

Memorandum of Understanding between the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Ghana on Article 6 Cooperation (Paris Agreement)

The Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Ghana remain firmly committed to the Paris Agreement and its provisions. Both Governments are further committed to engage in favour of the adoption of robust multilateral rules under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement at the next Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26) in Glasgow.

To implement enhanced climate action, the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Ghana are willing to cooperate under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. To this end, both Governments intend to engage in a formal dialogue, which should lead to the signature of a bilateral Agreement in 2020. This would allow implementing a first cooperation activity in 2021.

The bilateral Agreement between the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Ghana should seek to operationalise the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement, including on avoidance of double counting of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes (ITMOs), on environmental integrity and on sustainable development. Special attention should be given to:

- a) the complementarity between the cooperation under Article 6 and the nationally determined contribution (NDC) of the Republic of Ghana,
- b) environmental integrity aspects, such as a conservative baseline setting and the additionality of the created mitigation outcomes, as well as to
- c) the promotion and monitoring of sustainable development.

The “San José Principles for High Ambition and Integrity in International Carbon Markets”, established on the margins of COP25 and to which both Governments adhere, will contribute to guide the technical discussions.

The bilateral relations between Switzerland and Ghana are close and have long been characterised by high mutual esteem. The Swiss Federal Council and the Government of Ghana are thus eager to engage in the dialogue that should operationalise a cooperation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

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