

# Template for Completing the Article 6.4 Host Party Participation Form: Integration of Sustainable Development Goals



The reputation and viability of carbon markets rests on environmental integrity, robust accounting, and high project quality—where quality includes credible sustainable development impacts and adherence to the principle of “do no harm.”

These principles are reflected in Article 6, applicable both to Article 6.2 cooperative approaches and the Article 6.4 Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM), which recognizes that cooperation should promote sustainable development alongside mitigation outcomes.

For PACM, this is operationalized at the national level through the **host Party Participation Requirements form (HPPF)**,<sup>1</sup> where host Parties describe how participation contributes to sustainable development and the types of activities they would consider approving.

Drawing on findings from the report on early implementation of the A6.4 SD Tool,<sup>2</sup> a “**macro-micro gap**” was identified between global scope of the SDGs and activity-level contributions. Host Parties can assist in reducing this gap by using the HPPF to clearly articulate SDG-related priorities, relevant national strategies, and practical signals that help proponents translate sustainable development goals (SDGs) into credible activity-level indicators under the A6.4 SD Tool. This guide provides a template to assist host Parties to publish their national SDG priorities in a format useful to the activity proponents that will use the A6.4 SD tool forms to assess SDG impacts at activity level, aligned with the national priorities.

## Sustainable development (SD) section of the Host Party Participation Form

The HPPF is where a host Party, through its designated national authority (DNA), confirms that it meets the basic participation responsibilities under PACM. It also sets out the host Party’s “rules of engagement” by asking what kinds of PACM activities it would consider and how these would contribute to the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS).

In addition, the HPPF explicitly asks the host Party to describe how participation contributes to **sustainable development**, while recognizing that SD is a national prerogative.

<sup>1</sup> [Host Party Participation Form \(A6.4-FORM-GOV-001\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Piloting the A6.4 Sustainable Development Tool – Lessons From Early Use](#)

## Template to fill in section 2 of the HPPF

In the HPPF, the host Party DNA is required to describe how their voluntary participation in PACM aims to contribute to the SDGs and supports the national SD priorities.

Below is an extract from section 2 of the HPPF and a template to assist host Parties to publish their national SDG priorities in a format useful to the activity proponents.

**Please describe how your country’s participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism contributes to sustainable development, while acknowledging that the consideration of sustainable development is a national prerogative.**

[Insert reference to **national development frameworks** and briefly describe the policy and institutional frameworks that enable sustainable development domestically.]

Below is an example from [Costa Rica’s HPPF](#):

“Costa Rica’s sustainable development framework is coordinated by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy (MIDEPLAN), acting as the Technical Secretariat for the SDGs, and encompasses the following instruments:

- the National Pact for the Advancement of the SDGs,
- the Governance Framework for Sustainable Development, and
- the National SDG Targets Strategy, which adapts the 2030 Agenda to national priorities.”

[Identify priority **SDGs and expected contributions**. For each relevant SDG, provide short examples of how PACM activities may contribute]

Below is an example from [Costa Rica’s HPPF](#):

Relevant SDG	Expected contribution
SDG 1 – No Poverty	Job creation through renewable energy and sustainable projects in rural communities
SDG 2 – Zero Hunger	Serving rural communities with activities in agriculture and industry related to production to improve food security and soil productivity
...	
SDG 13 – Climate Action	Contribution in a prioritized mitigation activity directly contributes to national climate goals under the Paris Agreement

**Please provide detailed information on the types of activities under Article 6, paragraph 4 (A6.4 activities) that your country would consider approving pursuant to chapter V.C (Approval and Authorization) of the Rules, Modalities and Procedures (RMPs).**

**Additionally, explain how these activities, and any associated emission reductions or removals, would contribute to the achievement of your country's NDC, if applicable, its long-term low GHG emission development strategy (LT-LEDS), if it has submitted one, and the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement?**

[List of sectors and related activities your country would consider for approval. For each category describe how they contribute to your NDC mitigation targets, climate strategy and the related SDG outcomes]

Below is an example from [Guinea's HPPF](#):

**"1) Renewable energy deployment (large hydro, solar, mini-grids, biomass-to-power)**

- NDC justification: The country considers the expansion of renewable energy through large hydropower projects such as Souapiti, Kaléta, Koukoutamba, and Amaria, alongside solar installations, mini-grid development, and biomass-to-power solutions. These efforts aim to increase the share of renewables in the national energy mix, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and improve energy access—particularly in rural areas. The development framework also emphasizes reducing transmission losses and strengthening the electricity grid. Together, these measures support national mitigation objectives and contribute to the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement by promoting low-emission development and energy resilience.
- **Contribution:** A6.4 renewable projects provide verifiable CO<sub>2</sub> reductions credited to the host if retained or generate tradable units (if authorized) that mobilize finance to accelerate RE roll-out and grid extension — directly supporting the NDC energy sector target and long-term low-carbon development (Guinée Vision 2040 / PNDES).
- **SDG(s):** **SDG 7** (affordable, clean energy); **SDG 13** (climate action); **SDG 8** (green jobs). RE projects expand access, reduce fossil dependence and create local employment."