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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the oral report by the Chair of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), and welcomed the report on the sixteenth meeting of the LEG, held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 24 to 26 September 2009.¹
2. The SBI thanked the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for hosting the first training workshop on the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs) in Dar es Salaam from 19 to 23 October 2009, and expressed its gratitude to the Government of Ireland for providing financial resources to support the work of the LEG.
3. The SBI welcomed the submission by Parties of 43 NAPAs to the secretariat as at 8 December 2009. It noted the important role played by the LEG in assisting least developed country (LDC) Parties with the preparation of NAPAs, and invited the LEG to continue to assist the LDCs that have not yet completed their NAPAs to complete and submit these as soon as possible, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and its agencies.
4. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the LEG for the progress it has made under its work programme for 2008–2010² and took note of the updated priority activities in the work programme. The SBI welcomed the publication of the *Step-by-Step Guide for Implementing National Adaptation Programmes of Action*,³ the training on NAPA implementation conducted through the workshop referred to in paragraph 2 above, and the advice given to LDC Parties.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2009/13.

² FCCC/SBI/2008/6, annex I.

³ UNFCCC. 2009. *Step-By-Step Guide for Implementing National Adaptation Programme of Action*. LDC Expert Group, the GEF and its agencies. Available at <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/publications/ldc_napa2009.pdf>.

5. The SBI further expressed its appreciation to the GEF and its agencies for the steps taken to improve the processing of applications for funding of the implementation of NAPA projects under the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and for the constructive dialogue among the LDC Parties, the LEG and the GEF and its agencies on the provision of enhanced support for the preparation and implementation of NAPAs and encouraged those involved to continue this dialogue.
6. The SBI encouraged those LDC Parties that wish to submit updates to their NAPAs and revisions to the project lists and profiles contained in their NAPAs to do so using the guidelines contained in the report on the sixteenth meeting of the LEG.⁴
7. The SBI recognized the work of the LEG in producing the paper “Support needed to fully implement national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs),”⁵ which indicated, inter alia, a need for financial resources for the full implementation of priorities identified in NAPAs of at least USD 1.93 billion. It invited Parties to consider the findings of this paper.
8. The SBI endorsed the draft terms of reference for the review of the experiences gained from implementing the LDC work programme, including experience gained in accessing funds from the LDCF.⁶ The review is scheduled to take place at the thirty-third session of the SBI. The SBI encouraged the LEG to collaborate with relevant organizations in collecting and analysing the information necessary for the review.
9. The SBI invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 30 August 2010, their views on possible elements for a future mandate of the LEG, including its renewal and expansion.
10. The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on possible elements for a future mandate of the LEG, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 9 above and inputs provided by the LEG at its eighteenth meeting, for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-third session, with a view to recommending a decision on a future mandate of the LEG for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth session.
11. The SBI requested the LEG to keep it informed of its efforts in implementing its work programme over the period 2008–2010.
12. The SBI invited Parties in a position to do so to continue to provide financial and other resources required for the implementation of the LEG work programme, including for the training workshops on NAPA implementation.
13. The SBI invited the GEF, in its capacity as the entity entrusted with the operation of the LDCF, to support, when sufficient voluntary funding has not been provided from bilateral sources, the organization, under the guidance of the LEG, of four regional workshops in 2010 to provide training and technical support to LDCs in order to advance the process of implementation of NAPAs.
14. The SBI, recognizing the urgent and immediate adaptation needs of the LDCs, encouraged Parties to continue to provide financial and other support for the timely implementation of priority activities identified in NAPAs, including through contributions to the LDCF.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2009/13, annex I.

⁵ <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/publications/09_ldc_sn_napa.pdf>.

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2009/13, annex III.