

Presentation by Uganda on behalf of LDC Group

Capacity Building and the Climate
change process
LDC Perspective

Capacity Building under Climate change, the LDC understanding

Capacity building to LDCs implies Empowering the least developed countries, as the most vulnerable group under the climate change process, to Mitigate and adapt to the adverse effects of climate change through:

- Enhanced knowledge and skills
- Provision of equipment and facilities
- Provision of relevant personnel
- Provision of relevant information

NAPA process and Best practices on capacity building

- Awareness during national consultation on NAPA at different levels of government including communities
- Multi-sectoral composition of the national NAPA team created more awareness and climate understanding at different levels and sectors
- NAPA regional workshops on preparation and implementation enhanced the ability of LDCs to develop and implement adaptation projects

NAPA process and Best practices on capacity building

- LDCs through the NAPA process learnt how to integrate NAPA and climate change into national programmes and development plan
- Using the experience in NAPA the LDCs are now better placed technically than the other developing countries to develop National Adaptation Programmes
- The LEG initiative has helped identify and build a stock of useful technical resource persons.

NAPA process and Best practices on capacity building

- Collaboration and cooperation with the GEF and its Implementing Agencies have enabled LDCs and the LEG acquire and share more knowledge and information
- Collaboration between the Chair of LDCs, Climate Knowledge and Development Network (CDKN), International Institute for Environment and Development (iied) and European Capacity Building Initiative (ECBI) has improved the position of LDCs in understanding and negotiating Climate change issues.
- Side events and workshops during SBIs and COP meetings

LDC Capacity Building challenges in the climate change negotiations

- Inadequate recognition of capacity building as important necessity for the LDCs
- Capacity Building is treated as a cross-cutting issue and not a stand-alone phenomena
- Lack of funds deliberately allocated to address LDC capacity building needs especially for adaptation
- Lack of comprehensive capacity needs assessment in LDCs to guide interventions

LDC Capacity Building Challenges in the climate change negotiations

- Inadequate collaboration and cooperation between the technical negotiators and the political leadership in the CC process
- Inadequate capacity to participate in the CDM process (formulation and submission of proposals)
- Varying and limited capacities to formulate and implement NAPA projects
- Inadequate financial and technical capacity to implement the remaining elements of the LDC work programme

LDC Capacity Building challenges in the climate change negotiations

- Inadequate funding for participation limits the opportunities to follow up all important issues
- Limited access to adaptation and mitigation technologies
- Inadequate capacity for research, systematic observations and predictions
- Limited capacity for vulnerability analysis, mapping and addressing

Recommendations/conclusion

There is need to mobilise adequate, measurable, accessible and predictable financial and technical support to enable LDCs bridge the capacity building gaps identified and outlined above. The support should be in line with Article 4.3 of the convention.

Thank you for your attention