Article 6 Registries

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• Understand the function of the Article 6 registries under the whole architecture of the Article 6 infrastructure
• Identify gaps of the draft texts* to operationalize the Article 6 registries (mainly A6.2 registries and infrastructure)  

* COP25 Presidency Texts (ver.3 of 15 Dec. 2019)
A registry is a collection of all the official records relating to something, or the place where they are kept. 

Source: Collins Cobuild Advanced Learner's English Dictionary

1. What is a registry?

- A basic system to avoid double counting by recording and tracking ITMOs.
- To ensure accurate accounting when Parties assess the achievement of their NDC.

[Comments from colleagues]
The recorded and tracked information in the Registries should be the starting point of corresponding adjustment (CA) and NDC final accounting, however CA/accounting would not happen in the Registries automatically.
### 2. A6.2 and A6.4 registry in the draft texts(1)

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<td>Each participating Party shall have, or have access to, a registry for the purpose of tracking and shall ensure that such registry records, including unique identifiers, the following, as applicable: authorization, first transfer, transfer, acquisition, cancellation, use towards NDCs, authorizations for use towards other international mitigation purposes, voluntary cancellation, and shall have accounts as necessary.</td>
<td>The mechanism registry shall contain at least a pending account, holding account, retirement account, cancellation account, account for cancellation for overall mitigation in global emissions and share of proceeds account, as well as a holding account for each Party and each public or private entity authorized by a Party that requests an account.</td>
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<td>The secretariat shall implement an international registry for participating Parties that do not have a registry or have access to a registry. The international registry shall be able to perform the functions set out in paragraph 29 above.</td>
<td>The mechanism registry shall be developed and operationalized in accordance with the relevant requirements adopted by the Supervisory Body.</td>
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<td>The international registry shall be part of the centralized accounting and reporting platform referred to in chapter VI.C below (Centralized accounting and reporting platform).</td>
<td>The secretariat shall serve as the mechanism registry administrator and maintain and operate the mechanism registry under the authority of the Supervisory Body.</td>
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**Focus on the function and interaction with other A6 infrastructure**

**Focus on accounts - “ownership”**
### 2. A6.2 and A6.4 registries in the draft texts (2)

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3. Article 6(6.2) infrastructure

Reporting (Section IV)
- Initial report (in conjunction with the next due BTR)
- Annual Information (submit to the A6 database)
- Regular Information (include in its BTR)

Recording and tracking (Section VI)
- Registry
- Article 6 database
- Centralized accounting and reporting platform

Review (Section V)
- Article 6 technical expert review

Providing infrastructure for reporting
Supporting A6 TER
4. Structure of A6 infrastructure based on the draft texts

Centralized accounting and reporting platform
(to publish information submitted by participating Parties)

A6 database
(to record and compile annual information submitted by participating Parties)

International registry
(for participating Parties that do not have/have access to a registry)

Information to be recorded and tracked
- authorization
- first transfer
- transfer
- acquisition
- cancellation
- use towards NDCs
- voluntary cancellation
- authorizations for use towards other international mitigation purposes

with unique identifiers

transfer/acquisition of ITMOs between participating Parties not the registries
5. Interaction between Recording and Reporting

How to report?

- Direct data exchange between registries and A6 database is not specified in the texts
- Report to A6 database through the “Annual information”
6. Fill the gap?

• What should be recorded and tracked by the A6.2 registries?
  
  - Recording amount of ITMOs transferred/acquired from each transaction (by each participating Party)
  - Recording and tracking through serial numbers given to each $t\text{CO}_2\text{e}$ of ITMO
  - Reporting net flows of ITMOs (by each participating Party) in annual information
  - Double-entry bookkeeping approaches
  - Transfer ≥ Use
  - Checking the consistencies of information reported by participating Party by the Secretariat

• How can we track the transactions between A6.2 registries and A6.4M registry?
7. Is our work “on-track”?

- **SBSTA52** is the only chance to elaborate the texts while cleaning-up the cover decisions
  - (A6.2) Need to ensure consistencies based on interaction between infrastructure
  - (A6.2 & A6.4) Need complementary provision for transactions between the registries

- **We are behind the schedule!!!**
  - Need technical protocol/standards to develop the registry(in particular for non Annex- I Parties)
  - Intersessional work would be helpful to registry administrators (e.g. Intersessional consultations on registry system in 2005)