

Introduction to the meeting

Technical meeting on national adaptation plans

24 – 26 February 2014

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



Background

- The Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) is mandated through 5/CP.17 to provide **technical guidance** and **support** to the national adaptation plan (NAP) process
- The latest LEG work programme for 2013-2014 is contained in the report on the 23rd meeting of the LEG. FCCC/SBI/2013/8, Annex II, <http://unfccc.int/4727>



Approaches by the LEG to facilitate the implementation of its work programme

- Conducting in-depth case studies in the LDCs to gain a deeper understanding of the LDCs' experiences with adaptation efforts through the NAPAs and NAPs, in order to enhance how to best structure and deliver its support to the LDCs
- Mobilization of relevant organizations, regional centres and networks, as well as global entities with regional programmes, which could add value to the support to the LDCs on adaptation
- Establishment of advisory groups or adhoc groups to support the LEG on the following: further developing methodologies for capturing best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation in the LDCs; organizing and conducting the LEG regional training workshops; and the design and implementation of *NAP Central* – an online system for supporting the NAP process



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- Development of technical and information papers on various topics or areas of support to the LDCs
- Data collection to monitor and inform the work of the SBI on matters related to the LDCs through the work of the LEG
- Supporting capacity-building of the LDCs through a continuum of approaches that include training workshops, online training and training of trainers, including through partnerships with relevant training and educational institutions at the regional level
- **At its 24th meeting, and in line with the approaches above, the LEG identified the need to convene a technical meeting, in early 2014, that would involve individual experts and experts from collaborating organizations to further deliberate on technical aspects relating to specific areas of work of the LEG, especially in relation to supporting adaptation efforts through the NAP process**



Objectives of the meeting

- To further discuss the application of the technical guidelines for NAPs (http://unfccc.int/nap/guidelines_main.html) as a basis for enhancing technical guidance and support being provided to the LDCs, and
- To strengthen collaboration with relevant organizations and experts
- The meeting will use a case approach, essentially elaborating what a sample NAP process could look like by working through key steps and identifying tools and approaches along the way, decisions that need to be made to define possible pathways, how to best cluster and distribute the work, and what some of the outputs of this process could be
- The meeting will produce a simulated NAP process



Objectives of the meeting (continued)

- Besides a capture of a simulated NAP process, the discussions at this meeting will be used to finalize planned LEG outputs that will be considered at the next LEG meeting (LEG 25 on 27-28 February immediately after the technical meeting)
- Such LEG outputs include:
 - a) Publications on gender and vulnerable communities
 - b) A training approach on NAPs
 - c) Monitoring and evaluation of the NAP process
 - d) Design of supplementary materials to the NAP technical guidelines, in particular, a practical guide on vulnerability and adaptation assessment



Approach

- The 3-day meeting will start with a plenary session to develop a common understanding of the NAP process
- Followed by sharing of approaches and experiences of a few LDCs on their efforts to embark on the NAPs to date
- After that, the meeting will enter into thematic breakout groups to go into detail on specific steps in carrying out analyses and assessments as part of the NAP process
- The results of these groups will be presented to the whole meeting and offer an opportunity for those working on cross-cutting issues to provide inputs, including on assembling a training programme
- Participants were invited to provide any written inputs in advance of the meeting, since there will not be sufficient time to make individual presentations at this meeting. A few demonstrations of tools and models may be arranged in the evening (if needed)



Topics for breakout groups

- **Topic 1:** Introduction to climate data and risk analysis: analysis of trends, extremes, climate change scenarios, analysis of climate risks
- **Topic 2:** National capacity and coordination: stocktaking, institutional arrangements, national capacity gap analysis and capacity-building; mandates, roadmaps, programme development, coordination and integration across sectors
- **Topic 3:** Impacts, vulnerability and adaptation assessments: application of various V&A frameworks and approaches at different scales (*possible to create smaller sub-groups*)
- **Topic 4:** Design of implementation strategies
- **Topic 5:** Economic appraisal (costing of options) and ranking of adaptation strategies and options

