Article 6 of UNFCCC

& The New Delhi Work Programme

An overview

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Commitments under Article 4 (i) of the Convention

"All Parties shall promote and cooperate in **education**, **training** and **public awareness** related to climate change and encourage the **widest participation** in this process, including that of non-governmental organizations"





Article 6 of the Convention

What does it mean?

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Education

Training

Public Awareness

Public Access to Information

Public Participation

International Cooperation

Objectives

Long-term change in habits

Impart specific skills

Early results

Information freely available

Popular involvement in decision-making process

Strengthen capacity building share best practices

Better awareness and understanding of climate change and its effects

Address climate change effectively and contribute to responding to the problem

Engage all stakeholders and encourage debate and partnership

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Article 6 of the Convention A key element in Parties' response

- Generate support to policies and measures
- Strengthen institutional and legal frameworks
- Encourage voluntary changes in habits
- Bridge the communication gap between researchers/policy makers
- Promote international cooperation in the context of sustainable development





Article 6 in the negotiations

Marrakesh Accord November 2001

Article 6 emerges an underlying issue for:

- Capacity Building in developing countries
- Development and transfer of technology
- Response strategies in mitigating GHG emissions & adverse effects of climate change
- GEF and its implementing agencies





New Delhi work programme (Decision 11/CP.8)

- Five-year work programme on Article 6
- Country-driven approach
- Phased approach by integrating Article 6 activities into existing climate change programmes/strategies
- Promote partnerships
- Encourage programmatic response by NGOs and IGOS
- List activities that Parties may wish to implement





New Delhi work programme Suggested activities

- Designate a national focal point for Article 6 activities
- Prepare assessment of needs
- Enhance climate focused education and training programmes
- Increase the availability and dissemination of information on climate change
- Build active networks





New Delhi work programme Funding

- No special mechanism
- But existing funding opportunities by the GEF, and by other multilateral and bilateral sources
- → Elaborate on Article 6 activities in the context of CB activities
- → Identify and engage existing regional resources





New Delhi work programme Review process

- Review of the work programme in 2007
- Intermediate review in 2004 at COP 10 further endorsed the work programme
- Basis for evaluation : Reports in national communications and other sources





Reporting by Non-Annex I Parties

Scope

- Report implemented or planned activities relating to climate change education, training and public awareness
- Activities also cover public participation, public access to information and international cooperation.





Reporting by Non-Annex I Parties

- Institutional framework for the implementation of Article 6 activities
- Institutional and/or legal framework for public participation and access to information
- Level of awareness and understanding of climate change issues





Reporting by Non-Annex I Parties

- Subregional, regional and international cooperation to promote Article 6
- Synergies with other environmental agreements (e.g. Rio Conventions)
- Gaps, needs and priorities in climate change education, training and public awareness





Commitments under Article 10 (e) of the Kyoto Protocol

"All Parties shall cooperate in and promote at the international level, (...), the development and implementation of education and training programmes, (...) and the exchange or secondment of personnel to train experts in this field, in particular for developing countries, and facilitate at the national level public awareness of, and public access to information on, climate change".





New Delhi work programme Role of the secretariat

- Prepare reports on progress achieved
- Facilitate exchange of information
 - Develop an information network clearing house (ref. FCCC/SBI/2004/14)
 - Organize and facilitate regional workshops





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