Overarching communication of AAA6 towards COP31

The Article 6 Ambition Alliance (AAA6) aims to narrow the gap between the current Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the temperature goals under the Paris Agreement. Member countries intend to contribute finance to Article 6, without use of the mitigation outcomes towards any NDCs; or – in the role of host countries of projects – members indicate their willingness to authorize projects for other purposes than NDCs (Other International Mitigation Purposes, OIMP). One year after its launch, the alliance informs at the UN climate conference COP31 for the first time on its progress.

Since its launch at COP30, the AAA6 has grown from its founding parties to ten members, reflecting growing interest in using Article 6 beyond NDCs. Several members have taken concrete first steps in the implementation of the AAA6 goals. Some have already undertaken voluntary cancellations of ITMOs, others have launched tenders for voluntary purchases, and several are preparing to make voluntary purchases or cancellations in the near future. In addition, several members have already authorized the use of mitigation outcomes from projects for Other International Mitigation Purposes, allowing recipients to contribute to narrowing the global ambition gap through their Article 6 engagement. The respective national framework to allow for use of Article 6 beyond NDCs, including for carbon removals, is being set up in all member countries, paving the way to narrow the global ambition gap through carbon markets. The AAA6 encourages other governments and the private sector to follow this example and remains committed to sharing collective experience and lessons learned.