

JOINT DECLARATION

by

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

and

The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

WHEREAS the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereinafter referred to as “UNIDO”), as a specialized agency of the United Nations, has the primary responsibility in promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the developing countries and in countries with economies in transition;

WHEREAS, since April 2023, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (hereinafter referred to as “IGES”) serves as the secretariat of the Paris Agreement Article 6 Implementation Partnership (hereinafter referred to as “A6IP”) whose objective is to promote a capacity building programme which aims to assist participating parties in developing institutional arrangements to establish high integrity carbon markets under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the Managing Director of the Directorate of SDG Innovation and Economic Transformation of UNIDO and the President of IGES (hereinafter referred to as “signatories”) declare:

1. Their intention to facilitate close cooperation between UNIDO and IGES through the A6IP, in collaboration with multi-stakeholders, with the objective of serving their common interest in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through their cooperation, in particular by enhancing and expanding the implementation of carbon markets under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

2. Their intention, in the context of serving the above-mentioned common interest, to promote cooperation between UNIDO and IGES through the A6IP in the following areas, in particular with a view to expanding climate finance for industrial decarbonization and sustainable development through carbon markets under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement:

- The development of joint technical assistance projects in areas and countries of mutual interest to enhance readiness and implementation of carbon markets under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.
- The development of joint knowledge materials and publications.
- The organization of and/or participation at meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences, sharing experience, information, knowledge, expertise and best practices.

- The coordination and promotion of multi-stakeholder engagements, partnerships and networking opportunities, including for governments, cooperation entities, private sector companies and institutions, and NGOs; and
- Any additional areas that may subsequently be regarded as mutually beneficial by UNIDO and IGES.

3. Their intention to prepare a non-binding work plan with indicative milestones, to review the progress achieved in furthering cooperation between UNIDO and IGES through the A6IP on a regular basis, as appropriate, and to decide then on any further measures that may be desirable to enhance that cooperation.

The signatories acknowledge that the present Joint Declaration is not to be construed as a binding document and does not give rise to any form of fiduciary or legal obligation or financial commitments. Any activities that may be conducted under this Joint Declaration are subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient staff, funds, and other resources and may require the execution of one or more legally binding instruments, which will be separately negotiated and agreed to between UNIDO and IGES.

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Kazuhiko Takeuchi
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