressing climate change are essential. Excellent oral and written communication skills, especially in communicating with technical experts and policy makers.

Additional requirements:

- Experience in the design, development, operation or evaluation of market-based measures for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (e.g., emissions trading systems, offsetting standards or programmes, the international carbon market) is an asset;
- Experience in ensuring the transparency and accountability of carbon market programmes and carbon market operations is an asset;
- Ability to work both independently and in close cooperation with various teams and partners. High level of self-motivation and self-management as well as diplomatic tact and political awareness.
- Thorough knowledge of the GHG mitigation ambitions of countries and their NDCs in the region including deep understanding of the climate change policies, institution and regulatory frameworks being pursued by countries in relation to low carbon development and carbon market development, especially in the context of their NDCs is an asset;
- An understanding of how non-market approaches assist in the implementation of NDCs, within the context of sustainable development and poverty alleviation, is an asset.

Language: Fluency in English (both oral and written) is required. Fluency in French would be an asset, incl. for cross-regional collaboration.

COMPETENCIES

Applying professional expertise



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Demonstrates a working knowledge and interest in the substantive functions of the work unit, including those not within own area of expertise; Manages effectively and fairly across different substantive functions to establish integrated, multidisciplinary teams to address complex issues; Coordinates the input of different functional specialists to achieve sound, integrated solutions; Drives others to develop their functional and substantive skillsets, and to build their understanding of related disciplines; Maintains and disseminates an understanding of best practice standards in all substantive areas represented within the work unit.

Communicating with impact

Communicates with confidence to external audiences and credibly represents the organization; Negotiates effectively with individuals and groups; Encourages effective and open communications within the unit, holds regular meetings and actively fosters communication among staff members; Delivers engaging and persuasive presentations that hold the attention of the audience, and presents complex information in a manner that is understandable to non-experts; Supports and coaches team members in the preparation of effective communication.

Delivering results

Creates policies, programmes, or processes which are mindful of minimizing potential negative social, economic and/or environmental impacts; Identifies the resources needed to deliver results, and manages their use to ensure the utmost efficiency, effectiveness and impact; Creates an environment where staff, regardless of their gender, family situation or other circumstances, are able to perform at their best; Promotes a mindset of results orientation, aligns systems and processes to support the achievement of results, and holds staff members to account for their commitment; Holds regular reviews to assess the results achieved against targets; Manages, reduces or mitigates risks without compromising results, where possible.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates whose qualifications, and experience which match the job description should send their resume, a letter of application to the Admin and Office Assistant, Marcelle Kpeto at Mkpeto@unfccc.int, cc Wtubua@unfccc.int . Applications will be accepted until **10th January, 2025**.

Please indicate “Article 6 and Carbon pricing Expert – RCC WAC Africa” in your email subject.