

## Annex IV

### Least Developed Countries Expert Group work programme for 2023–2024

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Modalities</i>	<i>Expected outputs and outcomes</i>
Enhancing provision of direct support to the LDCs to enable them to submit their first NAP as soon as possible	Continue to offer direct support to the LDCs in formulating their NAPs and to obtain the widest possible range of inputs on this matter from all available actors and stakeholders	Open NAP initiative NAP country dialogues NAP writing workshops	All NAPs submitted on NAP Central by the end of 2023 or soon thereafter
	Provide targeted support to countries that have yet to commence the formulation of their NAPs	NAP country dialogues Open NAP initiative	Obstacles and challenges addressed, enabling progress towards formulation of NAPs and implementation of adaptation actions
	Make data, information, tools and models available to support the LDCs in addressing data gaps in the context of NAPs, with links to related, in particular GEO, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and World Meteorological Organization, products	NAP data initiative Open NAP initiative	Data, information, tools and models available on NAP Central
	Continue to advise the LDCs, through the review of draft NAPs, on useful information to include therein	Review of draft NAPs NAP country dialogues NAP implementation guidelines	Feedback on draft NAPs compiled and provided to countries
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	Continue to provide advice and support to the LDCs for implementing the policies, projects and programmes identified in their NAPs through project proposal writing workshops in 2023–2024 to facilitate the development of project concepts and proposals for accessing funding from the AF, the GCF, the LDCF and other sources for implementing NAPs, in collaboration with accredited entities and delivery partners	Writing workshops under the NAP implementation pipeline development initiative NAP implementation support subgroup Open NAP initiative NAP country dialogues	Projects submitted and approved for implementing NAP priorities under the GCF and other sources Two workshops per year (for Africa and Haiti, and Asia and the Pacific, respectively, with associated pre- and post-workshop activities)
	Work with the Pacific LDCs to explore optimal ways of initiating the development of project proposals, taking into account their difficulties in participating in regional writing workshops organized by the LEG	NAP implementation pipeline development initiative	Targeted activities for the Pacific LDCs

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	Compile and synthesize information from NAPs and NAP writing workshops on adaptation priorities and project ideas by country, and share it via NAP Central and other channels to facilitate information-sharing with potential providers of funding support	Compilation and synthesis	Regularly updated catalogue of NAP project ideas and adaptation priorities on NAP Central
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 and the guiding principles in decision 5/CP.17	Engage organizations in supporting the LDCs in setting up and maintaining effective national processes to support the iterative and ongoing formulation, implementation, review and update of NAPs	Open NAP initiative NAP technical working group subgroups	Well-established and functioning national processes in place in the LDCs
	Produce outreach materials on good practices for addressing the objectives of reducing vulnerability to climate change and integrating NAPs into national development plans	Outreach materials	Steady progress in the integration of NAPs and climate change aspects more broadly into national development plans Outreach materials available on NAP Central
	Support the LDCs in following the guiding principles of the process to formulate and implement NAPs	Review of draft NAPs NAP workshops and events Guidance materials Outreach materials	Information included in NAPs on how countries have considered the guiding principles
	Assist countries in applying the PEG M&E tool to assess the outcomes and impacts of adaptation efforts in the context of NAPs and to promote good practices embodied in the metrics used in the tool considering the best available science and tools	PEG M&E tool NAP tracking subgroup	Assistance provided to countries in applying the PEG M&E tool
Continuing to advance technical guidance on NAPs through the NAP technical working group and its subgroups	Develop technical guidelines for the implementation of NAPs	NAP implementation support subgroup	Guidelines supporting countries in navigating the implementation of adaptation actions
	Compile information on how the supplements to the NAP technical guidelines are being used to promote good practices and facilitate the development of additional supplements, as needed	NAP technical guidelines subgroup	Information on the use of the supplements compiled; good practices promoted
	Develop a supplement on risk-based approaches in the context of NAPs	NAP technical guidelines subgroup	The LDCs supported in making decisions under uncertain conditions and synergies in approaches to reducing disaster risk promoted
	Promote ways to engage multiple stakeholders, including local communities, Indigenous Peoples, the private sector and youth,	Multi-stakeholder forums subgroup	NAPs that involve and address the needs of all relevant stakeholders

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	in the process to formulate and implement NAPs and produce guides thereon as necessary		
	Engage regional centres and networks to facilitate application of regional approaches to adaptation planning in the LDCs	Collaboration	Regional adaptation projects developed
	Engage organizations in order to enhance provision of technical support in areas necessary for advancing the formulation and implementation of NAPs as identified in the work on gaps and needs being undertaken in collaboration with the AC	Collaboration	Technical support provided to the LDCs; relevant information included in LEG reports and annual progress reports on NAPs
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	Update the PEG M&E tool to include metrics on the outcomes and impacts of adaptation efforts in the context of NAPs	NAP tracking subgroup	Updated PEG M&E tool
	Continue to capture and assess progress, good practices and challenges in undertaking the process to formulate and implement NAPs, including information on provision of support to the LDCs, and present the results in the annual progress report on NAPs	NAP tracking subgroup NAP tracking tool	Information on progress in NAPs available on NAP Central and included in annual progress reports on NAPs
	Continue to communicate information on NAPs through the series of publications on best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation in the LDCs	Publications	Information on best practices and lessons learned in relation to addressing adaptation in the LDCs included in LEG reports
Continuing to engage and collaborate with the GCF and the GEF (LDCF)	Support the LDCs and organizations in documenting experience of and challenges faced in accessing funding for adaptation from the GCF, for consideration by the SBI, the COP and the CMA	Reports and publications	Relevant information included in LEG reports
	Continue to collaborate with the GCF and the GEF (LDCF) on promoting the integration of NAP priorities into relevant country programming instruments, and on increasing the pipeline of projects from the LDCs for the implementation of NAPs	Dialogues with the GCF and the GEF at LEG meetings and events	Information on actions to support the LDCs in accessing funding and progress in this regard included in LEG reports
	Promote collaboration between NAP teams and GCF national designated authorities, GEF operational focal points and AF designated authorities to maximize use of available technical assistance for accessing funding	Collaboration	The LDCs' efforts reinforced and the effectiveness of NAPs enhanced
Continuing to support the LDCs in effectively and efficiently implementing the Convention and the Paris	Continue to develop and maintain the roster of national and regional experts from the LDCs who can support the formulation and implementation of NAPs	NAP Central	Roster of national and regional experts from the LDCs developed and maintained online
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Agreement, and other relevant instruments under the United Nations	Promote the use of the roster of experts by organizations supporting the LDCs with NAPs as a way of promoting use of LDC expertise		Roster of experts used by organizations when providing technical assistance
	Continue to design and use training materials on implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, based on the PA-ALIGN tool, in collaboration with other constituted bodies and relevant organizations	PA-ALIGN tool Training	PA-ALIGN tool applied
	Hold regular dialogues with the LDC Group during LEG meetings to update it on available support and discuss how to effectively align activities with the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2022–2031 and programmes that the LDC Group may be developing	LEG meetings	Support to the LDCs provided in alignment with the Doha Programme of Action
	Continue to update the mapping of available financial support for adaptation	Mapping of available financial support for adaptation	The LDCs supported in understanding how to access financing, capacity-building and technology transfer for adaptation
Responding to mandates from the SBI, the COP and the CMA related to supporting implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement	Continue to provide channels for Parties to provide information on progress on NAPs and summarize the results in country profiles on NAP Central	Online NAP questionnaire Surveys	Relevant information included on NAP Central
	Continue to expand on the work on gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs, in collaboration with the AC, and on how the LEG can address them within its mandate	Technical advice	Updated compilation of gaps and needs; progress in addressing the gaps and needs included in LEG reports; direct support for the LDCs
	Continue to guide the secretariat in preparing a synthesis report on specific adaptation themes for consideration at CMA 5 in the context of recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing countries, focusing on lessons learned and good practices	Publications	Synthesis report prepared in 2024
	Continue to support the development of methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support, including through a joint working group with the AC and the SCF	Technical meetings Joint working group of the AC, the LEG and the SCF	Methodologies compiled
	Assist the LDCs in addressing the adaptation-related provisions of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including the submission and updating of adaptation communications in accordance with decision 9/CMA.1	Technical advice PA-ALIGN tool	Technical assistance provided to the LDCs

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	Provide inputs to the second periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it with respect to NAPs and specific areas related to the LDCs	Reports	Inputs in relation to the LEG, the LDCs and the process to formulate and implement NAPs obtained
	Continue to report on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into the work of the LEG and ensure consideration of the UNFCCC gender action plan in developing the activities of the LEG	Reports	Relevant information included in LEG reports
Continuing to collaborate with other constituted bodies and organizations in fulfilling joint mandates and undertaking activities of common interest	Collaborate with other constituted bodies and programmes (especially the AC, the Consultative Group of Experts, the Facilitative Working Group, the NWP, the PCCB, the SCF and the WIM Executive Committee) on activities related to NAPs, the LDC work programme, gender and responding to mandates from the SBI, the COP and the CMA	Collaboration	Coherence and coordination achieved in the provision of support to countries on NAPs
	Continue to mobilize organizations, and regional centres and networks to enhance their provision technical assistance and support for the LDCs	Collaboration	Financial and technical assistance and support provided to the LDCs
Conducting global and regional outreach events on NAPs	Organize a global NAP Expo annually and collaborate with organizations on organizing regional NAP Expos	Multi-stakeholder forums subgroup	Global and regional NAP Expos held in 2023 and 2024
	Develop a communications strategy for promoting the work of the LEG	Multi-stakeholder forums subgroup	LEG communications strategy drafted
	Explore how to facilitate events targeting the LDCs for peer learning on NAPs	Workshops Meetings	Events held
	Continue to develop NAP Central as a repository for NAPs and NAP-related information and knowledge, including frequently asked questions derived from interaction with the LDCs	NAP Central	Updated information on NAP Central
	Showcase case studies of approaches, methodologies and tools used to achieve particular adaptation outputs and outcomes, based on analysis of AF, GCF and LDCF project documents and other sources of information	Reports Publications	Learning from practice facilitated Good practice projects replicated
	Continue to hold a side event at each session of the SBI to communicate work of the LEG and facilitate interaction with Parties, in particular the LDCs	Side events	Parties and other relevant stakeholders kept up to date on the work of the LEG in supporting the LDCs