

**Oral Report by the Chair of the LEG, Mr Batu Uprety
at the opening of SBI 41**

Monday 01 December 2014, Lima, Peru

Thank you very much Mister Chair,

I have the pleasure to report on the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert group (LEG) on activities carried out since the last session, and provide highlights on plans for 2015.

At the outset, I am happy to inform you that the twenty-sixth meeting of the LEG took place from 4 to 7 August 2014, and a report on the meeting, containing full details on the activities for 2014-2015, is available in document FCCC/SBI/2014/13. I will only highlight a few in this statement.

On 8 and 9 August 2014 we convened the NAP Expo in Bonn, which was dedicated to catalyzing action and support for process to formulate and implement NAPs. The event was attended by nearly 200 participants, including: representatives from more than 74 countries, the Adaptation Committee, the CGE, various organizations and agencies, as well as lead authors of various chapters of the 5th Assessment Report of the IPCC.

The NAP Expo demonstrated that several countries have embarked on the process to formulate and implement NAPs through a variety of activities ranging from stocktaking, development of roadmaps, as well as having draft NAPs in place. We also learned that besides the NAP GSP, there are a number of organizations and agencies that are already supporting some of the countries.

Mr. Chair,

The LEG launched the regional training workshops on NAPs for 2014-2015. The first workshop, organized in collaboration with NAP global support programme, was conducted for the Pacific from 3 to 7 November in Vanuatu. The workshop took the participants through the design of effective processes to formulate and implement NAPs at national levels, and also facilitated gathering of gaps and needs for the countries.

Furthermore Mr. Chair,

The LEG jointly with the Adaptation Committee has prepared an information paper on experiences good practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs in the process to formulate and implement NAPs (FCCC/SBI/2014/INF.14). The LEG also continues to engage the Adaptation Committee on the work on best practices and lessons learned and the development of NAP Central, among others.

We continue to fruitfully engage with the GEF and its agencies in continuing to explore ways and means to address issues faced by some LDCs in implementing their NAPAs – and I am glad to inform you that this effort continues enhance progress on the implementation of NAPAs.

We convened a meeting with various organizations developing materials supplementary to the technical guidelines for the NAP process, as part of our twenty-sixth meeting, to explore ways to align the materials with the technical guidelines, in line with SBI 40 conclusions.

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We are furthermore working on various products that are in different stages of development such as:

- The 3rd volume of the best practices and lessons learned publication;
- PEG M&E Tool: A tool for application at national levels to monitor and evaluate the process to formulate and implement NAPs;
- Publications on gender, and on vulnerable communities;
- Technical papers on regional synergy and synergy among multilateral environment agreements;
- Information paper on support to the LDCs on NAPs;
- Frequently asked questions;
- Overview of the NAP guidelines and the process to formulate and implement NAPs.

In 2015, the LEG will continue to engage other bodies and organizations to strengthen and build effectiveness of technical support and guidance to the LDCs.

Finally, Mr. Chair,

I would like to invite all interested Parties and organizations to a LEG side event, tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in room PARACAS. The LEG is presenting its work in supporting the LDCs on NAPs and NAPAs.

I thank you Mister Chair, and thank you all for your attention.