Elements and deliverables of the process to enable LDCs to formulate and implement NAPs

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Objective of national adaptation plans

Actions or activities that **increase resilience** to climate change and ensure environmental, social, and economic development **in a long term and sustainable manner** through:

- —the **generation and sharing of knowledge**, experiences and understanding
- —the **integration** of climate change into relevant **existing** policies, programs and activities
- —the development and implementation of new policies, programs and activities, as necessary

Principles

National efforts should result in actions that:

-Build on:

- principles outlined in Cancun Agreements
- good practices and lessons learned from NAPA and other relevant processes
- best available science

-Enable:

- integration of adaptation considerations into existing national planning
- development of necessary programmes and institutional processes
- capacity building
- communication of medium and long-term adaptation needs
- regular update and revision

 Are regularly reviewed and can respond to improved knowledge and changes in conditions

Adaptation planning in Canada

- Generating and sharing knowledge
 - Develop risk-management tools and frameworks to guide decision-making
- Building adaptive capacity
 - Facilitate collaboration
- Integrating adaptation into policies and programs
 - Generating tools and training to enable government departments and agencies to assess existing policies and programs
- Developing new policies and programs to address gaps and emerging issues

Possible elements of NAPs: National process

 Review and update strategy, policies and program at regular intervals

Laying the groundwork

- Establish/review institutional arrangements
- Update vulnerability assessment in NAPA
- Review priorities identified in the NAPAs
- Identify information gaps for medium an long-term adaptation

Review/update

Developing Strategy/Framew ork/Plan and programs for climaterelated risks • Identify

 Assess existing national policies

- priorities
- Identify gaps in capacity
- Develop overarching national strategy

Implementation

- Implement relevant policies, programmes and projects
- Build necessary capacities ongoing
- Enhance knowledge base ongoing

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Possible deliverables of NAPs: National process

- A national-level "plan" that addresses immediate, medium and long-term needs
- Integration of climate change into relevant policies, programmes, processes
- Enhanced capacity
- Communication of progress, needs, lessonslearned etc to UNFCCC

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Possible Elements and deliverables of NAPs for LDCs: UNFCCC process

- Appropriate activities, decisions, and support that enable national processes:
 - technical support: LEG, guidelines and tailored training
 - financial support
 - interactaction with funding and implementing agencies
 - strengthening of regional centres and networks
- Consideration of reporting in a manner that:
 - shares information, good practices and lessons
 - informs future actions and decisions

Key messages

- "Plan" needs to articulate an ongoing and evolving process that is regularly revisited
- Build on existing experience and material don't reinvent the wheel
- Elements and processes need to be flexible to allow tailoring to national circumstances
- NAPAs provide a good starting point

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