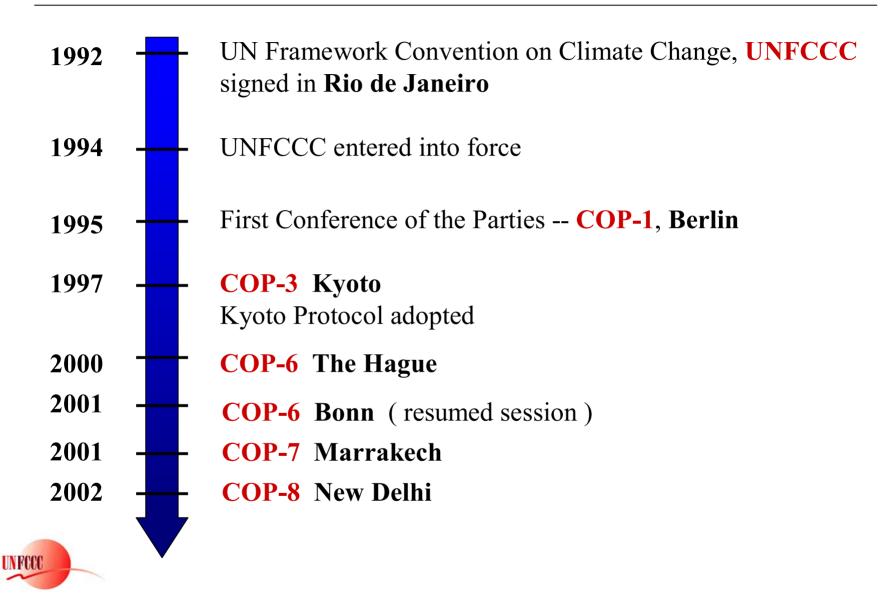
NAPAs in the context of the UNFCCC Process

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Timetable



The IPCC context

- 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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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

- 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

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

• 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

- 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:

- 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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