

Introduction of agenda item **6b**

Update on the LEG technical meeting on NAPs

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I: Objectives

- To further discuss the application of the technical guidelines for NAPs (http://unfccc.int/nap/guidelines_main.html) as a basis for enhancing technical guidance and support being provided to the LDCs, and
- To strengthen collaboration with relevant organizations and experts.
- The meeting used a case approach, essentially elaborating what a sample NAP process could look like by working through key steps and identifying tools and approaches along the way, decisions that need to be made to define possible pathways, how to best cluster and distribute the work, and what some of the outputs of this process could be.
- The meeting produced a simulated NAP process



I: Objectives

- Besides a capture of the sample/mock NAP process, the discussions at this meeting were used to finalize planned LEG outputs that was considered at the its meeting (LEG 25 on 27-28 February immediately after the technical meeting).
- Such LEG outputs include:
 - Publications on gender and vulnerable communities;
 - A training approach on NAPs;
 - Monitoring and evaluation of the NAP process;
 - Design of supplementary materials to the NAP technical guidelines, in particular, a practical guide on vulnerability and adaptation assessment.



II: Approach

- The 3-day meeting started with a plenary session to develop a common understanding of the NAP process,
 - Followed by sharing of approaches and experiences of a few LDCs on their efforts to embark on the NAPs to date.
 - After that, the group moved to thematic breakout groups for detailed work on specific steps in carrying out analyses and assessments as part of the NAP process.
 - The results of the work of these groups were presented to the whole group. Discussions also covered cross-cutting issues and ways of assembling a training programme.
 - Participants were invited to provide any written inputs in advance of the meeting, but also during and after.
 - Demonstrations of tools and models was arranged, on demand, in the evening.
 - Overall the meeting was conducted in a very interactive manner with presentations kept to a minimum.
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III: Relevance to the AC TF on NAPs

- Experts at the meeting reflected that the technical guidelines are comprehensive and can be applied in any country, besides the LDCs.
 - Experts also re-affirmed the value of multiple outputs at various steps of the NAP process, including the national adaptation plans themselves.
 - In addition, the meeting concluded that it is very important for countries to develop, or update existing, mandates to clearly communicate that a country is undertaking a NAP process, and that such as mandate should be linked and be recognized by highest decision/policy processes, to ensure the outputs and outcomes are indeed *national* plans, and not simply products of limited ownership.
 - Such a mandate would not necessarily need to be developed at the beginning of the NAP process, rather countries could aim to produce it after adequate consultation, but before any plans are released. In the meantime, the country could complement activities towards the NAP process (so-called preparation of the NAP process), such as capacity-building, assessments, risk analyses, etc., which would ultimately feed into the NAP process.
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