

Overview of the MLP and activities for 2021: an example of pairs on Article 6.2 reporting

Mutual Learning Program for Enhanced Transparency:
capacity building for reporting under Article 6.2 and 13

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Possible reporting schedule under Art. 6.2 and 13

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Art. 6.2 ¹	Adopt Art. 6 rulebook	Adopt reporting outline	Initial report (one-time)	
			Annual information (annual)	
			Regular information (included in BTR)	
Art. 13	Adopt CTF and CRT for ETF			
		BUR ²		BTR ³
		National communication ⁴		

CTF: Common tabular format

CRT: Common reporting table

ETF: Enhanced transparency framework

BUR: Biennial update report

BTR: Biennial transparency report

1. UNFCCC (2019) Proposal by the President. Draft CMA decision on guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement. (Version 3 of 15 December)
2. UNFCCC (2011) Decision 2/CP.17 Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention
3. UNFCCC (2018) Decision 18/CMA.1. Modalities, procedures and guidelines for the transparency framework for action and support referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement
4. UNFCCC (2002) Decision 17/CP.8 Guidelines for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

Objectives of the MLP

To understand how to apply the reporting guidance under the Paris Agreement (Art. 6.2, 13)

To explore improvement areas of next reports, including First BTR

To strengthen a network of institutions & individuals working on BTRs

Approaches of the MLP

1. The program is run for participants

- Every participant can contribute to the detailed design of the program (e.g., exercise topics, process and timelines)

2. The program should aim to generate tangible outputs

- Ideally the outputs can serve as the basis for actual reporting in BTRs and Art. 6.2 reporting

3. The program is for learning

- Process is more important than the correctness of the outputs.
- Informal and hypothetical data can be used for reporting exercises.

4. The program must be enjoyable!

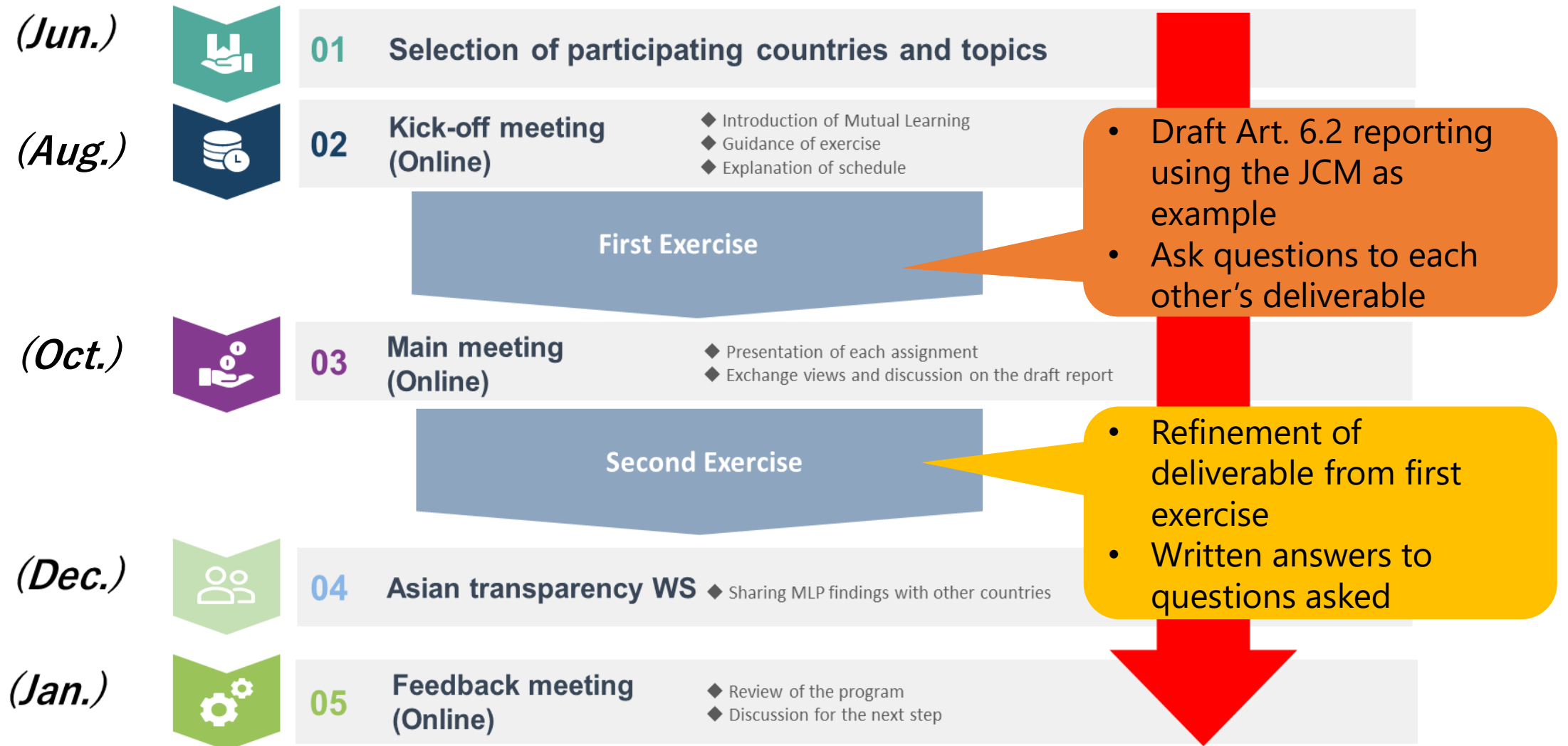
- Views expressed are of individual participants.

Participants and topics in 2021

Pair	Country/organization	Topic
1	Chile (Article 6 Taskforce) – Thailand (TGO) – IGES	Art. 6.2 reporting
2	Indonesia (CMEA, MOEF) – Mongolia (MET)	Art. 6.2 reporting
3	Indonesia (MOEF) – Thailand (PCD) – IGES	Reporting of mitigation actions in waste sector

TGO: Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization
CMEA: Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs of Indonesia
MET: Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia
MOEF: Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia
PCD: Pollution Control Department of Thailand

Overview of MLP on Art. 6.2 reporting



1st Exercise : Draft hypothetical Art. 6.2 reporting using the JCM as an example

I. Initial report (submission year: 2023).

18. Each participating Party shall submit an Article 6, paragraph 2 initial report (initial report) no later than the time of providing or receiving authorisation or initial first transfer of ITMOs from a cooperative approach and where practical, in conjunction with the next due biennial transparency report pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1² for the period of NDC implementation. The initial report shall contain comprehensive information to:

(a) Demonstrate that the participating Party fulfils the participation responsibilities referred to in chapter II (Participation) above;
II. Participation
4. Each participating Party shall ensure that:
(a) It is a Party to the Paris Agreement;
Japan accepted the Paris Agreement in November 2016. ³
(b) It has prepared, communicated and is maintaining an NDC in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement and decision 4/CMA.1;
Japan communicated the updated NDC in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement and decision 4/CMA.1 in 2021 ⁴ , which Japan is maintaining in 2023.
(c) It has arrangements in place for authorizing the use of ITMOs towards NDCs pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 3 of the Paris Agreement;
Japan authorizes JCM credits issued for emission reductions/sequestration realized on or after January 1, 2021 as a Party to the Paris Agreement, in accordance with the Paris Agreement and related decisions, for use towards the achievement of Japan's NDC and for use in international emission reduction schemes, in accordance with the procedures described below, when those JCM credits are authorized for use by implementing entities. ⁵
The line ministries of JCM implementation establish a council for the purpose of implementing JCM in accordance with the Paris Agreement and related decision documents, as well as bilateral documents for JCM implementation, and rules and guidelines adopted by the Joint Committee (JC) established based on the bilateral document. The council authorizes JCM credits as a Party to the Paris Agreement. ⁶ The JC will serve as a forum for relevant coordination (e.g., corresponding adjustment).



What has been achieved

◆ To share relevant experiences, ideas and status of each country

- How arrangements for authorization will be established (e.g. CDM process can be basis)
- How ITMOs will be tracked (e.g. domestic registry incorporates international units)
- How the JCM will contribute to partner countries' NDC target (e.g. unconditional and conditional targets)

◆ To identify gaps in understanding / points for further consideration

- Definition of Art. 6 terms in the context of the JCM (e.g. "ITMOs")
- How CA may be effected
 - JCM credits for JP project participants
 - Different CA method for single-year NDC target (i.e. average and trajectory)
 - Different NDC implementation period

For future implementation of MLP

◆ Establish common basis for exercises

- Guidance on definition of Art. 6 terms in the context of the JCM will facilitate exercises.

◆ Exercise based on adopted Art. 6.2 guidance

- Exercise will be even more practical, if Article 6 rulebook is adopted.

◆ Contribution to develop common understanding of the JCM under Art. 6.2 with more countries

- Common understanding of the JCM under Art. 6.2 among JCM partner countries will be key to assure consistency of reported information.

Thank you for your attention.

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