

# NAPAs in the context of the UNFCCC Process

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# Timetable

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1992	UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, <b>UNFCCC</b> signed in <b>Rio de Janeiro</b>
1994	UNFCCC entered into force
1995	First Conference of the Parties -- <b>COP-1, Berlin</b>
1997	<b>COP-3 Kyoto</b> Kyoto Protocol adopted
2000	<b>COP-6 The Hague</b>
2001	<b>COP-6 Bonn</b> ( resumed session )
2001	<b>COP-7 Marrakech</b>
2002	<b>COP-8 New Delhi</b>



# The IPCC context

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- First assessment report - 1990
- Second assessment report - 1995
- Special report: Regional impacts of climate change (1997)
- Third assessment report - 2001



# Ratification of the UNFCCC

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- **UNFCCC**  
186 countries ratified - **46 LDCs**: 29 in Africa, 7 in Asia, 10 SIDS
- **Kyoto Protocol**  
79 countries ratified, as of 14 August 2002  
**19 LDCs**: 13 in Africa, one in Asia, 5 in SIDS



# UNFCCC Guiding Principles

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- Common but differentiated responsibilities (Art. 3.1)
- Precautionary principle (Art. 3.3)
- Stabilization of GHG concentrations in the atmosphere (Art. 2)
- Time-frame set to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally (Art. 2)
- Developed countries act first (Art. 4.2)
- Promotion of Sustainable Development (Art. 3.4)



# UNFCCC Support for adaptation in developing countries

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**Article 4.4:** Developed countries shall assist the developing countries in meeting costs of adaptation to Climate Change. Relevant issues under negotiation include:

- National Communications
- Capacity Building
- Technology Transfer
- Financial Mechanism through GEF
- Article 4.8 and 4.9
- Methodologies



# UNFCCC support for LDC needs

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- **Article 4.9:** Parties shall take full account of the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries in their actions with regard to funding and transfer of technology.



# Marrakesh Accords, 2001

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- Decision 5/CP.7: Support for adaptation in developing countries. Establishment of an LDC work programme.
- Decision 27/CP.7: Guidance on LDC Fund.
- Decision 28/CP.7: NAPA Guidelines.
- Decision 29/CP.7: Establishment of the LDC Expert Group (LEG).





# Important timelines:

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- First LEG meeting (Arusha)
- GEF operational guidelines on LDC Fund
- SBI 16 endorsement of LEG programme of work
- Second LEG meeting (Bonn)
- Review of NAPA guidelines at COP 8 (SB 17)
- Further guidance on LDC Fund at COP 8
- LEG to report on its work to SBI 18 and 19
- COP 9 to review progress, need for continuation, revised TORs of LEG



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