

## Oral report by Mr. Abias Huongo, Chair of the LDC Expert Group

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*Thank you Mister Chair* for giving me the floor to report on the work of the LEG to the SBI. I will provide highlights on the group's activities since SBI 46 in May, and on plans up to early 2018.

*Mister Chair,*

*On our regular activities since May,*

We continued our active engagement with the GCF secretariat on ways to enhance the process to access support for the formulation and implementation of NAPs.

Through the NAP Technical Working Group, we successfully continued to expand technical guidance on NAPs, taking into account latest developments. Notable is the *Integrative Framework for NAPs and SDGs*, to help integrate different approaches, and the explicit consideration of how to contribute to addressing the SDGs through NAPs.

We successfully concluded regional training workshops on NAPs, focusing on the preparatory elements.

We developed country case studies on NAPs and applied these at the workshops to provide a quick overview of how a typical NAP can be implemented at the national level.

We conducted two regional NAP Expos, in June in Uganda, and in September in the Republic of Korea, to promote greater interaction among countries and to provide an opportunity to enhance collaboration with various partners at the regional levels.

We also continued to develop the NAP Central, to include the NAP tracking tool, and the event pages for the workshops and the regional NAP Expos, among other functions.

*Mister Chair,*

It is our hope that the support will contribute to advance countries' work on NAPs, especially in relation to our vision of having all LDCs formulate their NAPs by 2020. Meanwhile, **eight** developing countries have submitted their NAPs, only **two** of which are LDCs. All of them are yet to apply for funding for the implementation of the policies, projects and programmes identified in their NAPs.

In addition to the activities I just highlighted, the LEG, together with the Adaptation Committee, and in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Finance, was requested by COP 21 to work on mandates relating to the Paris Agreement. The outcome of this work is contained in addendum to both the LEG and AC reports.

*Briefly*, we have concluded our work on two of the mandates, namely on modalities to recognize the adaptation efforts of developing country Parties, and on methodologies on taking the necessary steps to facilitate the mobilization of support for adaptation in developing countries. Work on methodologies on reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support requires further technical work.

*Regarding immediate upcoming activities,*

We have initiated preparations for the organization of the **NAP Expo** in March or April 2018, and we will hold discussions with relevant organizations during this conference.

Other activities include:

- Work in supporting the SBI assessment of NAPs, including a meeting of Party experts to take place early next year;
- Frequently asked questions on accessing the GCF for NAPs;
- Sample indicative activities for proposals to the GCF for formulation of NAPs;
- Needs related to adaptation that may arise from the implementation of the Paris Agreement;
- Revision of the LDC work programme.

*Mister Chair*

In ending my report, I would like to thank all the Parties that continue provide funding for the work of the LEG. I will also like to acknowledge the support we receive from various organizations

*Thank you for your attention.*