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Thank you, Mister Chair, for giving me the floor to report on the work of the LEG to the SBI. I will provide highlights on the group's activities since SBI 49.

First, we held our 35th meeting in Tarawa, Kiribati, from 25 February to 3 March 2019, where we developed our rolling work programme for 2019 to 2020. I take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Government of Kiribati.

In developing the work programme for 2019 to 2020 we considered the important milestone that the year 2020 sets in the UNFCCC process. The activities are therefore aligned towards helping LDCs make progress and effectively engage in climate action, to ensure that no LDC is left behind.

The main activities include: direct country support to the LDCs through hands-on training and the Open NAPs, an initiative designed to mobilize a broad range of actors and experts to assist a country formulate their NAP; enhancing accessibility of country information on progress on NAPs; methods for integrating SDGs, Sendai Framework and other frameworks with the NAP; NAP Expos; advice on accessing funding for NAPs from the Green Climate Fund; as well as mobilizing and engaging relevant organizations, regional centres and networks on technical guidance and support for NAPs.

The work programme also includes activities responding to mandates from CMA 1 related to the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Second, following a mandate from SBI 49, we have developed a policy brief on the *Open NAPs*. It gives information on the initiative and how countries and interested organizations and experts can engage in supporting individual countries formulate and implement the NAP.

Third, we further developed and tested the *Integrative Framework for NAPs and SDGs* with the support of the NAP technical working group. Results continue to provide evidence of the effectiveness of the systems approach in focusing on outputs and outcomes that would have the greatest impact on development. We continue to motivate the organizations that are developing supplements to the NAP technical guidelines for the formulation and implementation of NAPs to apply the integrative approach.

Fourth, recognizing that many LDCs are facing significant obstacles and challenges in their attempts to formulate their NAPs in a timely manner, we have developed targeted support through the Open NAP initiative and a NAP workshop to be conducted by August 2019. This workshop was initially scheduled to take place last month.

Fifth, we conducted the *NAP Expo* from 8 to 12 April 2019, in Songdo, Republic of Korea. The NAP Expo is a flagship event bringing together all actors and players from governments, to communities, and the private sector on advancing NAPs. I wish to thank all

Parties and Non-Party stakeholders, as well as the GCF for their active engagement in making this event a success, and the Government of Korea for excellent arrangements.

Furthermore, we initiated consideration of mandates from CMA 1 on synthesis reports to form part of the recognition of adaptation efforts of developing countries, and our contribution on continued work on methodologies for reviewing adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support. This work is being undertaken in close coordination with the Adaptation Committee.

More details on all these, and more, are contained in the report on our 35th meeting. This is document FCCC/SBI/2019/5.

Mister Chair,

We are hopeful that our support will help countries to advance their work on NAPs, especially in relation to the vision of having all LDCs formulate their NAPs by 2020. Currently, only 4 out of 47 LDCs have completed and submitted their NAPs.

In ending my report, I would like to thank all the Parties that continue to provide funding for the work of the LEG. I will also like to acknowledge the support we receive from various organizations, regional centres and networks.

Thank you all for your attention.