

# **Article 6 and North American Linkage: Finding Synergies**

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## **Purpose and Motivation**

Linkage between and among sub-national, national, and regional climate-change policy instruments has a variety of potential benefits, as well as legitimate concerns. Indeed, national and sub-national jurisdictions are increasingly considering or implementing linkages.

At the same time, the Paris Agreement's Article 6 provides a vehicle for advancing cooperation among Parties in pursuing mitigation. Though negotiators continue to elaborate the rules and measures needed to implement Article 6 after 2020, it appears that Article 6.2, in particular, may provide opportunities for linkage – broadly construed to include exchanges of mitigation units between Parties with highly heterogeneous Nationally Determined Contributions.

Participants in the workshop, hosted by Ontario's Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and the Harvard Project on Climate Agreements, will examine the status of and prospects for carbon-pricing policies in North America and linkage among these. They will also discuss the status of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement – how it might be elaborated and implemented, and how it might support, constrain, or otherwise interact with market mechanisms and linkage that are emerging in North America.

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## Agenda

**9:00 – 10:00** Breakfast

**10:00 – 10:15** Welcome and introductions

Alexander Wood, Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change  
Robert Stavins, Harvard University

**10:15 – 11:00** **Origins and prospects for Article 6 of the Paris Agreement**

Kelley Kizzier, Co-facilitator of Article 6 negotiations under the UNFCCC  
Andrew Howard, Independent consultant and former UNFCCC Secretariat  
*Open discussion*

**11:00 – 12:00** **Opportunities and challenges for linking heterogeneous systems in the context of the Paris Agreement**

Michael Mehling, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Robert Stavins, Harvard Project on Climate Agreements  
*Open discussion*

**12:00 – 13:00** Lunch

**13:00 – 14:30** *Panel discussion:* Expanding North American linkage – aspiration and reality

Alex Wood, Ontario  
Eric Thérroux, Québec  
Rajinder Sahota, California  
Marissa Santikarn, International Carbon Action Partnership  
Justin Wheler, Alberta  
*Open discussion*

**14:30 – 15:00** Break

**15:00 – 16:30** *Panel discussion:* Perspectives on Article 6: Using carbon markets towards climate goals

Alex Hanafi, Environmental Defense Fund  
Eduardo Ferreira, World Bank Group  
Martin Hession, European Commission  
Kelly Levin, World Resources Institute  
*Open discussion*

**16:30 – 17:00** Closing remarks: Alex Wood and Robert Stavins