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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the report on the 29th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG),¹ held in Dili, Timor-Leste, from 15 to 19 March 2016, and expressed its gratitude to the Government of Timor-Leste for hosting the meeting.
2. The SBI also expressed its gratitude to the European Union for financially supporting the work of the LEG.
3. The SBI noted with appreciation the contributions made by Parties to the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF).
4. The SBI welcomed the two-year rolling work programme of the LEG for 2016–2017.²
5. The SBI noted with appreciation the continued active engagement and collaboration of the LEG with the Adaptation Committee, the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, other constituted bodies under the Convention and a wide range of relevant organizations, agencies and regional centres and networks, and encouraged this collaboration to continue.
6. In the context of the mandate of the LEG as per decision 19/CP.21, the SBI welcomed the following vision developed by the LEG to guide the work of the LEG in supporting adaptation in the least developed countries (LDCs): the achievement of demonstrable results in building adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change in the LDCs; the formulation of robust and good-quality national adaptation plans (NAPs) and the implementation of priority adaptation needs

¹ FCCC/SBI/2016/7.

² FCCC/SBI/2016/7, annex I.



identified therein with funding from the GCF and other sources; and the existence of a well-structured adaptation planning process in the LDCs.³

7. The SBI took note of the initial consideration by the LEG of the mandates given to it by the Conference of the Parties (COP) in decision 1/CP.21⁴ and looked forward to future updates and discussions thereon.

8. The SBI welcomed the regional and global NAP Expos, to be organized by the LEG and/or relevant partners, as a useful modality for advancing progress on the process to formulate and implement NAPs and exchanging experience and good practices, including but not limited to accessing financial support from the GCF, the LDCF and bilateral, multilateral and other sources. It took note of the NAP Expo planned to take place from 11 to 15 July 2016 in Bonn, Germany,⁵ and invited Parties and relevant organizations to participate in the event.

9. The SBI noted with appreciation the progress made by the LEG in collaborating with the GCF secretariat on providing technical guidance and advice to countries on accessing funding from the GCF for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, including the plan to hold dedicated sessions on the GCF at the NAP Expo in July 2016 and the training workshops that are planned under the current work programme of the LEG.⁶

10. The SBI noted that, as at 17 May 2016, 34 project proposals for the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action and for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, with requested funds totalling USD 226 million, had been technically cleared by the Global Environment Facility and were awaiting funding from the LDCF. However, it also noted that, as at 31 March 2016, the funds available for those pipeline projects amounted to only USD 9.8 million.

11. The SBI noted with concern the lack of funding in the LDCF and urged Parties and others to contribute to the LDCF and/or the GCF, recognizing the importance of the full implementation of national adaptation programmes of action for addressing urgent and immediate adaptation needs, building capacity for medium- and long-term adaptation planning and implementation and successfully undertaking the process to formulate and implement NAPs.

12. The SBI noted with appreciation the pledges made by Parties and others at COP 21 to the LDCF, totalling USD 252 million as at 5 December 2015.⁷ The SBI encouraged those Parties to convert their pledges into contributions as soon as possible.

13. The SBI also noted with appreciation the contributions made by Parties to the GCF, totalling USD 9.9 billion as at 19 May 2016.⁸

14. The SBI took note of the progress made by the LDCs in undertaking the process to formulate and implement NAPs⁹ and reiterated the invitation of the COP¹⁰ to all LDCs and other developing country Parties that are not LDCs that may wish to do so to forward outputs, including NAP documents, and outcomes related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs to NAP Central.

³ FCCC/SBI/2016/7, paragraph 15.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2016/7, paragraphs 20–23.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2016/7, paragraph 37.

⁶ FCCC/SBI/2016/7, paragraph 33.

⁷ See <<http://www.thegef.org/gef/node/11550>>.

⁸ See <<http://www.greenclimate.fund/contributions/pledge-tracker>>.

⁹ FCCC/SBI/2016/7, paragraphs 6–9.

¹⁰ Decision 3/CP.20, paragraph 9.

15. The SBI invited Parties and relevant organizations to continue to provide support for the implementation of the LEG work programme.

16. The SBI requested that the actions of the secretariat supporting the implementation of the LEG work programme be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
