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Climate Change

Work of the LDC Expert Group in supporting LDCs on adaptation

Least Developed Countries Expert Group

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Progress made in the process to formulate and implement NAPs – highlights as at 30 November 2023



142 developing countries had undertaken at least one activity related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs



Of the 142 countries, **113 had submitted 136 proposals (of which 46 are by the LDCs)** for accessing funding from the GCF NAP readiness funding (up to USD 3 million per country)



50 developing countries (of which **22 are LDCs**) had developed and submitted their NAPs and shared them on NAP Central



Of the **50** countries, **44 had projects approved** for funding to support implementation of priorities identified in their NAPs.



Most developing countries had included adaptation components in their submitted NDCs, of which 112 specifically related to NAPs

Status on the formulation of NAPs by LDCs

- ❑ **22 of the 46 LDCs** have produced and submitted a NAP; a first NAP was produced in 2015

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16 LDCs are in the
process of
formulating their
NAPs

7 LDCs have not yet
initiated the process
to formulate and
implement NAPs

2 LDCs have yet to
provide an update
on progress

Progress in the formulation of NAPs by the LDCs

- ❑ NAPs realized through GCF NAP readiness are currently limited: **11 of the 22 NAPs** were solely **produced with resources other than GCF NAP readiness**;
- ❑ GCF NAP readiness access **takes ~ 5 years** from proposal stage to project completion: 1.5 years for approval of proposals; and 3.5 years to implement readiness projects;
- ❑ Still, many countries do not get to produce their NAPs by the end of the 5-year period



Progress in the implementation of NAPs

- ❑ A first project to implement a NAP was first approved under the GCF in **2018**;
- ❑ As at 22 November 2023, **12 projects from 11 of the 22 LDCs with a NAP had been approved** for GCF funding for implementation based on the NAP since 2016;
- ❑ Time taken to develop an idea to approval stage is the same regardless of project size;
- ❑ There is one project cycle for any adaptation project, regardless of where the priority came from. That is, **there is no advantage whatsoever accorded to projects emanating from the NAP despite 1/CP.21 mandate**, and even after the 3-5 additional years of work;
- ❑ There is a lot of commonalities in project types addressing similar hazards, suggesting advantages of using programmatic approaches at fund level, e.g. programmes on climate information early warning systems have proven very effective at addressing issues of early warning systems and climate information services. Similar approaches for other themes is worth exploring further.
- ❑ The NAP is a collection of coherent and interconnected activities. It therefore makes sense to implement the NAP as a whole and not as individual and mutually independent priorities.

Implementation of NAPs

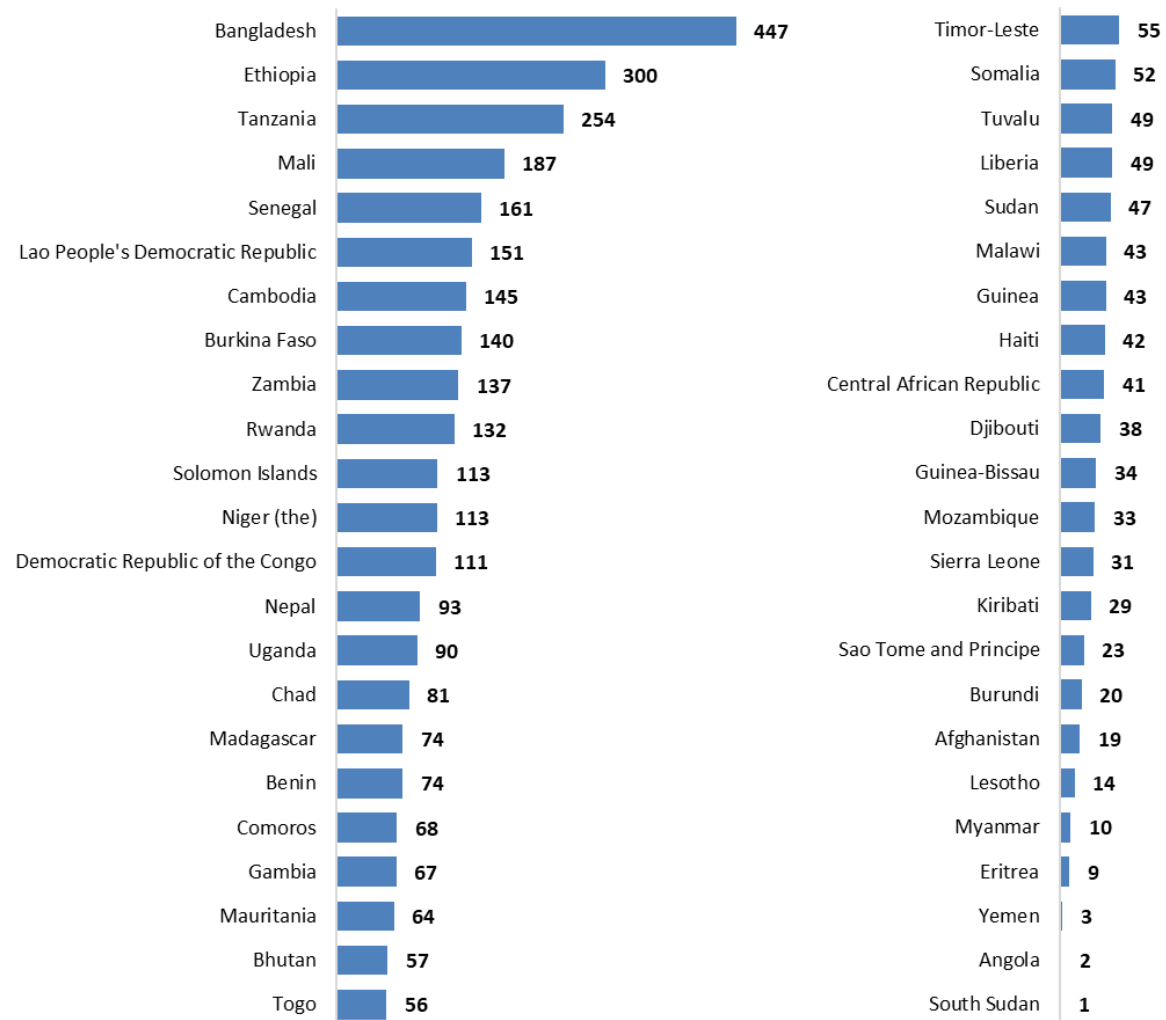
Proposal development activities such as the **NAP implementation pipeline development initiative by the LEG** and the **Adaptation Pipeline Accelerator** by the UN Secretary General's office, have greatly advanced the translation of information in NAPs into project concept notes for subsequent processing by the GCF and other Convention Funds

NAP implementation pipeline development initiative

- ❑ Initiated by the LEG in 2022; includes NAP country dialogues, guidance, workshops;
- ❑ Since then, **40 LDCs have developed 92 project ideas**;
- ❑ Of those, 6 project ideas have been developed into concept notes / proposals;
- ❑ 4 have successfully been submitted for funding to the GCF and LDCF;
- ❑ More details at <https://napcentral.org/projectcatalogues>

Total funding accessed by each LDC under the GCF as displayed on country pages of the GCF website as at 31 October 2023

Total amount accessed (million US dollars)



Vision of the LEG for supporting adaptation in the LDCs



VISION

- **Achieving demonstrable results** in building **adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience** and **reducing vulnerability** to climate change 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



EXPECTED OUTCOMES FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS

- All the LDCs having in place **national structures and systems** (the essential functions) for NAPs;
- **All the LDCs** having **submitted a NAP** as soon as possible and **all LDCs with NAPs implementing priorities** identified in their NAPs using GCF and other funding;
- Adaptation strategies and actions being well **integrated with national development efforts.**



LEG work programme for 2023-2024 (work areas)

1

Enhancing provision of direct support to the LDCs to enable them to submit their first NAP as soon as possible;

2

Effectively supporting the LDCs in initiating and submitting project proposals to the GCF and other sources of funding for implementing adaptation priorities associated with NAPs.

3

Successfully supporting the LDCs in establishing an effective and iterative process to formulate and implement NAPs, taking duly into consideration the two objectives of the process to formulate and implement NAPs, the guiding principles in decision 5/CP.17 and the global goal on adaptation

4

Continuing to advance technical guidance on NAPs through the NAP technical working group and its subgroups

5

Continuing to track and monitor progress in formulating and implementing NAPs, including countries' experience and challenges in the process, with the support of the NAP technical working group

6

Continuing to engage and collaborate with the GCF and the GEF (LDCF)

7

Continuing to support the LDCs in effectively and efficiently implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and other relevant instruments under the United Nations

8

Responding to mandates from the SBI, the COP and the CMA related to supporting implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement

9

Continuing to collaborate with other constituted bodies and organizations in fulfilling joint mandates and undertaking activities of common interest

10

Conducting global and regional outreach events on NAPs

Work of the 4 subgroups – priority activities and upcoming milestones



NAP Technical Guidelines

- Risk-based approaches to adaptation



NAP Implementation Support

- Technical guidelines for the implementation of NAPs



NAP Tracking

- Metrics for the PEG M&E tool - to measure the outcomes and impacts of adaptation actions



Multi-stakeholder forums

- Women, youth, private sector in NAP Expo 2024; Ways to effectively engage Indigenous Peoples in NAPs with LCIPP FWG



Key deliverables in 2024



Enhanced NAP Central
– incl. submitted NAPs,
outreach material



Data, information, tools
and models available on
NAP Central



Assessment of progress in
the formulation and
implementation of NAPs



2024 progress report on
NAPs



Technical guidelines for
the implementation of
NAPs



Publications of best
practices and lessons
learned



Updated PEG M&E tool –
capturing outcome and
impact metrics



NAP writing workshops:
Africa plus Haiti, and Asia
and the Pacific



NAP Expo 2024, and
other events

Highlights from ten years of the NAP Expos



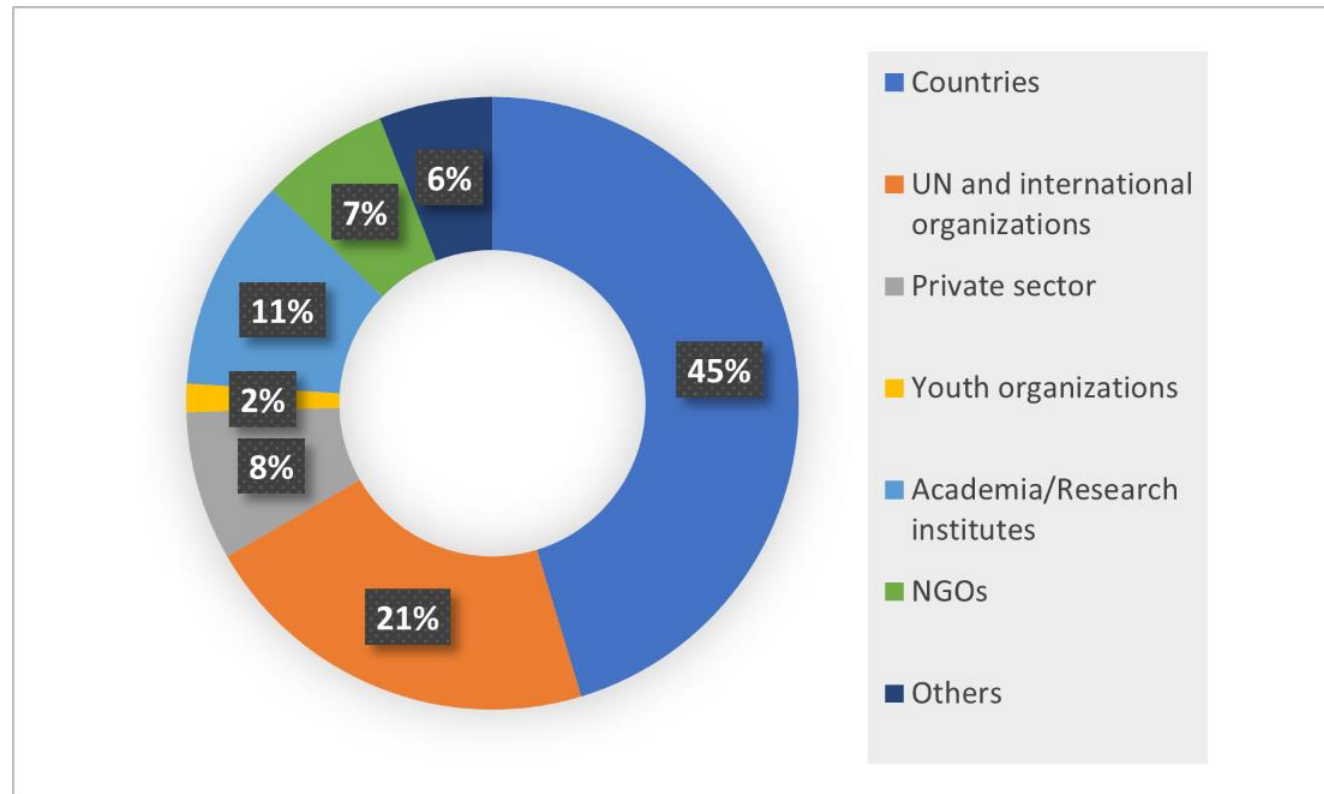
Over **8 global NAP expos** since **2013** and several regional NAP Expos for Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific



Brings together policy makers, practitioners, experts, UN and international organizations, the private sector, youth networks, and academia.



Well balanced participation of men and women (2023 Global Expo had 60% women and 40% men)



Solutions include:

- **Food systems:** favoring small sub value chains for crops to promote connectivity between markets; investing in neglected and underutilized vitamin-rich species; cultivating alternative crops; de-risking livelihoods and farms;
- **Water resources:** connect water's interactive systems, scaling with decentralization;
- **Geospatial data:** Remote-sensed information can fill data gaps in regions where observations from ground stations are not available;
- **Systems approach:** NAP-SDG iFrame offers a systematic way of framing assessments to identify trade-offs; etc.

LDC Roster of Experts in NAPs

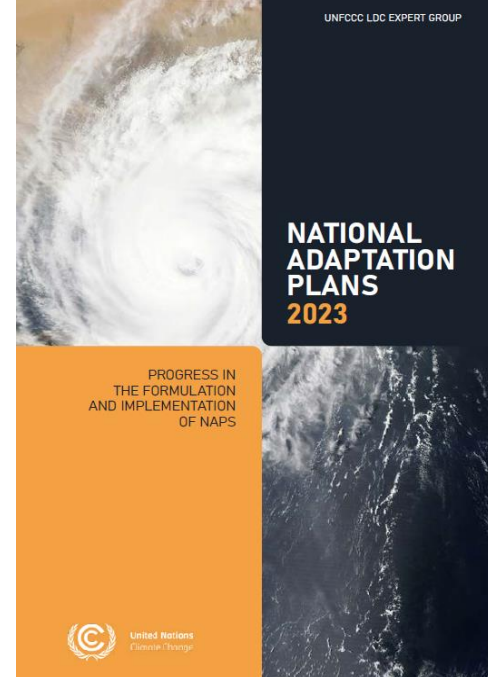
- The LEG created and maintains a roster of national and regional experts from LDCs to support the formulation and implementation of NAPs.
- The roster contains information on experts with relevant skills and professional expertise in the field of climate change adaptation.
- It offers an opportunity for countries, agencies and organizations to hire national consultants and experts to assist in drafting and implementing the NAPs.
- Currently, there are **39 experts** on the roster which also include present and former LEG members.

<https://napcentral.org/roster-of-experts>



Recent publications by the LEG

- ❑ NAP Progress report 2023;
- ❑ Mapping of available adaptation finance;
- ❑ Recognition synthesis report 2023;
- ❑ A Catalogue of projects ideas from the 2023 NAP writing workshops;
- ❑ A knowledge product on highlights from NAP Expo 2022 (in final production);



Thank you for your attention.

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