

Oral report by Mr Aderito Santana, LDC Expert Group

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Thank you Mister Chair for giving me the floor.

I am delivering this report on behalf of the Chair of the LEG, Mr. Abias Huongo. The report introduces our work programme for 2017–2018 and provides an update on activities since November.

Mr. Chair,

Our work in the LEG in supporting the LDCs in NAPs is guided by a vision that, by 2020 the LDCs will have achieved the following:

- A well-structured adaptation planning process;
- Formulation of robust and good-quality NAPs;
- Implementation of priority adaptation needs identified in the NAPs with funding from the GCF and other sources; and
- Demonstrable results in building adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change in the LDCs.

So far, two project proposals for accessing funding from the GCF for NAPs were approved last year in Marrakech. These countries are yet to receive the funding to undertake the work. Additional proposals by the LDCs are still under consideration and have not been approved yet.

Furthermore, seven countries have completed and submitted their NAPs, of which two are LDCs.

The LDCs continue to make efforts to implement their NAPAs. As at March 2017, 20 **NAPA implementation** project proposals submitted by the LDCs, had been technically cleared by the GEF secretariat and were awaiting the availability of resources from the LDCF.

Mr. Chair,

On further details:

We successfully launched a round of **regional training workshops on NAPs**, although later than we had planned. The first workshop took place from 27 February to 3 March in Malawi, focusing on English speaking African countries. The workshops apply an **Integrative Framework for NAPs and SDGs**, which provides a basis for seamlessly integrating adaptation with development activities on the ground. They are conducted with the support of the *NAP Technical Working Group*, which brings together various partners working on NAPs. The next workshop will take place from 13 to 16 June in the Philippines, covering the Asian countries. Workshops for other regions will be held in July and August.

The **NAP Expo** remain a critical pillar for advancing NAPs. Regrettably, the LEG had to cancel the NAP Expo which was planned to take place in April 2017 in Bonn. This was

due to the high costs of organizing the event, which exceeded available funds. We will conduct a regional NAP Expo on 28 June in Uganda, in conjunction with CBA11 Conference.

We are currently working on a navigation guide to assist the LDCs in **accessing funding from the GCF for NAPs**. We are also developing an outreach product on good practice in the formulation and implementation of NAPs, as a way to help various delivery partners in supporting countries.

We continue to compile and communicate information on **progress made, support provided and received, gaps and needs** in the process to formulate and implement NAPs.

We are also undertaking various activities to prepare for the SBI assessment of progress made in NAPs.

Mr. Chair,

We are also working with the Adaptation Committee to address specific **mandates contained in decision 1/CP.21 relating to the operationalization of the Paris Agreement**. I take this opportunity to invite all interested Parties to a special event on Friday 12 May, during which we will provide an update on our work.

Mr. Chair,

More details on these and other activities are available in the LEG 31 report, which is document FCCC/SBI/2017/6.

To conclude,

I take this opportunity to thank the Government of Malawi for hosting our first regional training workshop on NAPs, and the Parties that continue to provide financial support for our work.

I would also like to invite you to the **LEG side event** taking place tomorrow 9 May, from 6:30 to 8pm, in room Bonn.

I thank you Mister Chair, and thank you all for your attention.
