




**Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)
stocktaking meeting on preparation and
implementation of National Adaptation
Programmes of Action (NAPA)**

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OBJECTIVES

-  **Present the achievements of the LEG to date, in the NAPA preparation and implementation process**
-  **Address the needs and concerns, and priorities of LDCs arising from the NAPA process**
-  **Identify what further support is needed for addressing needs in the future.**








SUPPORT FOR THE LDCS UNDER THE UNFCCC

-  **A work programme for the LDCs;**
-  **The Least Developed Countries Expert group (LEG) and its terms of reference**
-  **Guidelines for preparing National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs)**
-  **The Least Developed Countries Fund for funding preparation and implementation of NAPAs as well as other activities.**



THE LDCS work programme

-  **Strengthening existing national climate change secretariats and/or focal points in LDCs, or establishing new ones, to enable effective implementation of the Convention;**
-  **Training in negotiating skills and language to develop the capacity of LDC negotiators to participate effectively in the climate change process**
-  **Promoting public awareness programmes**
-  **Facilitating development and transfer of technology**
-  **Strengthening the capacity of meteorological and hydrological services**



Support to the napa process

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- ➡ Since its establishment in 2001, the Conference of the Parties has mandated the LEG to serve for three two-year terms - the first from 2002-2003, the second from 2004-2005 and the third from 2006-2007.
- ➡ During these periods, the LEG developed work programmes to fulfil its mandate as follows:
 - (i) To provide technical guidance and advice on the preparation and on the implementation strategy of NAPAs, including the identification of possible sources of data and its subsequent application and interpretation, upon request by LDC Parties

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- ii) To serve in an advisory capacity to the LDCs, for the preparation and strategy for implementation of NAPAs through, inter alia, workshops, upon request by LDC Parties
- iii) To advise on capacity-building needs for the preparation and implementation of NAPAs and to provide recommendations, as appropriate, taking into account the Capacity Development Initiative of the Global Environment Facility and other relevant capacity building initiatives;
- iv) Need for direct communication with LDC Parties through the web and the establishment of a website for the LDCs with low bandwidth.



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- iv) To facilitate the exchange of information and to promote regional synergies, and synergies with other multilateral environmental conventions, in the preparation and in the implementation strategy of NAPAs
- v) To advise on the mainstreaming of NAPAs into regular development planning in the context of national strategies or sustainable development
- vi) In collaboration with the LEG, the UNFCCC secretariat created an email address (leghelp@unfccc.int), through which LDC Parties could send their requests to LEG for assistance



Achievements of the leg 2001-2007

- **Provided guidance, advice and technical support to LDC Parties on NAPA preparation and implementation**
- **Cooperated with other expert groups under the Convention (CGE and EGTT)**
- **Cooperated with relevant international agencies and other multilateral environmental agreements on NAPA preparation and implementation issues (GEF, UNDP, UNEP, World Bank, UNITAR)**
- **Promoted increased awareness of climate change and of integrating climate change considerations into policy-making and development planning**



Achievements of the leg 2001-2007

- ➡ **Provided capacity building through a series of workshops, technical papers**
- ➡ **Direct feedback to national NAPA teams o their NAPAs during LEG meetings and at the meetings of the subsidiary bodies through side events - Provided feedback on 21 draft NAPAs**
- ➡ **Assessed the status of the NAPA process to date**
- ➡ **Identified problems, constraints and barriers to NAPA preparation and implementation**



Status of napa preparation

- ➡ As of 31 July 2007, the following 21 LDCs have completed and officially submitted their NAPAs: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, Cambodia, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Haiti, Kiribati, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Samoa, Sénégal, São Tomé e Príncipe, Sudan and Tuvalu.
- ➡ The officially submitted NAPAs can be accessed on the UNFCCC website <<http://unfccc.int/2679.php>>



Status of napa implementation

- ➡ Out of the 21 submitted NAPAs, six NAPA implementation projects have been officially submitted by 21 May 2007 to the GEF for funding under the LDCF, including from **Bangladesh, Bhutan, Malawi, Mauritania, Niger and Samoa**
- ➡ These projects have been “PIF-approved,” which means that the early- stage submissions have been identified as consistent with the LDCF eligibility criteria and that they have been entered into the LDCF pipeline
- ➡ Since May an additional three NAPA implementation projects from **Cambodia, Eritrea and Sudan** have been officially submitted by UNDP to be included in the November 2007 LDCF Work Programme



LESSONS LEARNED AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE LEG

- ➡ The total cost for priority adaptation projects identified in the submitted NAPAs so far amounts to **USD 341.289 million**
- ➡ The LEG recognizes that Parties have contributed directly to work on NAPAs at the country level
- ➡ Financial contributions from Annex II Parties were vital for the LEG to achieve its work programmes, and it is highly appreciative of this support and recognizes that any future mandate of the LEG should have the endorsement of and continued support from Parties to carry out the activities entrusted to the group.






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LESSONS LEARNED AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE LEG

-  The LEG has benefited greatly from the experience and technical strengths of LDC experts, and this has also been of vital importance for the group in conducting its work.
-  LEG observed that the cycle for the submission of the reports spanned approximately 3 years for what is considered urgent and immediate
-  Implementing agencies and the GEF were able to process proposals expeditiously, taking on average 3 months, and in some cases, less than a month







LESSONS LEARNED AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE LEG

- ➡ Overall, the length of NAPA preparation, from the formal request by the country to the implementing agency to the actual date of submission of the completed NAPAs, is three and a half years
- ➡ Further analysis of completed NAPAs indicates this process can be as long as 5 years, and longer in the case of the countries that have yet to complete their NAPA.
- ➡ The group recommends that action be taken to reduce the cycle of submission of NAPAs.



LESSONS LEARNED AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE LEG

-  In examining NAPAs, the LEG also noted that the integration of NAPAs into national policy and planning is an area that needs to be strengthened in the future
-  LEG underlines the need to provide support to LDCs for integrating climate change into national sustainable development planning, and for building capacity to ensure continuity of work on NAPAs in the future
-  The LEG has been able to identify a number of areas where needs and concerns were exhibited by LDC NAPA teams, both in the process of NAPA preparation as well as in anticipation of the implementation phase of their NAPA projects;
-  General needs and concerns, technical and financial difficulties have been identified




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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

 **NAPA process is at a juncture - implementation phase is starting for about half of the LDCs which have completed their NAPAs, while other LDCs are still at various stages of preparation - some which are at incipient stages**

 **Continuing need to provide technical guidance and advice on the preparation of NAPAs, to advise on capacity-building, to facilitate the exchange of information, and to advise on efforts to mainstream adaptation into development planning**





SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- **Closer collaboration is needed to support LDC Parties to prepare NAPA proposals for funding, and to support NAPA teams that are in various stages of NAPA preparation;**
- **Need to continue monitoring bottlenecks and constraints in the preparation of NAPAs through targeted questionnaires;**
- **Variety of effective partnerships have been built which involve a number of support organizations at the international level as well as in-country institutions at the level of the individual NAPA**



SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

 Contributed to raising awareness of adaptation among stakeholders, integrating climate change concerns across agencies represented in NAPA teams, and raising the importance of adaptation to the highest decision-making level through the NAPA endorsement process

 NAPA preparation process has itself generated benefits beyond serving as a vulnerability and adaptation assessment. The challenge will be to maintain the momentum and awareness generated into the implementation phase



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