

Importance of Assessing Sustainable Development impacts of climate actions

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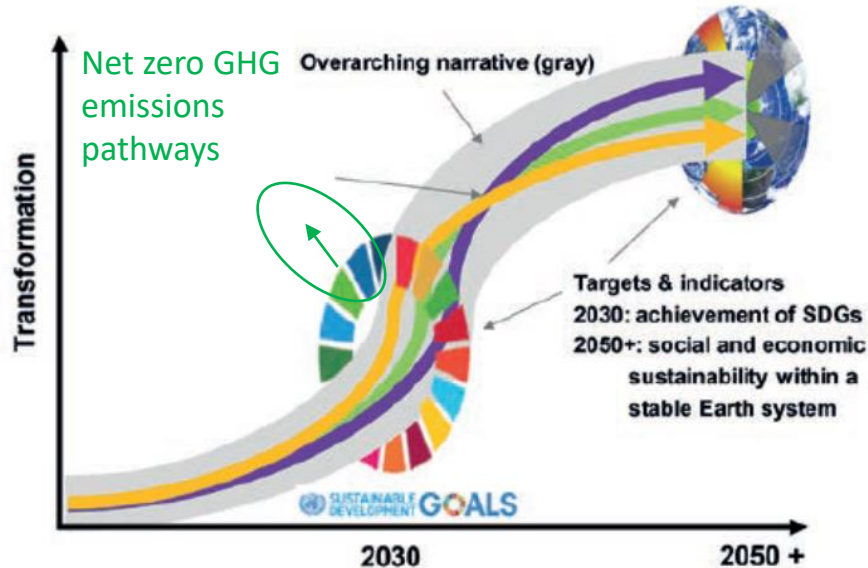
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Transformational change for the global goals



Source: TWI2050 - The World in 2050 (2018). Transformations to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Report prepared by The World in 2050 initiative. International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria.

Transformational change concept:



Source: Costa Rica



The urgency of a transition towards sustainable development and net zero global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions was underlined in the special report Global Warming of 1.5°C by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC, 2018).

SD provisions in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

Art. 6.1 (preamble)

Unitary objectives:

Increase ambition

Promote
sustainable
development

Ensure
environmental
integrity

Art. 6.2 (cooperative approaches)

No international
supervision, but
guidance

**Parties shall
promote SD**

ensure
environmental
integrity

Art. 6.4 (mechanism)

Supervision by UN
Body

Rules, modalities
and procedures

Contribute to GHG
ERs and **support SD**

Art. 6.8 (work programme)

Framework for
non-market
approaches to
**sustainable
development**

Glasgow Article 6 outcomes to promote SD

Art. 6.2 cooperation

- guidance

- Information about **SD in Initial Report and in subsequent BTRs.**
- **SD reporting is mandatory.** Developer to report how each cooperative approach is **consistent with SD objectives of the host Party, avoids negative impacts and respects HRs and other rights.**

Art. 6.4 mechanism

- rules, modalities and procedures

- **SB to review the SD tool in use for the CDM and other tools and safeguard systems in use in existing market-based mechanisms by end of 2023**
- **SB to provide the operational means for developers to report how each cooperative is consistent with the SD objectives of the host Party, avoids negative impacts and respects HRs and other rights**
- **Host Party SD information shall be made publicly available and approved**
- Activity design requirements specify **stakeholder consultations and public participation.**
- **A grievance mechanism to appeal SB decisions is established.**
- Validation, registration, monitoring/certification and issuance of credits also apply to SD impacts (TBC).

Art. 6.8 framework

- work programme

- The cover decision for the framework recognizes the importance of a holistic approach to enable cooperation for NDC implementation **in the context of SD.**
- A focus area for the work programme on non-market approaches is mitigation measures to address climate change and **contribute to SD.**

The rationale

- Four reasons, why operational SD provisions in Article 6 are important:

Public
acceptance

Raising
ambition

Private
funding

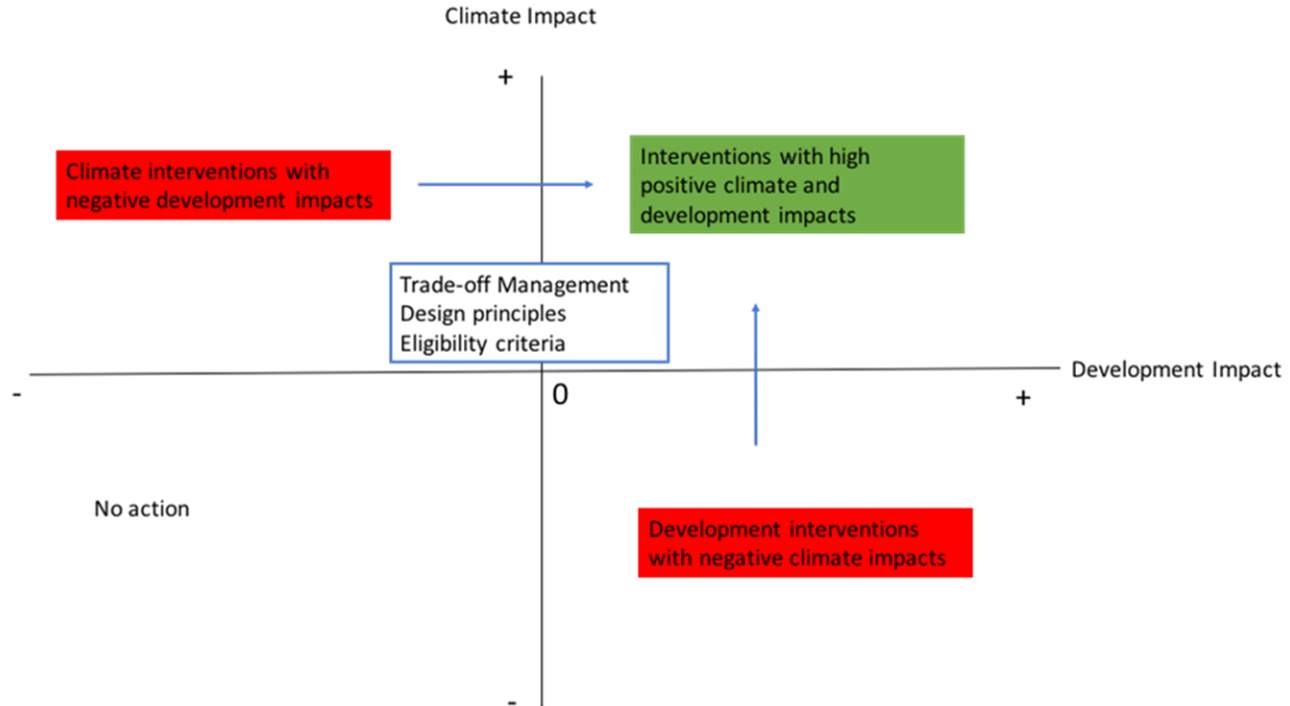
Agenda 2030
alignment

Stock take of how existing SD tools fulfil A6.4 SB provisions to promote SD

A6.4 SB SD criteria	CDM	Thailand Crown Standard	India SD policy	Gold Standard SDG Tool	ADB SDG Tool	SD Vista	ICAT SD methodology	UN REDD+	SEI SDG synergies tool
Compliance with host Party SD objectives	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Safeguards, HRs and grievance				+	+	+	+	+	+
Stakeholders and public participation	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SDG impact assessment				+	+	+	+	+	+
MRV, certification & claims		+		+	+	+	+	+	+
Transparency and reporting				+	+	+	+	+	+

The challenge of assessing SD impacts

- Identifying synergies and trade-offs to promote positive climate and development impacts



Objective of the SDI 2017-2023:



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

SDI website available [here](#)

The Sustainable Development Initiative (SDI) for Art. 6 aims at promoting strong provisions on sustainable development in the rulebook of Art. 6. The initiative is a collaboration between UNEP DTU Partnership and the Gold Standard Foundation launched in 2017 and supported by Germany, Norway and Sweden in 2021-22 Views stated are those of the presenters and do not represent any consensus among the Parties involved.

SDI deliverables 2021-23

Workstream	Deliverable	Activities	Nature	Status
WS1. Party Driven Dialogue	1.1	Writing of text recommendations and submission of SDI views in response to UNFCCC calls for observer input on how to operationalize SD provisions in the Article 6 'rulebook'	SDI views submitted to UNFCCC SDI position paper published ahead of COP26 in Glasgow	Complete
	1.2	Exploring interests of likeminded Parties to promote high-ambition and SD in Article 6 activities	Summary of SDI 2022 activities incl. side event at COP26 in Glasgow	Complete
WS2. Piloting of SD tools & approaches for Article 6	2.1	Facilitate higher ambition in SD through bilateral agreements	Recommendations published	Complete
	2.2	Enhance understanding of strategic use of Article 6 to deliver national SD priorities	'Co-operating for the SDGs' , guide published	Complete
	2.3	Continue to assess potential Article 6 pilots against SDI good practice guidance and tools	Two pilot case studies conducted	Complete, to be published
	2.4	Stocktake and assessment of available SD tools and approaches for monitoring of SD impacts and associated engagement with the UNFCCC Secretariat	Report and/or presentation + ToRs for possible collaboration with the UNFCCC Sec. and its RCCs	Finland funded activities: Start in April 2022, until March 2023
WS3. Outreach and strategic partnerships to develop a Community of Practice (CoP)	3.1	Series of 4 webinars jointly organized with ADB and IGES	Two webinars recorded here and here	Complete
	3.2	Two knowledge products developed and shared with strategic partners	'Promoting SD in A6 pilot activities' report and workshop with Wuppertal Institut SDI review of report by Öko Institut	Complete
	3.3	Options to launch a CoP after COP26 prepared	Updated feasibility report, for internal use only	Complete

Thanks!

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