### NAP EXPO LAUNCHING OF THE NAP PROCESS IN LDCS

#### BENIN PRELIMINARY ROADMAP FOR ITS NAP PROCESS

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#### INTRODUCTION

- Benin is an LDC located in West Africa with 112 622 Km<sup>2</sup>, population of 10 million (2012 estimate)
- It ratified the UNFCCC on 30 June 1994 and the Kyoto Protocol on 25 February 2002
- It has produced many documents on climate change, including its initial and Second National Communications in 2001 and 2011; and its NAPA in 2007
- The Ministry of Environment is the Government's Focal Point on climate change and coordinates climate change activities.

#### STOCKTAKING OF EXISTING ADAPTATION INITIATIVES

- Five sectors are identified by the NAPA as vulnerable to climate change: agriculture, energy, water resources, health and coastal zones. Some urgent adaptation needs of these sectors are being addressed through 3 NAPA projects currently under implementation.
- Benin is in a good position to start the NAP process successfully: Sound institutional arrangements on C.C exist, political will of the Govt to integrate climate change issues into its national development documents; and it is implementing most of its NAPA projects
- Benin has built good working relationships with various technical and financial partners. The country is confident that the GEF, UNDP and many partners would continue to support Benin in its efforts to adapt to climate change

#### BENIN'S STRATEGY FOR STAKEHOLDERS'ENGAGMEENT

- Benin's strategy to elaborate its NAP is based fundamentaly on a large consultation of stakeholders (Government, private sector, NGO, Universities, institutes and centres of research, mass media, civil society, etc.) in order to benefit from their experience, knowledge, advice, contributions and inputs throughout the entire process.
- The leader of this process is the Ministry in charge of environment through is technical direction and the National Committee on Climate Change (NCCC) by initiating, launching the process and taking appropriate measures to conduct the process effectively.

#### BENIN'S FIRST STEPS IN THE NAP PROCESS

- Establishment of a core team for the NAP process under the Ministry of Environment
- Internalisation by this core team of NAP guidelines and the steps and indicative activities highlited by the LEG
- Consultation with a large number of stakeholders
- Compilation and analysis of the findings of those consultations and lessons learnt from the NAPA process
- Setting up by the Government of a multidisciplinary and multi-stakeholder national NAP team with clear and relevant mandate.
- Mobilization of funds for the functioning of this national team.

#### SOME PRELIMINARY ELEMENTS OF THE ROAD MAP OF THE NAP PROCESS

Dec 2011

March 2013

• Internalization of NAP guidelines by the NCCC through the study of decision 5/CP17

• Participation in the regional training workshop on NAPAs and NAPs for francophone LDCs

May 2013

• NAP process presentation to the authorities of Ministry of Environment, representatives of the ministries of development, finance, energy, industries, governance, PNUD and technical and Financial partners

June 2013

• Organisation of an Environment and Climate Change Thematic Group with NCCC members

Sep 2013

• Report to the Government on the findings and recommandations of the different consultations

Nov 2013

Setting up of a national team for the NAP process

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• Launching of the work of the national team

## SOME IDENTIFIED SUPPORT NEEDS FOR THE NAP PROCESS

- Benin has identified, as one of its immediate needs, the assessment and mobilization of the financial resources required to develop the NAP process
- The country would like to benefit from the Global support programme put forth by UNDP/UNEP for the NAP process;
- As well as from the support of all Benin's partners.

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