

Oral report by Mr. Kenel Delusca
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Thank you, Madame Chair.

Since our last oral report to the SBI, the LEG has had its 37th, 38th, 39th and 40th from 2020 to date. The 37th meeting was held in Antananarivo, Madagascar, back to back with the stocktaking meeting of the work of the LEG. The last three meetings were conducted virtually owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Like many others, the LEG had to adjust the modalities of delivery of its activities for the last two years due to the pandemic. The LEG is happy to report that despite this, we were able to advance the implementation of its rolling work programme focused on addressing the gaps, needs and challenges of the LDCs as they advance the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans (NAPs).

A few I would note are the following:

- The **Open NAP initiative**, a direct country support to the LDCs, have had notable progress in 18 LDCs;
- The Regular collaboration with the Green Climate Fund secretariat and the GCF delivery partners;
- The continued provision of technical guidance and support on NAPs through the various technical products and resources;
- In lieu of the NAP Expo, the LEG held virtual events including the NAP country platforms, NAP champions webinars and the NAP writing workshop. It also participated in three of the regional climate weeks held this year.

More details on all these, and more, are contained in our meeting reports and the progress reports on NAPs.

In ending my report, let me emphasize that our work is guided by the vision of having the LDCs make progress the formulation and implementation of NAPs. The LDCs are unfortunately not moving at the same pace as all other developing countries thus continued effort and focus is needed to help them.

Lastly, we would like to invite everyone to celebrate with us, as the LEG commemorates its 20th year anniversary together with the suite of adaptation support to the LDCs adopted at COP 7 in 2001. Our side event is happening on the 5th of November at 18.30.

Thank you for your attention.