Modelling Article 6 – The Importance of International Cooperation

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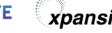














Vision of Net-zero Towards 1.5 ° C

- NDCs should extend economy-wide and decline to net zero
- Some emissions will likely remain so removals are key (natural + technological)
- Opportunities for removals are not equal around the world
- Article 6 transfer system needs to support large scale reductions and removals
- * Article 6 is essential part of Paris Agreement for private sector



What is Article 6 worth in meeting Paris goals?

Two questions

What is the POTENTIAL economic value of Article 6?

- * How much could costs be reduced?
- * Who benefits?
- * What is the potential size of the carbon market?
- * Who are the buyers and sellers?

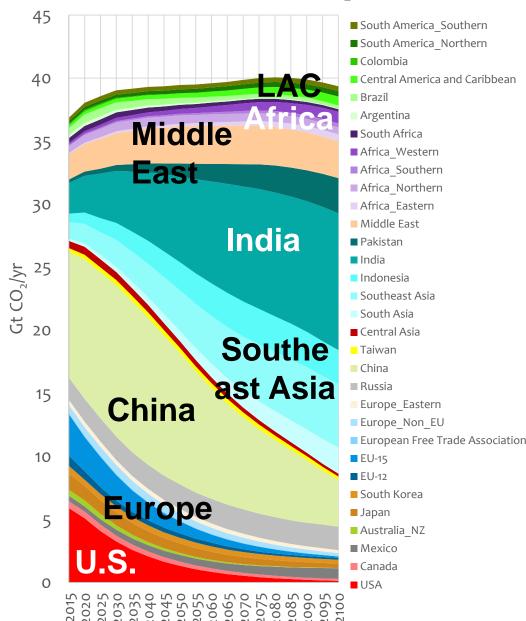
How much additional ambition could be enabled?

- * How big is the potential?
- * Who increases their ambition?



Source: https://unfccc.int/files/focus/long-term_strategies/application/pdf/mid_century_strategy_report-final_red.pdf

Global I-NDC Scenario CO₂ Emissions



Approach

UMD runs of Global Change Assessment Model (GCAM)

- A state of the art integrated assessment model of economy, energy, land, water and climate
- Used by the IPCC to develop scenarios

Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

- Taken from country submissions
- Post-2030 projections extend trends
- Used the same method as in the Fawcett, et al. (2015) *Science* paper

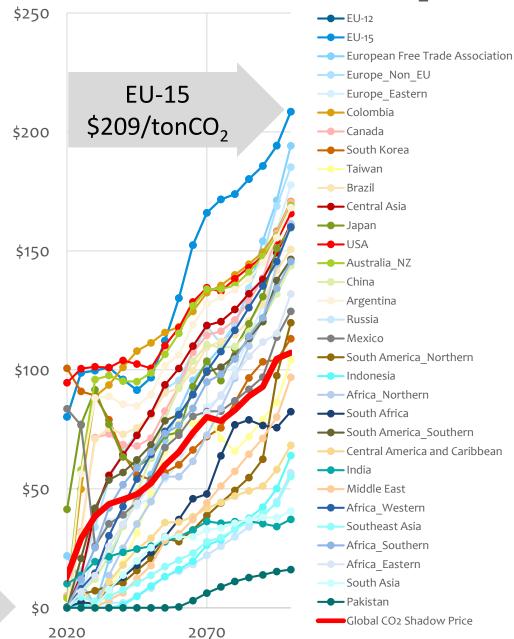
Source: IETA /World Bank CPLC / UMD September 2019

NDC Shadow Prices: Independent vs. Cooperative Implementation

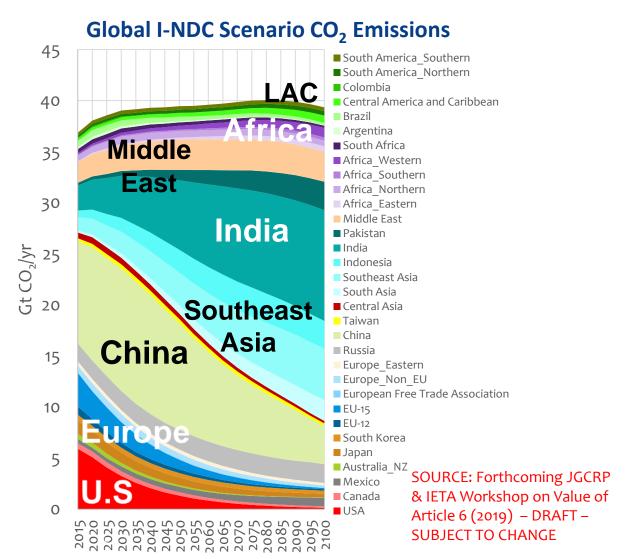
- I-NDCs show wide range in shadow prices
- Cooperative NDC implementation cuts costs in half

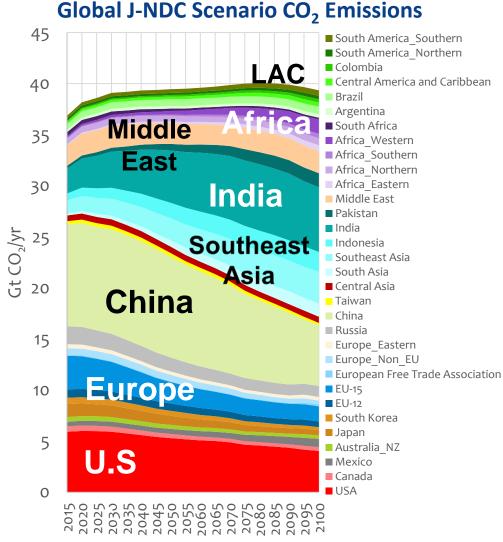
	2030	2050	2100
I-NDC Range	\$0 to \$101/tonCO ₂	\$0 to \$111/tonCO ₂	\$16 to \$209/tonCO ₂
J-NDC	\$38/tonCO ₂	\$52/tonCO ₂	\$107/tonCO ₂

Shadow Price of CO₂



NDC Emissions: Independent vs. Joint Implementation



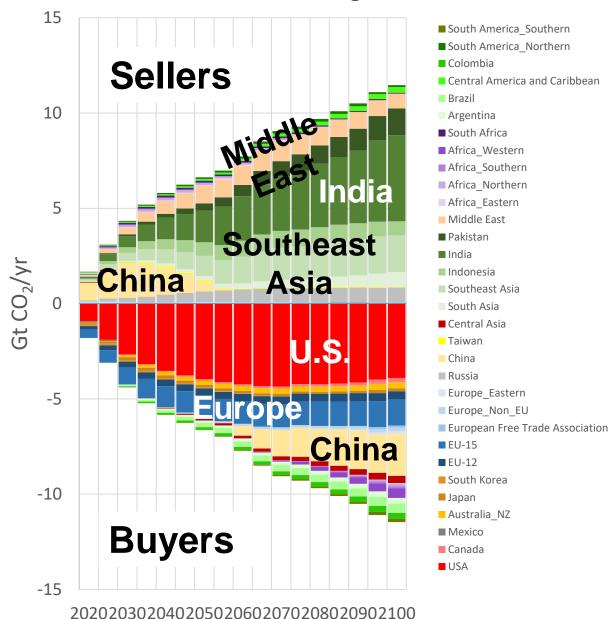


Potential changes in emissions—CO₂

- Seller (11 regions)
- Buyer (4 regions)
- Seller to buyer (15 regions)
- Buyer to seller (2 regions)

SOURCE: Forthcoming JGCRP & IETA Workshop on Value of Article 6 (2019) – DRAFT – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Potential Emissions Trading under Perfect Article 6



How Valuable is Article 6 to global GDP?

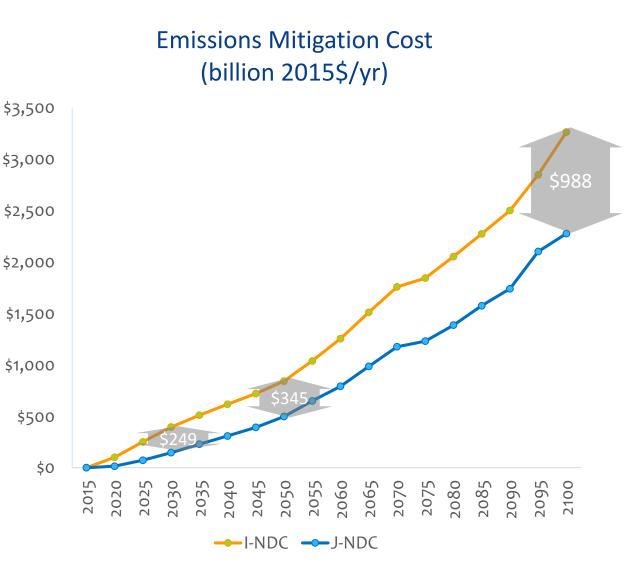
\$3,500

\$0

* Article 6 holds significant potential to reduce cost and enhance ambition

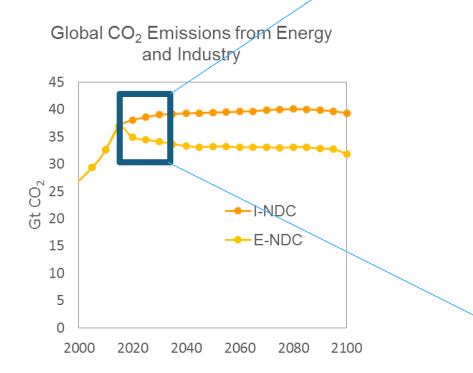
* 2030 ~\$250 billion 2015 US\$

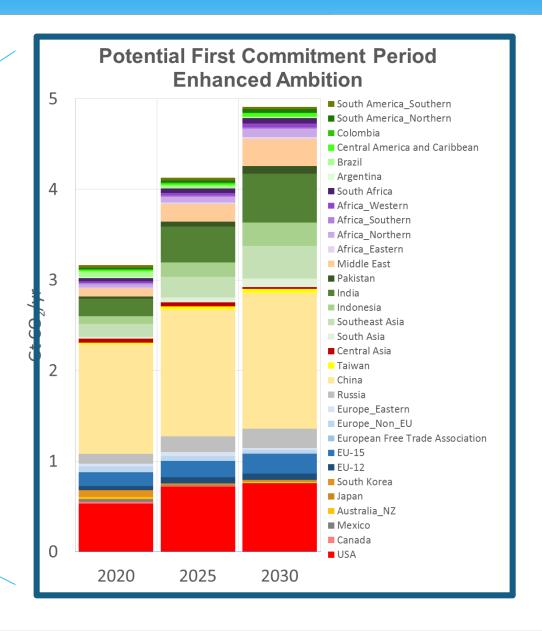
* Some countries would benefit more, but everyone could be better off through collaboration.



How Valuable is Article 6 for Ambition?

If we interpret the cost of achieving each country's NDC independently as a willingness to pay, **5 GtCO₂/year** additional mitigation could be enabled in 2030.





Land-based Mitigation Potential of Article 6

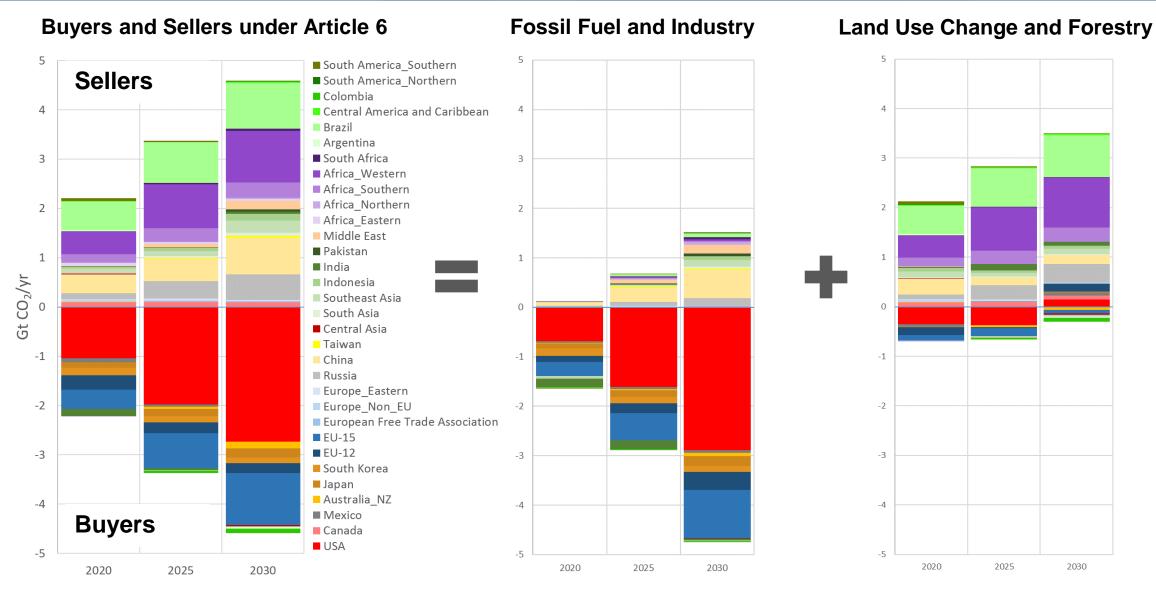
- * The economic potential available through Article 6 from extension to include land use change is significant.
- * Utilizing the economic efficiency gains to enhance ambition offers additional potential benefits
- Realizing this potential is a major realworld challenge

2030 Potential Article 6 Reduction in Cost (Billions 2015 USD/year)

	Reduction in Cost	Increased Ambition
Fossil Fuels Only	~\$250 billion	5 GtCO₂ per year
Land Use Only	~\$70 billion	4 GtCO ₂ per year
Combined	~\$320 billion	9 GtCO ₂ per year

Forthcoming IETA-UMD Workshop Report 2019 - DRAFT PRESENTATION—RESULTS MAY CHANGE - COMMENTS WELCOME

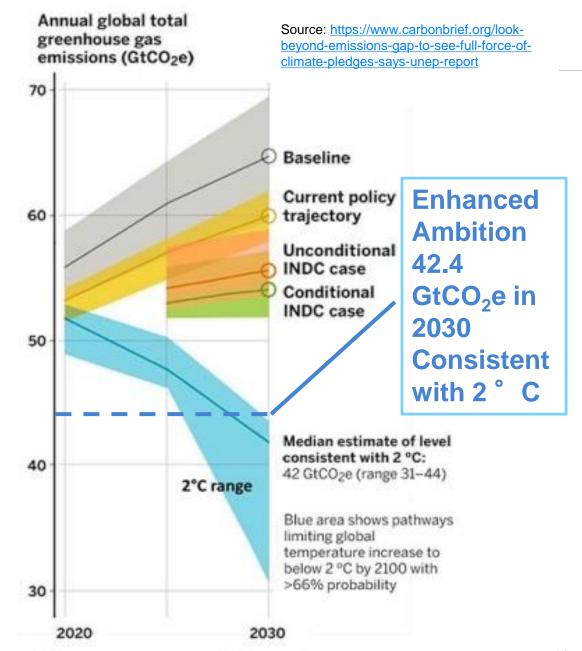
Potential Changes in CO₂ Emissions



How Valuable is Article 6?

Article 6 holds significant potential to reduce cost and enhance ambition

- Everyone could be better off through collaboration
- Mitigation cost could be reduced by \$320 billion in 2030.
- Mitigation could be enhanced by 9
 GtCO₂/year in 2030



GtCO₂e = billion metric tons of CO₂ equivalent INDC = intented nationally determined contributions

How do we get these benefits?

This is just the theoretical potential...

... but there are always real-world challenges.

- * Clearly the rules matter—need to develop sound rules at COP26
 - Key to environmental integrity is avoiding double counting
 - Need to avoid restrictions or loopholes that could limit this potential
- * Next, Parties need to establish plans for using Article 6
 - * Translate heterogeneous NDCs into Article 6 approaches
 - Future calls for 'Article 6 ready' NDCs
- * What incentives would increase ambition in future NDCs?

Thanks!











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Thank you!

The full report is available at:

https://www.ieta.org/resources/International_WG/Article6/CLPC_A6%20report_no%20crops.pdf

