

**Oral report by Mr Abias Huongo,
Chair of the Least Developed Countries 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 touch on main activities carried out since the last session in May, and plans for early 2017.

Mr. Chair,

In July, we successfully conducted the **NAP Expo** in Bonn. The event brought together over 250 participants, which included a rich diversity of Party experts and non-Party stakeholders. The event addressed a number of critical topics for advancing NAPs, including: accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund for the formulation and implementation of NAPs, applying the less than 2°C global temperature limit in undertaking assessments for NAPs, how to design and apply monitoring and evaluation systems, and examples of a range of innovative concrete adaptation solutions. Several developing countries shared their experiences with the formulation of NAPs, and organizations providing technical support also shared information on their work. The feedback from all participants was very positive indeed.

We are planning to conduct next year's NAP Expo in April, in Bonn. We will also be engaging in regional NAP Expos, with one already planned to take place in June 2017 in conjunction with the 11th CBA Conference in Uganda.

We continue to work closely with the Green Climate Fund Secretariat, in accordance with decision 19/CP.21, to provide support to the LDCs in **accessing funding from the GCF for NAPs**. We are currently working on a quick guide for the LDCs on navigating funding for NAPs from the GCF, and are including modules on accessing the GCF in the upcoming NAP training workshops.

We continue to compile and communicate information on **progress made, support provided and received, gaps and needs** in the process to

formulate and implement NAPs. Nearly all countries have initiated the process, and most are at stages that require concrete funding to make tangible progress. A few have already completed and submitted their NAPs through NAP Central.

We are planning to kick start a round of **regional workshops** in 2017 as part of our training strategy for NAPs. These workshops will help to address the challenges faced by the LDCs in advancing their work on NAPs. We will be holding consultations with relevant partners at this Conference, including the GCF, GEF and its agencies, NAP-GSP, regional centres and networks, and other and partners, to explore how best to coordinate efforts and ensure coherent support to the countries.

Mr. Chair,

The LEG is also working with the Adaptation Committee to address specific **mandates contained in decision 1/CP.21 relating to the operationalization of the Paris Agreement**. I take this opportunity to invite all interested Parties to a side event on Thursday 10 November, during which we will provide an update on our work.

Mr. Chair,

More details on these and other activities are available in the LEG 30 report, which is document FCCC/SBI/2016/18.

To conclude,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Liberia for hosting our 30th meeting, and the Parties that continue to provide financial support for our work.

I would also like to invite you to the **LEG side event** taking place tomorrow 8 November, from 6:30 to 8:00pm, in room Pacific.

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