

# Capacity-building Needs and Gaps for Implementation of (i)NDCs IN LDCs

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# LDCs, the Paris Agreement, iNDCs/NDCs

- To date, 29 LDCs have ratified the Paris Agreement
- All have submitted INDCs
- The Parties that have ratified are now turning their iNDCs into NDCs
- Estimated cost of all LDCs' iNDCs = **US\$93.7 billion each year** (IIED, 2015)

# Status of Capacity at the National and sub-national levels for Implementation of i(NDCs)

- Many of the LDCs do not have Climate or Climate Change Policies, strategies and systems to further develop and efficiently and effectively implement their iNDCs;
- Inadequate human capital and institutional capacities exist in all the LDCs;
- Inadequate number of experts and research and training institutions;
- Data and information are often fragmented;
- Coherence and coordination among the relevant national institutions and funding entities are limiting;
- Most of the international support initiatives are ad-hoc and project based with little or no efforts to build and retain skills and organizational or institutional capacity; and
- Regular monitoring and review processes necessary for sustenance of the capacity-building efforts are either too weak or non-existent.

# LDCs' capacity building needs for PA/NDC implementation

It is important to recognize that needs/gaps vary by national circumstances (institutional, technical, etc.);

- **Individual/human and institutional capacity building and raising public awareness**
- **Resource mobilisation and absorbing finance for climate action**
- **Planning for NDC implementation**
- **Strengthening institutions – including for coordination and coherence, MRV and reporting**

# Individual/human and institutional capacity building and public awareness

- **Institutional arrangements** must be enhanced to allow for regular collection, management and analysis of data/information to support production of inventories, climate change projections, impact assessments and further development of NDCs
- Adequately plan and budget for the training and maintenance of a pool of skilled staff for the medium and long-term;
- **Raise public (and political) awareness** on climate change impacts, vulnerabilities, responses, including through **education curricula**
- Build **ownership** of the NDC at the national, sub-national and local levels
- **Train** on climate change responses, including on mitigation/adaptation technologies, across sectors and at all levels
- Strengthen **climate information systems** at local, national and regional levels

# Resource mobilisation/absorbing finance

- Build awareness of **sources of climate finance** in a rapidly and continuously evolving global finance architecture
- Institutionalize national and sub-national climate change funds and facility allocation of funds from the national budget and sources of international climate finance
- Ensure that climate finance reaches the **poorest and most vulnerable**
- Build **institutional capacity** to absorb finance and manage climate change programmes to implement NDCs effectively;
- Support national institutions in getting accredited to facilitate **direct access** (from GCF and AF)

# Planning for NDC implementation

- Remove key political and economic barriers to mitigation and adaptation responses including technical assistance and financial support;
- Align various activities between ministries and sectors and sensitize stakeholders regarding climate policy, especially from the private sector which is key to facilitating rapid achievement of NDC targets;
- Build the **policy/legislative frameworks** necessary for climate action – ongoing capacity building support for developing NAPs, as well as low-carbon climate-resilient development strategies, policies, laws etc.
- Plan dedicated policies and measures to implement and achieve INDC mitigation and adaptation components.
- Adopt strategic perspective that aims to achieve transformational impact by supporting scalable or sectoral investment plans;
- Translate the iNDCs/NDCs into concrete plans, projects, programmes

# Coherence, coordination, MRV

- Implementation of NDCs must be grounded on provisions for MRV to track performance, achievements, sustainability and to build trust among countries;
- Align resources/technical assistance and capacity integration with national development and policy planning
- Enhance and maintain integration of information between “inventory, projections, MRV, and NDC” efforts through integration of results and outcomes into broader decision-making programs and climate change strategies
- Improve stakeholder and donor coordination on capacity building efforts;
- Build and maintain synergies and avoid overlapping scope and partners in project implementation
- Establish a Forum for exchange of implementation approaches, tools and lessons learned, also country-to-country exchange by capacity building practitioners;
- Building capacities for **MRV, reporting, transparency**



# As we heard yesterday (Durban Forum)...

- **Country ownership** is key – we need a long-term approach to capacity strengthening (not a reliance on international consultants who fly in and then fly out)
- Importance of **gender equality and inclusiveness** throughout the capacity strengthening process
- **Sharing knowledge** through regional, south-south, north-south collaboration

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