

Statement of Intent on a Bilateral Cooperation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement between the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of the Republic of Kenya

The Swiss Federal Council and the Government of the Republic of Kenya;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to the Paris Agreement and the implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);

RECOGNIZING the friendly relations existing between the two countries and desiring to strengthen and further develop their cooperation in the field of climate change;

RECOGNIZING the important role of international cooperation in enhancing ambition in mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainable development in pursuit of the objectives of the Paris Agreement;

REAFFIRMING their engagement on matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement with the aim to rapidly operationalize the Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement;

RECOGNIZING the opportunity to engage early through bilateral cooperation under the Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement;

INTEND to enter into a formal dialogue with the aim to sign a bilateral cooperation agreement under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement by the end of the year 2023.

The bilateral agreement should aim to operationalize the relevant provisions of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, in particular on the avoidance of double counting of the internationally transferred mitigation outcomes resulting from the mitigation activities to be implemented under the agreement. The Signatories endeavour to give particular attention to:

- a) the complementarity between the cooperation under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement and the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) of the Republic of Kenya,
- b) the environmental integrity, including conservative baseline setting and the additionality of the mitigation outcomes, as well as
- c) the promotion and monitoring of sustainable development and the adherence to human rights in the implementation of the cooperation.

Signed in Nairobi on 7 September 2023 in two copies in English.

For the Swiss Federal Council

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Republic of Kenya


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