

Batu Uprety

- Mr. Uprety while working to the Government contributed in creating environmental awareness, and institutionalising EIA system in Nepal since 1983.
 - From 2007 onward, Mr. Uprety has been involved in UNFCCC process and is credited to initiate and finalise NAPA, LAPA (Local Adaptation Plan for Action) and Climate Change Policy of Nepal, including approval process for CDM projects, preparation of country status on climate change, and SNC and TNA, and began implementation of NAPA prioritised projects. He conceptualised climate change coordination mechanisms and Core Negotiating Team (CNT) and facilitated Mountain Initiatives on climate change.
- Currently, he is the Expert Member of the Climate Change Council of Nepal and Chair of the LDC Expert Group to UNFCCC. Mr. Uprety has published two books on EIA, and Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development with several popular articles and papers.

Present and future training approaches of the LEG to build individual and institutional capacities in LDCs

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Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)

Current Mandate of LDC Expert Group (LEG)

- a) Technical support and advice for the preparation and implementation of NAPAs
- b) Technical support and advice for the implementation of the LDC work programme
- c) Technical guidance and support to the NAP process.

For further details please visit: <<http://unfccc.int/4727>>



Example: four LEG regional training workshops on adaptation for LDCs for 2012-2013

- For **Pacific LDCs**, in Funafuti, Tuvalu, from 28 September to 3 October 2012; **5 countries, 14 participants**
- For **Francophone LDCs** and 2 Lusophone LDCs, in Lomé, Togo, from 18-22 March 2013; **18 countries, 65 participants**, including 10 CBD focal points
- For **African Anglophone LDCs** and 2 Lusophone LDCs, in Kigali, Rwanda, from 29 July to 2 August 2013; **13 countries, 60 participants**
- For Asian LDCs, in Siem Reap, Cambodia, from 20-24 August 2013; **9 countries, 29 participants**

The workshops were supported by a set of training materials covering **NAPA implementation and key aspects of the NAP process**. They were **conducted in English or French**, depending on the region, and **materials were also made available in Portuguese** to participants from Lusophone countries. They **built on the previous LEG training workshops** and addressed issues that have emerged since they were held.



LEG pays **attention to** addressing consideration of **gender and vulnerable communities** and **engaging with a wide range of organizations** that have specific activities in the regions, including:

- GEF and its agencies
- Regional centres and networks
- International organizations
- Bilateral and multilateral agencies
- Individual experts



Asian training workshop – August 2013



Field trip during the Francophone training workshop - March 2013



LEG current and future approaches to training

- **Conducting a new round of regional training workshops in 2014-2015 focusing on NAPs**, in collaboration with a wide range of organizations, regional centres and networks specific to each region and the NAP Global Support Programme for the LDCs. The first workshop will be for Pacific LDCs and will take place in November 2014.
- **Refining its approach to workshops by deciding that they will provide a platform for face-to-face learning and exchange of experiences, best practices and lessons learned in addressing medium- and long-term adaptation.** Topics will be tailored to the needs, experiences, best practices and lessons learned of each region.
- **Developing a training strategy on NAPs**, which includes possible topics and modules on NAPs that **could be delivered through different modalities** such as regional training workshops, training of trainers, e-learning materials for self-paced training, online collaboration tools through NAP Central, and collaboration with relevant organizations and support programmes on NAPs.



Further sharing of experiences/information: NAP Expo

NAP Expo

The event provides an opportunity for **Parties, agencies and organizations to share information on their support to the LDCs on NAPs**. It is also a **platform for countries to exchange experiences and network**.

The first NAP expo took place in June 2013. **The next one will take place from 8-9 August 2014.**



LEG NAP Expo 2013



Further sharing of experiences/information: NAP Central

Objective: to provide a universally accessible, web-based central repository and hub for information pertinent to the NAP process.

Target audience: NAP teams in developing countries, with a particular focus on the LDCs.

Some of the key content and functionalities:

- A database of information relevant to the NAP process
- Links to relevant information of organizations, regional centres and networks, NGOs and research institutions on support for the NAP process
- A blog to enable sharing of stories, ideas and announcements
- A wiki-based synthesis of scientific information and data by country, and other functionalities that would enable intuitive navigation through the system, such as the possibility of sorting the information by hazard, sector or region/country; and country portals



Further sharing of experiences: work on BP and LL

The LEG has produced a **publication in 2 volumes on best practices and lessons learned** (BP and LL) in addressing adaptation in LDCs

A subset of the LEG, together with the AC and one representative of the LDCs, are **currently revising the methodologies for capturing BP and LL** to contribute towards:

- (a) The harmonization of approaches under the Convention on the collection of adaptation-related best practices and lessons learned
- (b) The integration of new findings and the application of the methodologies in the preparation of the third volume of the LEG publication on best practices and lessons learned, in NAP Central, etc.



**LEG BP and LL publication
available at <unfccc.int/6110>**

