

Informal note by the co-facilitators

Background

- *Parties met in informal consultations on 1, 12 and 16 June 2021.*
- *They reflected on the mandate for this agenda item, which is to review the progress of work, need for continuation and terms of reference of the LEG with a view to COP 26 adopting a decision thereon.*
- *On the basis of the discussions, the co-facilitators have prepared the following possible elements of an outcome on this matter under their own responsibility. These elements are not exhaustive, have no formal status and should not be considered final in any way. They are offered to assist Parties in advancing the discussions on this matter and do not prejudice further work or prevent Parties from expressing their views at any time.*

Elements

General statements

- Decisions to be recalled: 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.11, 8/CP.13, 6/CP.16, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 3/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 19/CP.21, 16/CP.24, 7/CP.25, 11/CMA.1 and 19/CMA.1;
- Recognize the specific needs and special situation of the LDCs under Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention and with regard to funding and transfer of technology consistently with the Paris Agreement;
- Reflect on the importance of adaptation for the LDCs and the role of NAPs in addressing national, subnational, sectoral and local, as well as regional and transboundary, issues;
- Refer to reports considered and, specifically, consider the recommendations therein;¹
- Refer to official events where Parties shared views on this matter;²
- Reflect on the LDCs' continued requirement of support for, inter alia, undertaking the process of formulating and implementing NAPs given its medium- to long-term nature, engagement with the GCF and implementation of the least developed countries work programme;
- Reflect on the importance of the LEG as a body that provides high-quality information on adaptation for the LDCs;
- Reflect on the value of the LEG providing support for addressing the priority needs of the LDCs;
- Reflect on the slow progress towards the vision of all LDCs having produced their first NAP by the end of 2020 or soon thereafter;
- Recognize the LEG for the successful delivery of work in response to the previous mandate,³ and the secretariat for the ongoing support provided to the LEG;

¹ FCCC/SBI/2020/6, FCCC/SBI/2020/7, FCCC/SBI/2020/8, FCCC/SBI/2020/14 and FCCC/SBI/2021/6.

² Enhancing support to the LDCs: insights from a recent stocktaking meeting of the work of the LEG (for information, see <https://unfccc.int/node/227958>); technical dialogue with Parties and observers held by the SBI Chair on experience, good practices and lessons learned from LEG work to inform the review of the LEG (for information, see <https://unfccc.int/node/257183>); information event on the work of the LEG in supporting the LDCs on adaptation (for information, see https://unfccc.int/event/info_event_LEG_SB2021).

³ Decision 19/CP.21.

- Recognize the experience of the LEG in successfully supporting the formulation and implementation of NAPAs in the LDCs;
- Reflect on the value of information provided by the LEG, in collaboration with other constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, to the LDCs, and on the engagement of a wide range of organizations, including through the Open NAP initiative and the NAP technical working group, in supporting the LDCs.

Elements relating to the extension of the mandate and the functions of the LEG

- Extend the mandate of the LEG under its current terms of reference;⁴
- Schedule the next review of the mandate of the LEG for COP 36;
- Take stock of the work of the LEG at COP 31, that is, at the midway point before its review at COP 36, to reflect on the evolving needs of the LDCs and the landscape of support under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, consider updating the original terms of reference of the LEG⁵ and outline steps for the review of the mandate and terms of reference, building on steps from previous reviews;⁶
- Outline steps for the stocktake referred to in the previous bullet in advance of COP 31 (e.g. at COP 29);
- The LEG to continue its efforts in enhancing the accessibility and transparency of its meetings and information, building on the experience of other constituted bodies, while taking into account its nature as a technical expert group, and to provide information on these efforts in its reports;
- Refer to support for the work of the LEG:
 - Usual invitation to Parties and relevant organizations to continue to provide resources for supporting implementation of the LEG work programme;
 - Usual request to the secretariat to continue to facilitate the work of the LEG;
- Additional considerations:
 - The LEG to continue to focus its activities on LDC-specific issues, including LDC-specific aspects of the process to formulate and implement NAPs;
 - The LEG to collaborate with the SCF on matters relating to access to the GCF and other funds under the Financial Mechanism by the LDCs for funding of the process to formulate and implement NAPs;
 - The LEG to continue and expand its provision of technical guidance and support to the LDCs in order to accelerate the process to formulate and implement NAPs, work on improving access to funding for this process under the GCF, build capacity to measure adaptation outcomes, and enhance linkages among NAPs, national and subnational development plans and strategies, SDGs and relevant frameworks;
 - The LEG to continue and expand its provision of technical advice and support to the LDCs during the implementation of their NAPs such as in relation to project development, building on experience in providing similar support for the NAPAs, in close collaboration with those providing capacity building relevant to accessing the GCF and the entities that directly support implementation activities at the country level;
 - The LEG to include information within the scope of its outreach activities on other sources of financing for adaptation, drawing on the existing work of other constituted bodies as appropriate;

⁴ Decisions 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.11, 8/CP.13, 6/CP.16, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 3/CP.20, 19/CP.21, 8/CP.24, 16/CP.24 and 7/CP.25.

⁵ Decision 29/CP.7, annex.

⁶ Decision 19/CP.21, para. 14.

- The LEG to support the LDCs in understanding the modalities of and how to access the means of implementation;
- The LEG to take into consideration cross-cutting areas, including gender, youth, social inclusion, the private sector, use of best available science, indigenous and traditional knowledge, and education;
- The LEG to create thematic working groups to expand its technical support in specific areas, building on the experience and success of its NAP technical working group;
- The LEG to continue to provide technical guidance and support to the LDCs in relation to developing and implementing projects and programmes that address the objectives of the process to formulate and implement NAPs;⁷
- The LEG to assist the LDCs in addressing adaptation-related provisions of other instruments under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including the adaptation components of the NDCs, adaptation communications and national communications;
- The LEG to continue to collaborate with the AC and other adaptation-relevant constituted bodies, as well as on work under the NWP, in providing support to the LDCs for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and to include relevant information on this in its reports to the SBI;
- Consider prioritizing certain elements in the mandate of the LEG on the basis of the needs of the LDCs and availability of resources.

Working with relevant organizations and experts supporting NAPs

- Reflect positively on the engagement of a broad range of organizations, networks and experts in supporting the process to formulate and implement NAPs through the NAP technical working group;
- The LEG to mobilize more partners to address specific priority needs of the LDCs, as appropriate.

Membership

- Look into the issue of term limits for members, taking into account current practices within the LEG;
- Parties, in nominating members, to take into account gender balance, youth engagement, familiarity with private sector considerations under the GCF and expertise in project design and implementation, etc.;
- Consider the need for additional members, taking into account the expanding technical needs of the LDCs, regional distribution of members and budgetary implications.

⁷ In accordance with decision 5/CP.17, para. 1.