

Summary of the work of the constituted bodies during the first half of 2021

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Informal Dialogue with the constituted bodies

Convened by the Presidencies and the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies

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Name of constituted body: Least Developed Country Expert Group (LEG)

Relevant links on the UNFCCC website:

- Constituted Body Page: <https://unfccc.int/LEG>
- Workplan: LEG work programme for 2021–2022, available at <https://unfccc.int/node/66391>
- Recent reports of the constituted body to the relevant governing and/or subsidiary body:
 - o 2019:
 - [FCCC/SBI/2019/5](#). LEG 35 Report
 - [FCCC/SBI/2019/16](#). LEG 36 Report
 - o 2020
 - [FCCC/SBI/2020/6](#). LEG 37 Report
 - [FCCC/SBI/2020/7](#). Stocktaking meeting of the LEG
 - [FCCC/SBI/2020/8](#). Progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the LEG
 - [FCCC/SBI/2020/14](#). LEG 38 Report
 - o 2021
 - [FCCC/SBI/2021/6](#). LEG 39 Report

Last meeting: 10 – 12 March 2021, <https://unfccc.int/event/leg-39>

Next meeting: 11 – 13 August 2021

Highlights of work undertaken in the first half of 2021:

The LEG has successfully completed or initiated the following activities in the first half of 2021:

- **Direct country support**
 - o Continuing progress in supporting countries in formulating and implementing their NAPs through the **Open NAP initiative** and with the engagement of the **NAP technical working group**. Several Open NAP case studies are under way, including providing support to the Comoros, Lesotho, Malawi, and Sao Tome and Principe for formulating their NAPs, and engaging Malawi and Zambia in applying the NAP-SDG iFrame in partnership with GWP and UNDRR.
 - o Continuing to develop modules for the virtual **training** for the LDCs on implementing the Paris Agreement.
 - o Continuing to conduct **NAP country dialogues** with the LDCs virtually to help them achieve their goal of producing a NAP by the end of 2020 or soon thereafter. With the support of the secretariat, the LEG discussed with countries progress, goals and obstacles and ways to address them. Since January 2021 dialogues were conducted with 21 LDCs (Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Gambia, Haiti, Laos, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Timor-Leste, Yemen);

- Initiating the preparation for the project development workshops designed to support the LDCs in preparing and submitting proposals for accessing funding from the GCF for implementing policies, projects and programmes identified in their NAPs.
- Providing comments to draft NAPs (from The Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leon, South Sudan and Timor-Leste) with the support of the NAP technical working group;
- **Technical guidance and support for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans**
 - Active engagement of the NAP technical working group in relation to producing the integrative supplement to the NAP technical guidelines (building on the NAP-SDG iFrame), supporting the Open NAP initiative, tracking progress of NAPs and exploring further areas of technical support needs for the formulation and implementation of NAPs. An update from March 2021 is available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/273711>;
 - Further work on gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs, including compiling country-level gaps and needs and publishing a technical brief thereon to enhance relevant outreach. A policy brief was published in February 2021 and is available at <https://unfccc.int/node/740>;
 - Initiated the discussion on how to improve NAP Central and to reflect the work of the LEG particularly on the progress made by countries on the process to formulate and implement NAPs. A revamped NAP Central is envisioned to be launched by COP 26.
- **Tracking progress of national adaptation plans and country case files**
 - Continuing to track the progress of developing countries in the process to formulate and implement NAPs and support provided and received, and publishing the annual NAP progress report.
 - A publication derived from the 2020 annual progress report was published in May 2021, and is available at <https://webcms.unfccc.int/documents/273920>
 - Present data shows that an increasing number of countries are prioritizing the formulation and implementation of their NAPs, but the LDCs continue to face challenges in expediting progress;
- **Addressing the mandates from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its first session**
 - The LEG together with the AC, updated the background paper to guide the work in contributing towards methodologies on reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support (decision 11/CMA.1, para 35).
 - The LEG is finalizing the preparation of the fourth volume of the publication on best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation, which will serve as response to decision 11/CMA.1, paragraph 13, regarding synthesis reports on specific adaptation themes.
 - LEG 39 developed an outline of the LEG synthesis report for the technical assessment component of the global stocktake, to initiate response to decision 19/CMA.1, para 24.
- **Publications, technical papers and outreach**
 - Producing the regional approaches paper which is now being laid out for online publication format.
 - The LEG held an information event on its work in supporting LDCs on adaptation. The event provided the space for Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including UN agencies and organizations providing support to LDCs on adaptation, to exchange views. The LDCs articulated their priorities and needs to implement the actions under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including the formulation and

implementation of NAPs. The statements and presentations are available at the event page https://unfccc.int/event/info_event_LEG_SB2021.

- **Supporting the LDCs in accessing funding from the LDCF and the GCF**
 - The LEG assisted the GEF in reaching out to the LDCs, that have accessed the least cumulative funding under the LDCF or no LDCF resources at all in the past two years, of the opportunities to develop and submit proposals for funding under the LDCF in line with their national priorities and needs.
 - The LEG continued to develop activities towards effectively helping all the LDCs to initiate and submit a proposal to the GCF to implement adaptation needs associated with the NAPs.
- **Integrating gender considerations in the work of the LEG**
 - The LEG continues to put high importance in providing technical guidance and support to the LDCs related to strengthening gender considerations in adaptation. In further consideration of this, the LEG will continue to monitor participation in its events to identify patterns in the engagement of women and provide further improvements as necessary.
- **Increasing the accessibility and transparency of the meetings of and information on the LEG**
 - The LEG continues to increase its efforts in increasing the accessibility and transparency of its meetings and information. In addition to the information outlined in LEG 37, the LEG published a meeting page for its 39th meeting (<https://unfccc.int/event/leg-39>) where information on agenda, related materials and information can be found. The report of the meeting and list of participants are also provided in the page.