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**PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT ARTICLE 6 FRAMEWORK FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
IN TERMS OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Dr Dion Travers George, hereby gives notice of his publication of the draft Framework for the Republic of South Africa (draft Framework) in terms of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement for public comments.

South Africa, as a Party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Paris Agreement, has an option to make use of article 6 of the Paris Agreement in the implementation of its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). The scope of article 6 is about international cooperation between parties to the Paris Agreement to voluntarily use carbon markets as well as non-market approaches in the implementation of the NDCs. Article 6 is one of the mix of measures that a party may choose to deploy in the implementation of its climate commitments (NDC). It is for that reason a clear framework providing broad guidance on processes and institutional set-up is necessary in enabling effective participation for both public and private sector entities.

The draft Framework provides guidance on the key principles, the governance requirements for international offsets, the process followed, key infrastructure requirements and other activities related to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. It is intended to articulate related governance, institutional and legal arrangements that will need to be developed or revised. The draft Framework adopts a comprehensive approach to Article 6, encompassing not only the intricacies of Article 6.2, but also extending its horizon to include Article 6.4 and Article 6.8.

Members of the public are invited to submit, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the *Government Gazette*, written comments to the draft Framework to any of the following addresses:

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By hand to: The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Ground Floor (Reception), Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria.

Members of the public can access the draft Framework from the Department website at https://www.dffe.gov.za/sites/default/files/docs/draftsa_article6_framework.pdf for comment.

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