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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the oral report of the Chair of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) on the implementation of the LEG work programme for 2014–2015 and expressed its appreciation to the LEG for progress made under its work programme.¹
2. The SBI welcomed the report on the 27th meeting of the LEG,² held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 12 to 14 March 2015, and the report on the stocktaking meeting on the work of the LEG,³ held from 9 to 11 March 2015, also in Bangkok.
3. The SBI also welcomed the successful organization of the NAP Expo held in Bonn, Germany, on 14 and 15 April 2015, and noted its value in promoting the sharing of early experiences with the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs).
4. The SBI further welcomed the successful organization of the workshop on experiences, good practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs in the process to formulate and implement NAPs⁴ by the Adaptation Committee, in collaboration with the LEG, in Bonn on 16 and 17 April 2015.
5. The SBI welcomed the synthesis report on the progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the LEG⁵ prepared by the secretariat on the basis of the submissions from Parties of their views on the work of the LEG,⁶ reports of the LEG,⁷ the report on the stocktaking meeting referred to in paragraph 2 above and other relevant information.

¹ Available at <<http://unfccc.int/8854>> and <<http://unfccc.int/7984>>.

² FCCC/SBI/2015/7.

³ FCCC/SBI/2015/8.

⁴ The report on the workshop is contained in document FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.6.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2015/6.

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2015/MISC.2.

⁷ Available at <unfccc.int/6099>.

6. The SBI expressed its gratitude to:
 - (a) The Government of Zambia for hosting the training workshop on NAPs for Eastern and Southern Africa in Livingstone, Zambia, from 23 to 27 February 2015;
 - (b) The United Nations Development Programme office in Bangkok for hosting the meetings referred to in paragraph 2 above.
7. It further expressed its gratitude to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for financially supporting the work of the LEG.
8. The SBI noted with appreciation that, as at 2 June 2015, five least developed countries (LDCs) had completed the implementation of at least one of their national adaptation programme of action (NAPA) projects.
9. The SBI also noted with appreciation the continued support from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), and that as at 2 June 2015, of the 50 countries that had completed their NAPAs, 49 had accessed USD 905.63 million for 161 projects.
10. The SBI further noted with appreciation the contributions made by some Parties to the LDCF, totalling USD 929.13 million as at 31 March 2015, and encouraged other Parties to also contribute.
11. The SBI noted with appreciation the progress made by LDC Parties and the technical support provided by support programmes and networks⁸ on the process to formulate and implement NAPs, while noting the ongoing constraints⁹ faced by many LDC Parties in accessing financial support for the process.
12. The SBI noted with concern the lack of funding in the LDCF and urged Parties to contribute to the Fund, recognizing the importance of supporting the full implementation of NAPAs in order to address urgent and immediate adaptation needs and to build capacity for medium- and long-term adaptation planning and implementation. It also noted that 29 project proposals requesting USD 215 million, 10 of which support elements of the NAP process, have already been technically cleared by the Global Environment Facility but are awaiting funding as at 2 June 2015.
13. The SBI highlighted the possibility of the LDCs using their existing national climate change plans and strategies, including NAPAs and NAPs, as strategic frameworks for engaging with the Green Climate Fund (GCF).
14. The SBI welcomed the LEG work programme for 2015, which includes the regional training workshops on NAPs remaining in 2015.¹⁰
15. The SBI requested the LEG, with the assistance of the secretariat, to prepare an information paper on the NAP Expo and the regional training workshops referred to in paragraphs 3 and 14 above, respectively, with a view to capturing experiences, good practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation in the LDCs, for consideration at SBI 43 (November–December 2015).
16. The SBI noted with appreciation the continued active engagement and collaboration of the LEG with the Adaptation Committee and other constituted bodies and programmes under the Convention and with a wide range of other relevant organizations, agencies and regional centres as well as programmes and networks supporting the process to formulate and implement NAPs.

⁸ Including the NAP global support programme for the LDCs, the NAP global support programme for developing countries that are not LDCs, and the NAP Global Network.

⁹ As reported, inter alia, in documents FCCC/SBI/2015/6, FCCC/SBI/2015/7, FCCC/SBI/2015/8 and FCCC/SBI/2015/MISC.2.

¹⁰ FCCC/SBI/2015/7, annex II.

17. The SBI noted with appreciation the collaboration between the LEG and the GCF on the process to formulate and implement NAPs and encouraged the LEG to continue to collaborate with the GCF on addressing issues related to access to the GCF by the LDCs.

18. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

19. The SBI invited Parties in a position to do so to continue to provide support for the implementation of the LEG work programme.

20. The SBI recommended a draft decision on the extension of the mandate of the LEG, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session (November–December 2015; for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBI/2015/L.13/Add.1).
