

**Chile COP Presidency Intervention**  
***Enhancing support to the LDCs: Insights from a recent stocktaking meeting of the work of the LEG***  
**Tuesday 2 June, 13:00 CEST**

*Dear colleagues and partners,*

We would like to start by welcoming this event, which is intended to shed light on the recent stocktaking meeting of the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group - LEG, as it allows a space to highlight the urgent need to continue enhancing support for the LDCs.

Our acknowledgments to the UNFCCC Secretariat for its considerable efforts in timely providing the process with an opportunity to maintain momentum, in response to the major challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As COP presidency it is our will to mobilise substantial assistance, agreements and progress in all fields related to addressing the adverse effects of climate change. This being our main concern, we are certainly aware that the high level of vulnerability and low adaptive capacity of the least developed countries is a reality that requires the attention and resolute engagement of the entire spectrum of relevant stakeholders in order to be efficiently and effectively addressed.

The work and achievements attained by the LEG since its establishment back in 2001, in terms of formulating and implementing National Adaptation Plans, the National Adaptation Programmes of Action and the LDC Work Programme have been critical in this regard. The LEG has thus clearly demonstrated to be a key actor in the process.

We acknowledge the progress done so far in the wide variety of modalities addressed by the Expert Group, including the technical guidelines, training activities, workshops, expert meetings, the capturing and sharing of experiences, best practices and lessons learned, among so many other initiatives.

The contributions provided by the LEG have been substantial, as the support it continuously provides to the LDCs fosters the rise of ambition, the engine of our time for much required climate action.

We believe that it is extremely important to continue engaging in this discussion, and to promote spaces like this to further explore the different challenges that encompass the mandates of the LEG. In this effort, we look forward also to continue in close coordination with the incoming presidency, the SB Chairs as well as the Secretariat, to a successful outcome in Glasgow.

*Thank you.*