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Double counting - the billion dollar question for implementing Article 6 carbon markets

There is an elephant in the room: if nearly all countries have national targets, international carbon trading and upscaled programmatic crediting instruments will create perceived or real threats to double counting, endangering environmental integrity.

Abstract:

After 2020 all Parties to the Paris Agreement will have national contributions. How can we make sure that cooperative approaches / carbon markets, and even voluntary carbon markets raise ambition of NDC targets? A key element for ensuring environmental integrity is to prevent double counting. A major requirement for operationalizing high quality carbon market instruments is the existence of a global registry that allows to record sales and purchases of carbon credits on all levels. This is foreseen in the Paris Agreement under Article 6 but not yet implemented.

Furthermore, project owners require guarantees that their achieved emission reductions are eligible for compliance purposes as per Art. 6.4 and will not be claimed by the host country for achieving its own NDC targets. This becomes even more relevant as a new generation of mitigation actions under Article 6 are anticipated to promote up-scaled crediting through programmatic approaches, while being embedded in the host country sectoral policies and NDCs.

As we can see from the evolving Article 6 draft texts, future voluntary carbon market activities may also operate within NDCs, which would result in a new relationship with compliance market. Consequently, voluntary standards also need to consider national policies and NDC targets when assessing additionality. At the same time, there need to be transparent and commonly accepted rules to which Party's account any mitigation outcome stemming from a voluntary project, in order to trigger a financial incentive for private investment and the use of voluntary standards for offsetting emissions.

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Panelists:

- 1) Tiago Chagas; Climate Focus: Article 6 pilot experiences from recent studies
- 2) Representative African Government (tbc.): Needs for carbon markets to achieve NDC's
- 3) Jeff Swartz; South Pole Group: perspectives on double counting and NDC's, our vision for how the voluntary markets should evolve after 2020
- 4) Stephan Hoch; PoA Working Group: Relevance of upscaled programmatic crediting instruments for Article 6 operationalization
- 5) Werner Betzenbichler; D.I.A.: A new object of investigation – the role of Third Parties in protecting against double-counting