

**Oral Report by the Chair of the LEG, Mr Batu Uprety  
at the opening of SBI 40  
Bonn, Wednesday 4 June 2014**

**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 fortieth session. My report will provide an update on the work of the LEG in the first half of 2014 and highlight the perspectives for 2014 and 2015.

Since the last SBI session in Warsaw, the LEG has held two meetings: a technical meeting on NAPs and LEG 25. Both were held in February 2014, in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania.

The LEG expresses its appreciation to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for hosting these meetings. The report on the LEG 25th meeting is contained in document **FCCC/SBI/2014/4**, and I encourage all to read this important document as I will only highlight a few issues from the report.

**Mister Chair,**

*[Election]*

Please kindly note that at its 25th meeting the LEG elected the following officers:

- Mr. Abias Huongo (Angola) as Vice-Chair and Lusophone Rapporteur;
- Mr. Fredrick Manyika (United Republic of Tanzania) as Anglophone Rapporteur;
- Mr. Paul Abiziou Tchinguilou (Togo) as Francophone Rapporteur; and
- Myself, Mr. Batu Uprety, as Chair of the group.

*[Outcome of LEG technical meeting on NAPs]*

60 Participants attended the LEG technical meeting on NAPs, including representatives of the LDCs, UN agencies and other organizations.

The meeting aimed at a) discussing further the application of the technical guidelines for NAPs as a basis for enhancing technical guidance and support being provided to the LDCs, and b) strengthening collaboration with relevant organizations and experts.

It led to several outcomes, including the development of a sample NAP process.

*[Discussions at the LEG meeting]*

At its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the LEG discussed several of its ongoing activities, including: the elements of an information paper on how the NAP can be supported in the LDCs; progress on the development of NAP Central, a universally accessible, web-based central repository and hub for information pertinent to the NAP process; progress reports on support to the NAP process, including the NAP Global Support Programme for the LDCs; further work on a paper on strengthening gender considerations in adaptation planning and implementation in

the LDCs; and review of the draft technical paper on a tool for monitoring and evaluation of progress, effectiveness and gaps for the NAP process.

**Mister Chair,**

*[LEG work programme for 2014-2015]*

The LEG also developed its work programme for 2014-2015 and immediate activities include:

- *The NAP Expo.* The second edition of the NAP Expo will take place from 7-9 August 2014, in Bonn. It will further promote and mobilize actions and support for NAPs at the national levels.
- *The development of a comprehensive strategy for future training on NAPs.* Training materials would be developed in collaboration with other organizations.
- *The regional training workshops on NAPs.* The workshop will be conducted in collaboration with a wide range of organizations, regional centres and networks specific to each region and in conjunction with the NAP global support programme for the LDCs.
- *The development of a series of NAP briefs.* The first one will be a quick guide to the guidelines for NAPs, including a glossary of commonly used terms and answers to frequently asked questions, in English, French and Portuguese.
- *The implementation of in-depth case studies in the LDCs.* They will address topics and issues covered in the LEG work programme.

*[NAPAs]*

The LEG is pleased to report that NAPA implementation is well underway in most LDCs and countries' progress is very encouraging. Out of the 50 countries that have completed their NAPAs, 48 countries have had at least one NAPA project approved by the LDCF. Over 70% of these countries have at least 3 to 4 NAPA projects under implementation.

**Mister Chair, at this stage,**

The LEG would like to thank the following countries that have provided funding to support the work of the LEG since SBI 39, namely Belgium, Canada, Finland and Norway.

The LEG would like to acknowledge also the ongoing and fruitful collaboration with other bodies under the Convention, including the AC, the CGE, the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage, the TEC, and the Standing Committee on Finance. 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 effective support to the LDCs for the NAPAs, the other elements of the LDC work programme and the NAPs.

Finally, on behalf of the LEG, I would like to invite all interested Parties and organizations to a LEG side event, tomorrow at 6:30pm in room Solar (Ministry of Environment). The LEG will provide information on its support to the LDCs, including through a more detailed presentation of its work programme for 2014-2015.

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