

**Oral Report by the Chair of the LEG, Mr Batu Uprety
at the opening of SBI 42
Bonn, Monday 1 June 2015**

Thank you very much Mister Chair,

As the Chair of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), I have the pleasure to report on the work of the LEG to the SBI at its forty-second session.

Kindly note that the report on the LEG 27th meeting is contained in document **FCCC/SBI/2015/7** and a report on the Stocktaking meeting on the work of the LEG is contained in document **FCCC/SBI/2015/8**. I encourage all to read these important documents as I will only highlight a few issues from the reports.

[LEG activities since SBI 41/COP 20]

Mister Chair,

Since the SBI 41 in Lima, the LEG has conducted the following activities:

1. **The second of four regional training workshops on NAPs.** The workshop targeted Eastern and Southern LDCs. Developing countries from the region that are not LDCs were also invited as a way to promote exchange of information and South-South cooperation. The training workshop took place from 17-21 February in Livingstone, Zambia and the LEG would like to express its appreciation to the Government of Zambia for hosting this event;
2. **A stocktaking meeting on the work of the LEG** in accordance with the mandate received at COP 16. The meeting, which was opened by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the LDCs, Landlocked Developing Countries and SIDS, welcomed the work of the LEG and identified elements that could be considered in a future mandate and future work programmes of the group;
3. **The 27th meeting of the LEG.** The stocktaking meeting and the LEG 27th meeting took place back to back from 9-14 March 2015, in Bangkok Thailand. The LEG developed a rolling work programme for 2015. The LEG would like to thank the UNDP office in Bangkok for its support in organizing these two events;
4. **NAP Expo 2015.** This year's Expo focused on realizing the process to formulate and implement NAPs. It took place from 14-15 April in Bonn; The Expo was very successful in bringing together various stakeholders to share experience on their work on NAPs, and provided a good platform for developing country Parties to learn about various avenues for support.
5. **A workshop on experiences, good practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs in the process to formulate and implement NAPs,** in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee. This workshop and the NAP Expo 2015, took

place back to back, from 14-17 April 2015, in Bonn. A report of the workshop has been prepared and is available at FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.6.

Mister Chair,

[Interaction with the GCF]

In addition to its ongoing and active interaction with the GEF and its agencies, the LEG also collaborated with the GCF, in accordance with the mandate the LEG and the Adaptation Committee received at COP 20 in Lima to consider how to support countries in accessing funds from the GCF.

Participants at the stocktaking meeting had rich discussions with the GCF secretariat on the state of play of the GCF and how the LDCs (and other developing countries) can best access support through the GCF under the readiness programmes and other channels, including to support implementation of adaptation projects and programmes. The LEG also interacted with the GCF during its 27th meeting and during the NAP Expo.

The information shared by the GCF secretariat includes the following:

1. The GCF sees the LDCs as a priority and is open to opportunities to support this group of countries in accessing GCF resources;
2. In addition to providing funding to the process to formulate and implement NAPs, the GCF also welcomes NAPA project proposals;
3. The LEG could, among other things, collaborate with the GCF to inform the LDCs that the GCF is moving into full operation and is very interested in engaging with them to identify their support needs, in particular in the context of the readiness programme. In parallel, countries that are interested in securing GCF readiness support need to approach the GCF secretariat at their earliest convenience.

Building on the fruitful engagement it had with the GCF secretariat, the LEG decided to invite a representative of the secretariat of the Fund to its future meetings. More information about the discussions with the GCF is contained in the LEG 27th report, document **FCCC/SBI/2015/7, paragraphs 91-95**.

Mister Chair,

[Consideration of the rolling work programme of the LEG for 2015]

The LEG has developed a rolling work programme for 2015 and intends to prioritize:

1. The remaining regional training workshops on NAPs;
2. The finalization and dissemination of a set of publications to support the LDCs;

3. The further operationalization of NAP Central, a web-based central repository and hub for information pertinent to the process to formulate and implement NAPs.

Through interacting with LDCs, other Parties and relevant organizations, the LEG noted that the key areas of support to LDCs include:

1. Financial support for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and to implement their NAPAs;
2. Scientific and technical support;
3. Support for the integration of adaptation into national planning
4. Support for regional approaches to adaptation planning; and
5. Support for synergy, in particular with other UN processes.

Mister Chair, at this stage,

The LEG would like to thank the United Kingdom for providing funding to support the work of the LEG since SBI 41.

The LEG would also like to acknowledge the ongoing and fruitful collaboration with other bodies under the Convention, the GEF and its agencies, the GCF, the NAP Global support programmes, the NAP Global Network and other relevant organizations, including regional centres. The LEG also wishes to recognise the active facilitation and support provided by the secretariat.

Please rest assured that the group is committed to continue to provide until the end of its mandate, effective support to the LDCs for the NAPAs, the other elements of the LDC work programme and the process to formulate and implement NAPs.

[LEG side event]

Finally, on behalf of the LEG, I would like to invite all interested Parties and organizations to a **LEG side event, tomorrow Tuesdat at 6:30pm in room Berlin (112)**.

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