

SETTING THE STAGE

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LDC Work Programme

- NAPAs are part of the work programme defined through decision 5/CP.7
- Elements
 - Strengthening existing/establishing climate change secretariats/focal points
 - Training in negotiating skills and language
 - Supporting preparation and implementation of NAPAs
 - Public awareness programmes
 - Development and transfer of technology
 - Strengthening capacity

The LEG

- To provide technical guidance and advice on the preparation and implementation strategy of NAPAs, including the identification of possible sources of data and its subsequent application and interpretation, upon request by LDC Parties;
 - (b) To develop a work programme that includes the implementation of NAPAs taking into account the Nairobi work programme
 - (c) To serve in an advisory capacity for the preparation and implementation strategy of NAPAs through, inter alia, workshops, upon request by LDC Parties;
 - (d) To advise on capacity-building needs for the preparation and implementation of NAPAs and to provide recommendations, as appropriate, taking into account the Capacity Development Initiative of the GEF and other relevant capacity-building initiatives;
 - (e) To facilitate the exchange of information and promote regional synergies, and synergies with other multilateral environment conventions, in the preparation and implementation strategy of NAPAs;
 - (f) To advise on the mainstreaming of NAPAs into regular development planning in the context of national strategies for sustainable development;

Update on Progress

- 43 NAPAs developed
- Remaining 5 are expected to be completed by 2010.
- NAPAs identify a total of 450 urgent and immediate adaptation needs with an average of 11 priority projects per country.
- Total funding required to implement these priorities is USD 1.66 billion US dollars.
- To date, 35 PIFs have been submitted to the GEF. These PIFs address 75 of the 450 identified priorities.
- Overall budget of the 35 submitted PIFs is USD 283m
- Current level of funds in the LDCF is USD 176m.

Key issues in NAPA development and implementation

- Lack of human capacity;
- Long delays;
- Changing procedures
- Other specific issues raised in relation to the GEF project cycle for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) include:
 - choosing or changing an implementing agency;
 - Lack of clarity on number of projects eligible for submission
 - eligibility of different sources of funds to meet co-financing requirements,
 - nature and scope of additional assessment work required implementation
 - The degree of access to other funds managed by the GEF (in addition to the LDCF) to support adaptation and NAPA implementation;
 - Coordination of budgeting and implementation of projects;