Work of the LEG in supporting the LDCs on adaptation

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Vision of the LEG – to guide its support to the LDCs on adaptation

Support provided by the LEG by 2020 of the achievement of:

- □ The existence of a well-structured adaptation planning process in the LDCs;
- □ Formulation of robust and good-quality NAPs;
- Implementation of priority adaptation needs identified in the NAPs with funding from the GCF and other sources;
- □ Demonstrable results in building adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change in the LDCs.



Work programme for 2017-2018

- □ The work programme is inspired by the vision of supporting the LDCs in producing quality NAPs by 2018, or by 2020 at the latest
- ☐ Contains activities that address four strategic clusters:
 - Direct support to countries in developing and implementing adaptation action
 - Collaboration and the provision of inputs to organizations and processes that provide support to the LDCs
 - Provision of support to the intergovernmental process on adaptation and other issues related to the LDCs
 - Supporting NAPs and other adaptation processes more broadly



Work programme for 2017-2018 (divided into 10 work areas)

- Advancing NAPs through technical guidance and support
- Enhancing LDCs' access to GCF funding for NAPs (by engaging with the GCF secretariat)
- Providing technical guidance and support for NAPAs and the LDC work programme
- Strengthening considerations regarding gender and vulnerable communities, groups and ecosystems
- Providing technical guidance and advice on regional approaches to adaptation planning

- 6. Supporting the monitoring and evaluation of progress, effectiveness, gaps and adequacy in relation to the process to formulate and implement NAPs
- 7. Successfully supporting the assessment by the SBI of progress made in the process to formulate and implement NAPs referred to in decision 4/CP.21, paragraph 12
- 8. Successfully supporting the Paris Agreement
- 9. Collaborating with relevant bodies under the Convention
- 10. Engaging regional centres and networks, and relevant orgs.

Highlight of some of the issues being addressed in the LEG work programme

☐ What does the assessment of progress on NAPs indicate to be the main obstacles for the LDCs in advancing their NAPs? ☐ How is the LEG further guiding the technical aspects of the process of formulation of NAPs? ☐ What is the latest training approach for NAPs and how can others compliment? ☐ How can countries synergize work on achieving the SDGs with efforts to achieve adaptation goals and objectives? ☐ What are priority needs for guidance and support for the LDCs in this post-Paris era, taking into account efforts to revise or update the LDC work programme next year? ☐ What are highlights of work with other bodies and organizations: GCF, NWP, AC, TEC?



Overview of the status of progress by the LDCs in NAPs

Most countries have launched work on NAPs at national levels, and many are making efforts to access funding from the GCF to formulate their NAPs
Some countries informed they should wait for a new template for NAP readiness proposals before submitting their requests
So far, the GCF approved two project proposals from Liberia and Nepal under the support modality for NAPs of up to USD 3 m per country in November 2016
Disbursement of funds to countries not started , due to ongoing negotiations on fees between the GCF and UN agencies
Seven countries have completed and submitted their NAPs. These are Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Kenya, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, and Sudan
None of these seven has yet to apply for funding from the GCF for the implementation of their proposed projects or programmes



Status of progress in NAPAs/LDCF

- As at March 2017, 20 NAPA proposals, accounting for USD 126.3 million, had been technically cleared and were awaiting the availability of additional resources from the LDCF
 Currently, the LDCF has run out of funds to meet the demand of NAPA implementation proposals submitted by the LDCs
- ☐ In total (since establishment in 2001 to present), **248 NAPA projects** have been approved for funding under the LDCF



Emerging challenges relating to NAPs

☐ Difficulties in making actual progress in accessing funding for the formulation of NAPs from the GCF ☐ Building sufficient capacity for **national entities to get accredited** under the GCF (including under Readiness) ☐ How to manage synergy on NAPs/adaptation with SDGs as well as other frameworks, in the context of accessing climate finance and in technical approaches for that synergy ☐ How to build adequate and lasting technical capacity and the adaptation processes over time (the third dimension of integration) - beyond institutional strengthening, and integration across levels and sectors ☐ How to build on existing programmes and activities at the national level in putting together adaptation aspects of a strategic framework for engagement with the GCF How to effectively address both objectives and all the guiding principles of the process to formulate and implement NAPs, now and later when assessments come around



How to manage achievement of the SDGs in the face to climate change

- Climate change affects many of the SDGs directly, and for the others, indirectly
- An approach has been developed and is being advanced through the NAP workshops to assess and act on "systems/management units,"
- □ The approach makes it easy to manage the synergy between development and adaptation goals, including documenting outcomes to support M&E of SDGs and adaptation concurrently

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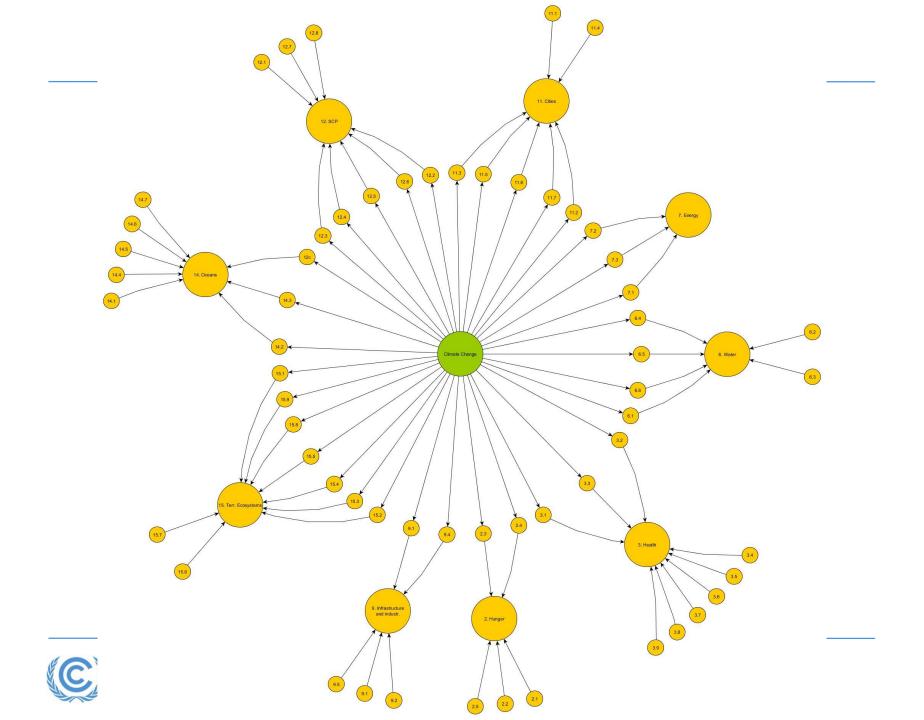


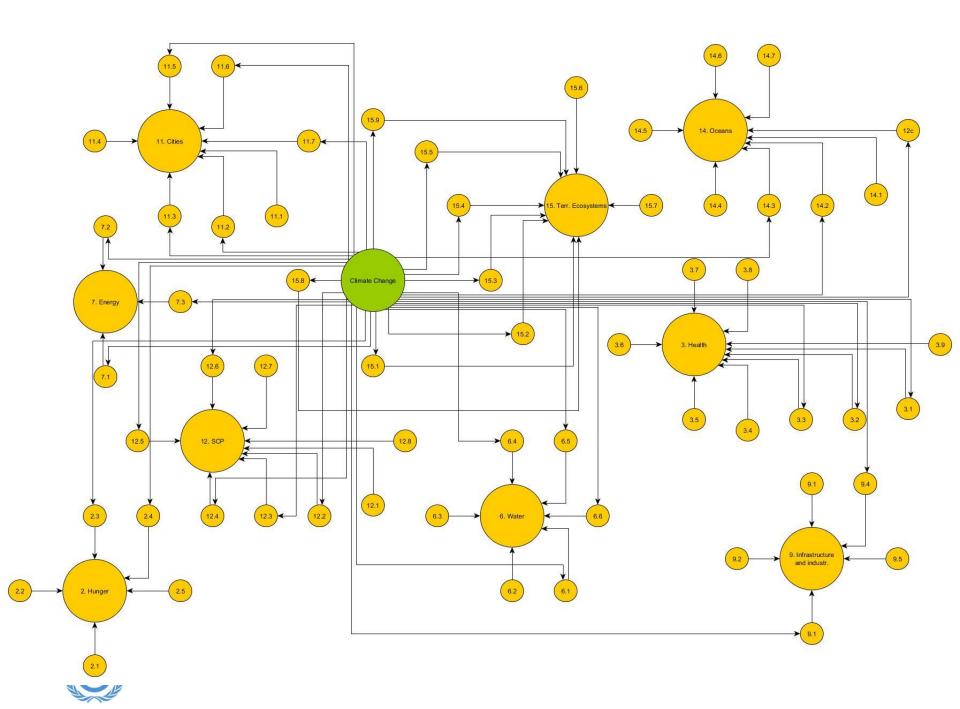












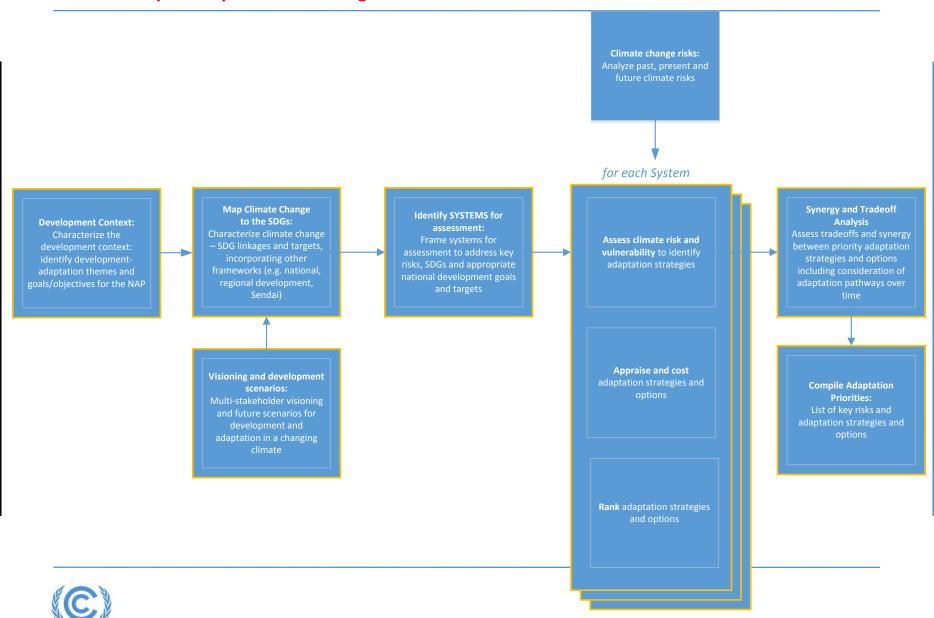
NAP-SDG iFrame

The framework takes an integrated approach towards country-driven and country-specific descriptions of systems should be managed to achieve adaptation as well as SDG targets

- □ Combination of SDGs and climate risks factors help in selection of systems, e.g. for food security, the systems would include crop production, distribution, affordability, strategic food reserves over time as well as nutritional value;
- □ These component systems can be assessed for climate change adaptation, taking into account interlinkages to other "sectors/SDGs", and adaptation actions prioritized and implemented;
- □ After implementation, outcomes would accrue adaptation benefits as well as sustainable development benefits – both of which can be monitored and documented in reporting;
- ☐ The technical steps are shown in next diagram, and have been successfully tried out in the NAP workshop in Malawi in February.



ELEMENT B. Preparatory elements: using the NAP-SDG iFrame



NAP workshops (objectives)

- ☐ To support the countries in designing assessments of climate risk and vulnerability leading to identification of adaptation priorities;
- To support to the countries on the design of implementation of NAPs, accessing funding under GCF and other sources;
- □ To provide a platform for countries to share experiences and lessons learned and to promote best practices;
- □ To promote South-South and regional collaboration on NAPs



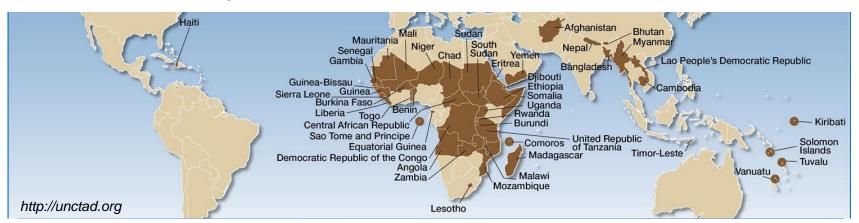
NAP workshops

- ☐ The workshops use a bottom-up approach of working through the NAP-SDG iFrame, using country inputs to select relevant SDGs and related development goals, which them inform adaptation strategies, options and actions
- □ Countries work through the process to arrive at **a pilot NAP**, which can then be used to identify gaps and needs that would inform the proposal to the GCF for the steps needed to produce a high-quality and country-specific NAP.
- □ All this work is iterative, ongoing and would be designed to gradually build up the capacity for all necessary adaptation activities over time, including production of updated/revised plans in future, steps to implement and monitor the adaptation activities, etc – this is the NAP process
- □ Open NAPs real cases for real countries, provide the concrete materials and examples for the delivery of the training



NAP workshops (schedule)

- ☐ First workshop took place from 27 Feb to 3 March 2017 in Malawi
- Upcoming workshops for other regions:
 - 13 to 16 Jun 2017 for Asia
 - > 10 to 13 Jul 2017 for Pacific
 - ➤ 31 Jul to 3 Aug 2017 for Francophone countries
 - > 21 to 23 Aug 2017 for Americas and the Caribbean





Work programme for 2017-2018

The Open NAPs

- □ Developed in an open collaboration with interested partner organizations and experts to offer direct support to countries on their work on NAPs
- ☐ The LEG has launched these for initial set of countries, and is open to requests from other countries
- Enable the experts to work together with a country, and for the country teams to take advantage of the wide expertize and resources, to advance work on NAPs



Collaboration and the provision of inputs to organizations and processes that provide support to the LDCs

Working with the GCF secretariat in supporting countries to access funding from the GCF for NAPs

- ☐ Engagement of GCF secretariat at the NAP workshop in Malawi
- Engagement of GCF secretariat at LEG 31 to discuss main issues on accessing funding from the GCF; and the GCF template for accessing readiness support for NAPs
- Development of a navigation guide to assist the LDCs in accessing funding from the GCF
- □ SBI 45 requested the LEG to consider ways to further enhance the provision of support to the LDCs for accessing funding from the GCF for NAPs *info on this is contained in LEG report to SBI*



Provision of support to the intergovernmental process on adaptation and other issues related to the LDCs

- □ Supporting the assessment of progress in the implementation of the LDC work programme and future revisions and updates
- □ SBI assessment of progress made in NAPs
 - ➤ LEG is undertaking various activities to prepare for the review
 - Comprehensive information is needed for the review it is important for all Parties to complete the online questionnaire
- □ Addressing Paris Agreement related mandates to the AC and the LEG from decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 41 and 45
 - Special event to be conducted at on 12 May to share progress and to get feedback from Parties and non-Party stakeholders



Supporting NAPs and other adaptation processes more broadly

NAP Expo

- Event planned for April 2017 was cancelled due to high costs of organizing the event, which exceeded available resources
- ☐ The LEG is planning to hold next global event in April 2018
- □ Regional NAP Expo to be held in Uganda on 28 June 2017
- □ Technical papers, guidelines, etc.



Supporting NAPs including assessment of progress

NAP Central – latest updates

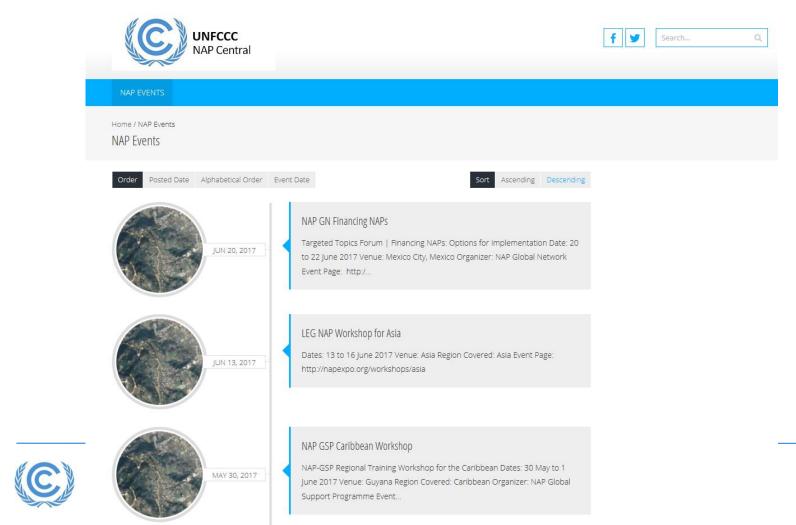
- NAP Progress Tracker
 - Provides information on progress made in the process to formulate and implement NAPs for each developing country
 - Information is extracted from the online questionnaire and surveys conducted with countries during LEG events





NAP Global Calendar

Coordinating training and related activities on NAPs by all relevant partners



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