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1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation welcomed the report on the 48th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group,¹ held in Lusaka from 18 to 20 August 2025.
 2. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation considered the steps for the stocktake of the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group mandated to take place at the thirty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2026) and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (November 2026), the midway point before the review of the mandate of the Group at the thirty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (2031).²
 3. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation recommended draft decisions on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session (for the text of the draft decisions, see documents FCCC/SBI/2025/L.X/Add.X–X).
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Decision -/CP.30

Matters relating to the least developed countries

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 5/CP.7, 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.10, 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, 15/CP.26, 10/CP.27, 15/CP.29, 11/CMA.1, 19/CMA.1, 1/CMA.5 and 1/CMA.6,

Recognizing the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries, as per Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Having considered the report on the 48th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group,¹

Recognizing the need for continued and enhanced efforts to support the least developed countries in having in place national adaptation plans by 2025 and having progressed in implementing them by 2030,²

Noting that the key challenges faced by the least developed countries in implementing their national adaptation plans include insufficient availability of implementing partners to support national adaptation plan implementation; insufficient resources in the Least Developed Countries Fund to meet the cost of financing approved adaptation project proposals; the absence of modalities of the Green Climate Fund for expediting support for implementing policies, projects and programmes identified in national adaptation plans;³ and the inability to submit proposals for accessing funding for the implementation of a national adaptation plan as an integrated programme, necessitating multiple individual project funding applications,⁴

¹ FCCC/SBI/2025/15.

² See decision 15/CP.26, paras. 2–4.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2025/15.

² As per decision 1/CMA.5, para. 59.

³ As requested in decision 1/CP.21, para. 46.

⁴ See document FCCC/SBI/2025/15, para. 38.

1. *Welcomes* the report on the 48th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and *expresses appreciation* for the continued efforts of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group in supporting the least developed countries in the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans;
2. *Welcomes* the successful conduct of the NAP Expo held in Lusaka from 12 to 15 August 2025, and the regional capacity-building workshop on national adaptation plans for African least developed countries and small island developing States, held in Nairobi from 8 to 11 July 2025;
3. *Expresses appreciation* to the Government of Zambia for hosting the NAP Expo referred to in paragraph 2 above and the 48th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, which was held on the margins of the Expo from 18 to 20 August 2025, and to the Government of Kenya for hosting the workshop referred to in paragraph 2 above;
4. *Welcomes* the updated technical guidelines for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans,⁵ prepared by the Least Developed Countries Expert Group in response to the request in paragraph 47 of decision 2/CMA.5;
5. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to continue organizing, with the support of the secretariat and in collaboration with relevant organizations, regional workshops for the least developed countries, focusing on the application of the guidelines referred to in paragraph 4 above and on topics central to the implementation of national adaptation plans;
6. *Welcomes* the submission between 21 June 2025 and xx November 2025 of national adaptation plans by the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Somalia, bringing the number of national adaptation plans submitted by the least developed countries to 24,⁶ and *also welcomes* the submission by Australia and France of national adaptation plans⁷ within the same period in response to the invitation⁸ of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;
7. *Notes* that, as at xx November 2025, of the 44 least developed countries, 24 had submitted a national adaptation plan,⁹ 14 were in the process of formulating a national adaptation plan¹⁰ and 4 had not yet initiated formulation of a national adaptation plan,¹¹ and that up-to-date information on the status of national adaptation plan formulation was pending for 2 countries;¹²
8. *Also notes* that, as at xx November 2025, of the 20 least developed countries that had yet to submit a national adaptation plan, 17 had had projects for the formulation of national adaptation plans approved under the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme;¹³
9. *Invites* the least developed countries that have yet to submit national adaptation plans to do so expeditiously in order to have progressed in implementing them by 2030;

⁵ UNFCCC Least Developed Countries Expert Group. 2025. *Updated Technical Guidelines for the Process to Formulate and Implement National Adaptation Plans*. Available at <https://napcentral.org/nap-guidelines>.

⁶ The national adaptation plans of developing country Parties are available at <https://napcentral.org/submitted-naps>.

⁷ The national adaptation plans of developed country Parties are available at <https://napcentral.org/developedcountriesnaps>.

⁸ See document FCCC/SBI/2023/21, para. 80.

⁹ Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo and Zambia.

¹⁰ Angola, Comoros, Eritrea, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal, Tuvalu, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania.

¹¹ Djibouti, Rwanda, Solomon Islands and Yemen.

¹² Afghanistan and Myanmar.

¹³ Angola, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Rwanda, Senegal, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen.

10. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to enhance efforts to support the least developed countries that have not yet initiated the formulation of a national adaptation plan to do so as soon as possible, and to include in its report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation relevant information, including on the challenges faced by those countries in this regard;

11. *Notes* that, as at xx November 2025, of the 24 least developed countries that had submitted a national adaptation plan, xx had had proposals approved for accessing funding under the Green Climate Fund for implementing priority actions in their national adaptation plans in the areas of agriculture, energy, health, ecosystems and water resources, of which xx had had at least one single-country project approved and xx had had only multi-country projects approved;

12. *Invites* relevant entities accredited to the Adaptation Fund, the Green Climate Fund and the Least Developed Countries Fund to strengthen efforts to support the least developed countries in expediting the submission of project and programme proposals to these funds for the implementation of priority actions identified in their national adaptation plans;

13. *Welcomes* the information provided¹⁴ by the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States on its provision of support to the least developed countries for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans as part of its efforts to implement the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2022–2031;

14. *Reiterates* its invitation to United Nations organizations, specialized agencies and other relevant organizations, as well as bilateral and multilateral agencies, to support the implementation of national adaptation plans in the least developed countries, drawing on the work of, and where appropriate in consultation with, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, and, where possible, to consider establishing programmes for supporting the implementation of national adaptation plans, within their mandates, as appropriate, which could facilitate the provision of relevant financial and technical support to the least developed countries towards the achievement of the goals referred to in paragraph 59 of decision 1/CMA.5;¹⁵

15. *Reiterates* the request to the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to mobilize more partners to address specific priority needs of the least developed countries,¹⁶ and *requests* the Group to organize a meeting during NAP Expo 2026 to exchange views with relevant organizations and other stakeholders on enhancing the provision of support to the least developed countries for implementing national adaptation plans, and to include a summary of the exchange of views in its report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixty-fifth session (November 2026);

16. *Appreciates* the integration by the Least Developed Countries Expert Group of gender considerations into its work and *encourages* continued efforts in this regard across all activities related to national adaptation plans;

17. *Also encourages* continued collaboration between the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and other constituted bodies under the Convention, in particular the Adaptation Committee, with a view to ensuring coherence and complementarity of their respective activities related to national adaptation plans;

18. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to continue efforts to enhance the transparency and accessibility of its meetings, thereby promoting the inclusivity of its workplan activities;

19. *Invites* Parties and relevant organizations to submit via the submission portal¹⁷ by 31 March 2026 views on the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group under its current mandate with a view to reflecting on the evolving needs of the least developed

¹⁴ In response to the invitation in document FCCC/SBI/2025/11, para. 136.

¹⁵ See decision 15/CP.29, para. 8.

¹⁶ See decision 15/CP.26, para. 17.

¹⁷ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

countries in the context of the upcoming midway point before the review of the mandate of the Group;¹⁸

20. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the progress of the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 19 above and other relevant sources of information, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixty-fourth session (June 2026);

21. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to initiate at its sixty-fourth session its stocktake of the progress of the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and its terms of reference with a focus on the evolving needs of the least developed countries, taking into account the information in the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 20 above, and to recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirty-first session (November 2026);

22. *Invites* Parties and relevant organizations to continue providing financial and technical resources for supporting implementation of the work programme of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group for 2025–2026;¹⁹

23. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 5 and 20 above;

24. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

Decision -/CMA.7

Matters relating to the least developed countries

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decisions 11/CMA.1, 19/CMA.1, 1/CMA.5, 15/CP.26, 10/CP.27 and 15/CP.29,

1. *Takes note* of decision -/CP.30;¹

2. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, when conducting at its sixty-fourth session (June 2026) the stocktake referred to in paragraph 21 of decision -/CP.30² taking into account the submissions and the information in the synthesis report referred to in paragraphs 19–20 of decision -/CP.30,³ to recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its eighth session (November 2026).

¹⁸ See decision 15/CP.26, paras. 3–4.

¹⁹ See document FCCC/SBI/2025/7, annex II.

¹ Draft decision entitled “Matters relating to the least developed countries” proposed under agenda item 11 of the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session.

² As footnote 1 above.

³ As footnote 1 above.