

Summary of the JCM Global Partnership Meeting at SB62

Date: Wednesday, 18 June 2025

Time: 09:00–12:00

Venue: Dorint Hotel Bonn, Room: Ludwig Erhard

Organized by: Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ) and A6IP Center

Participants: Government representatives, partner countries, project proponents, and international organizations

Opening Remarks

Mr. Kazuhisa Koakutsu (Director, A6IP Center) welcomed participants and outlined the objective of promoting mutual learning on JCM implementation. He announced plans to organize three in-person workshops this year—Tokyo, Bonn, and one at COP—emphasizing the need to accelerate implementation and learning under Article 6.

Keynote Presentation

Mr. Satoru Iino (Director, Office for JCM and International Carbon Market, MOEJ) emphasized that JCM is a tool aligned with Article 6 to support decarbonization and climate ambition.

Key points:

- Japan's contribution is linked to credit issuance.
- JCM incentivizes low-carbon technologies and supports BAU-based baselines.
- 30 partner countries, with Tanzania as the newest.
- JCMA (Joint Crediting Mechanism Agency) launched in April 2025.
- Project examples included solar (Indonesia, Cambodia, Tunisia), hydro (Philippines), waste and refrigeration (Tunisia, Senegal), and heat recovery (Thailand).

Session 1: Project Progress Updates

Moderator: Ms. Maiko Uga (MOEJ)

Project and Policy Highlights:

- **JFJCM and UNIDO JCM Fund:** Announced support for African countries, with future collaboration with EBRD.
- **PNG:** Power transmission project using advanced conductors; still in early planning.
- **Kyrgyz Republic:** Geothermal heat pumps in schools; supported by EBRD, ADB, and JCM.

- **Tunisia:** Fukuoka method for waste management; 50 MW solar and methane reduction via landfill improvement.
- **Philippines:** AWD and forestry guideline updates; challenges in community uptake and incentives.
- **Japan (MAFF):** MIDORI∞INFINITY strategy promoting low-carbon agriculture and MRV-ready technology.
- **Thailand:** Innovative solar (perovskite) and heat battery technologies promoted via JCM.
- **Japan (METI):**
 - New CCS/CCUS Guidelines under JCM adopted in Dec 2024 (with leakage provisions and credit reserve).
 - GX-ETS introduction with incentives and penalties starting 2026–2028.

Q&A Highlights (Session 1)

- **Palau:** Asked about company use of JCM credits and surplus export.
→ MOEJ confirmed domestic use is allowed and counts toward Japan's NDC; credits cannot be exported.

Session 2: JCM under Article 6 – Process, Authorization, and Guidelines

Moderator: Mr. Kentaro Takahashi (MOEJ)

Key Updates:

- **Rules & Guidelines Revision:** Now integrated into a single 72-page document to improve coherence with Article 6.2.
 - Emphasis on trust, practicality over procedural rigidity.
- **Duration of JCM:** MOEJ called for removing the 2030 end-date as it poses risks to long-term projects.
- **Streamlining Processes:** MOEJ proposed 8 areas for simplification (e.g., completeness check, COI forms, PIN format, and JC reporting).
- **Authorization & Initial Reports:** A6IP and MOEJ proposed a 2-step authorization process covering cooperative approach, ITMOs, and entities.
 - Shared partner country readiness (9 countries ready or close; Mongolia submitted IR).
 - Emphasis on close coordination and communications.

Q&A and Discussions (Session 2)

- **Tunisia:** Expressed challenges with legal frameworks and DNA setup; interest in CCS, e-mobility, and agriculture projects.
 - MOEJ/A6IP encouraged leveraging JCMA and peer learning; confirmed flexibility in implementing authorization steps.
- **Ukraine, Palau, Lao PDR:** Raised questions on sequencing of ITMO authorization, registry interaction, and organizational changes.
 - A6IP explained Japan's flexible and phased approach in line with Baku outcomes.
- **Tunisia:** Requested simplification of third-party checks and electronic decision-making processes.
 - JCMA/MOEJ expressed openness to dialogue and adjustments.

Closing Remarks

Mr. Yuji Mizuno (JCMA) closed the meeting by thanking A6IP and MOEJ for organizing despite busy schedules, noting the meeting's role in strengthening ambition and practical implementation. Participants were encouraged to continue collaboration through regular monthly JCM GPMs and upcoming workshops.