

**Introduction of agenda item 4f**  
**Report on a review of existing guidelines for**  
**national adaptation plans**

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# I: Background and context

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The report reviews support for non-LDC developing countries that seek to plan, prioritize and implement long-term national adaptation actions. Based on the review of the guidelines and support, the report provides recommendations for follow-up work.

The review considered, inter alia, the different elements of the NAP technical guidelines and identified aspects that are applicable and not applicable for non-LDC developing countries in developing NAPs.

A particular focus of the review was on the technical guidelines for the NAP process, which were developed by the LEG based on the initial guidelines for the formulation of NAPs developed at COP 17.



## II: Key Findings

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- The review revealed a number of gaps in, and limitations of, the NAP guidelines, which stem from the boundaries set by the initial COP guidelines. Nevertheless, the ad hoc group concludes that these guidelines are broad and non-prescriptive and therefore flexible enough to be applied to non-LDCs. As noted by the LEG, the technical guidelines are indeed designed to support any country in its planning and implementation of adaptation at the national level.
- However, the question of enabling support for non-LDCs to start the process needs further consideration, such as more explicit guidance to the GEF for the SCCF, as a follow-up to the initial request to the GEF in decision 12/CP.18 to consider how the SCCF may be used.



## III: Proposed next steps

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The note presents recommendations, including additional work within the AC, in collaboration with other experts.

Taking into account sections 2 and 3 of the note, the ad hoc group recommends three types of follow-up activities needed at this point to get the NAP process for non-LDCs started:

- A. Follow-up on limitations in guidance on NAPs to date
- B. Follow-up on technical support
- C. Follow-up on financial support



## III: Topics for further guidance

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- To consider the recommendations and agree on any follow-up work as outlined in section 4;
- To engage the LEG in discussing the possible next steps in the creation of additional support materials to complement the technical guidelines, such as additional materials through NAP central, and the preparation of supplementary materials;
- To explore means for identifying those non-LDCs that would require technical support, the types of support needs, and how these needs could be addressed by the AC and others;
- To consider progress made by the GEF in responding to COP guidance on support to non-LDCs, as well as progress under the GSP for LDCs, with a view to making recommendations on support to non-LDCs during the AC meeting following the publication of the GEF report to COP 19;
- To agree on the ToRs for an ad hoc group, in collaboration with relevant organizations and experts, including from the LEG, to work on modalities and guidelines for NAPs for non-LDC developing countries.

