

**Statement by Bhutan on behalf of LDC Group on SBI Agenda Item 8:
National Adaptation Plans**

Mr. Chair, the LDC Group welcomes the submissions by parties on this issue and look forward for constructive discussion during the session. Let me share with you that the “initial guidelines for formulation of NAPs” and support so far provided under NAP process have built the capacity to understand and initiate the formulation of NAPs; however because of inadequate financing to support LDCs in the NAP processes, the progress in actually launching the NAPs in LDCs is minimal.

Mr. Chair, the “National Adaptation Plans” are an integral part of the NAPs process, and these living plans will be the cornerstone for action on adaptation by serving as a means for ensuring planning, implementing and delivery of support for adaptation in the medium to long term. Our Group looks forward to positive engagement at this session to explore how we can further expand and enrich the Guidelines with a view to having a decision on “implementation of NAPs” at COP20.

Adequate financial resources for LDCs for the NAP process, and simplified arrangements under the LDCF for the formulation of NAPs are utmost importance. Our Group also believe that there should be clearer linkage and interface for adaptation planning and implementation in the long run through the GCF, which should prioritize LDCs in their readiness activities;

In order to improve progress in the NAPs process, we suggest a series of activities to find ways to address gaps and needs in the process, and to identify ways to implement the NAPs. These activities can include a synthesis of the submissions for SBI-41 and a workshop organized before COP 20 in Lima. We look forward for productive discussion among parties.