

## Annex III

### Least Developed Countries Expert Group work programme for 2024–2025

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Expected outputs and outcomes</i>
Supporting the LDCs in implementing priority adaptation actions included in NAPs	Update and expand the mapping of available funding for adaptation to cover sources other than those under the Financial Mechanism, and disseminate the findings of the mapping widely, including through technical support and training activities	NAP Central updated with funding sources LDCs supported in understanding available sources of funding
	Facilitate the development of project concepts and proposals for accessing funding from the AF, the GCF, the LDCF and other sources by addressing the obstacles faced, including by conducting regional training workshops, providing direct support to the LDCs, holding NAP Expos and implementing other relevant initiatives, taking into account challenges in participation of the Pacific LDCs in the regional training workshops	NAP project catalogue updated regularly LDC projects for implementing priority adaptation actions included in NAPs approved for funding by the GCF and other sources Two writing workshops held per year (one for Africa and Haiti, one for Asia and the Pacific)
	Convene a meeting with the AF, the GCF, the GEF and relevant organizations at NAP Expo 2024 to identify ways to assist the LDCs in addressing the challenges, gaps and needs that the LDCs continue to face in accessing funding for implementing NAPs and provide recommendations to SBI 60	Recommendations on how to address challenges, gaps and needs to enable progress in implementing adaptation actions provided to SBI 60
Enhancing the provision of direct support to the LDCs for formulating and updating NAPs	Identify the challenges faced by the LDCs in initiating and/or completing the process of accrediting direct access entities and gaining approval of projects by their direct access entities by conducting surveys of the LDCs in collaboration with the GCF, and include the findings thereon in the report on LEG 46 to SBI 61	Report on outcomes of the surveys prepared for SBI 61
	Offer direct support to the LDCs in formulating and submitting their first NAP by 2025 or in updating and submitting an existing NAP, including by reviewing draft NAPs	Draft NAPs reviewed All first NAPs submitted on NAP Central
	Identify the challenges, gaps and needs faced by the LDCs that are yet to formulate their first NAP, including by conducting surveys with the LDCs, the GCF and relevant organizations, and provide recommendations to SBI 60 on how to address them	Recommendations on how to address challenges and needs of the LDCs in formulating NAPs provided to SBI 60
Supporting the LDCs in establishing an effective and	Support the LDCs in addressing data gaps in the context of NAP formulation through further developing the NAP data initiative and identifying links to relevant data products, such as those of GEO, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and WMO, and communicating those links on NAP Central	LDCs supported in addressing data gaps by working with the data, information, tools and models available via NAP Central
	Catalyse partner organizations to support the LDCs in establishing and maintaining an effective and iterative national process that supports the ongoing formulation, implementation, review and update of NAPs	All LDCs have in place an effective and iterative process to formulate and implement NAPs

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iterative process to formulate and implement NAPs	<p>Provide support to the LDCs, including through training, for formulating and implementing NAPs, with a focus on addressing priority capacity gaps and capacity-building needs related to collecting data, accessing funding, implementing NAPs and establishing monitoring and evaluation systems</p> <p>Provide support and advice to the LDCs on addressing the guiding principles of the process to formulate and implement NAPs, including by sharing best practices and lessons learned</p>	<p>Training conducted at NAP Expo 2024 and subsequent events</p> <p>Direct support provided to the LDCs, on request</p> <p>Best practices and lessons learned shared through case studies and outreach materials on NAP Central and at events such as the NAP Expo</p> <p>Continued production of the publication on best practices and lessons learned</p>
Continuing to update and develop NAP technical guidelines and support organizations in preparing supplementary materials	<p>Finalize the development of the technical guidelines for the implementation of NAPs, doing so in a timely manner considering the urgency to assist the LDCs in expeditiously transitioning from NAP formulation to implementation</p> <p>Update the technical guidelines for the formulation and implementation of NAPs, reflecting the provisions of decision 2/CMA.5 on the global goal on adaptation as well as the best available science, including the AR6, while ensuring coherence with the technical guidelines for the implementation of NAPs and taking into account the experience of the LDCs with the original technical guidelines for the formulation and implementation of NAPs and supplementary materials</p> <p>Identify ways to assist the LDCs in promoting transformational adaptation in their NAPs, including through technical discussions at NAP Expos and other events</p> <p>Continue to engage stakeholders, such as organizations, regional centres and networks, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, the private sector and youth, in the process to formulate and implement NAPs, including in addressing emerging areas from the targets of the global goal on adaptation</p>	<p>Guidelines finalized by June 2024 and disseminated widely to the LDCs</p> <p>Guidelines applied in supporting countries in implementing adaptation actions identified in NAPs</p> <p>Feedback provided on draft supplementary materials being produced by organizations</p> <p>Guidelines finalized by December 2024 and disseminated widely to the LDCs</p> <p>LDCs supported in understanding and promoting transformational adaptation</p> <p>Improved NAPs produced</p>
Continuing to track and monitor progress in the process of formulating and implementing NAPs as well as the experience and challenges of the LDCs with that process	Support the assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs by the COP and the CMA by producing annual progress reports and convening in 2024, in collaboration with the AC, a meeting of Party experts to assess progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and preparing a report on that meeting for consideration at SBI 60	<p>Annual progress report on NAPs published</p> <p>Assessment meeting of Party experts held during NAP Expo 2024</p> <p>Report on the meeting prepared for SBI 60</p> <p>Information on best practices and lessons learned in relation to addressing adaptation in the LDCs included in LEG meeting reports</p>

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	Expand the scope of the PEG M&E tool to include metrics on the outcomes and impacts of adaptation efforts in the context of NAPs	Updated technical note on the expanded PEG M&E tool produced and used in training and NAP assessment efforts
Continuing to collaborate with the GCF, the GEF (via the LDCF) and the AF on providing support to the LDCs in accessing funding for formulating and implementing NAPs	Continue to document the experience, including challenges and obstacles, of the LDCs and direct access entities in accessing funding from the GCF for adaptation, and include in relevant LEG meeting reports information on ongoing efforts of the LEG to address capacity gaps and capacity-building needs related to accessing funding for formulating and implementing NAPs	Relevant information included in LEG meeting reports
	Continue to collaborate with the GCF, the GEF (via the LDCF) and the AF on promoting the integration of NAP priorities into relevant country programming instruments and on expanding the pipeline of projects from the LDCs related to implementing NAPs	Information on actions to support the LDCs in accessing funding and progress in this regard included in LEG meeting reports
Continuing to support the LDCs in effectively and efficiently implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement as well as other relevant instruments of the United Nations	Continue to maintain the roster of national and regional experts from the LDCs who can support the formulation and implementation of NAPs, and promote use of the roster by organizations supporting the LDCs in the formulation and implementation of NAPs as a way of promoting the expertise of the LDCs	Roster of national and regional experts from the LDCs further developed and maintained online Roster of LDC experts used by organizations when providing technical assistance
	Continue to develop training materials on the PA-ALIGN tool for use in supporting the LDCs in implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, in collaboration with other constituted bodies and relevant organizations	PA-ALIGN tool updated; outreach and training activities conducted
	Hold regular dialogues with the LDCs during LEG meetings and events to update them on available support and discuss how to effectively align activities under programmes that they may be developing with the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2022–2031	Support that aligns with the Doha Programme of Action provided to the LDCs LDCs well informed about available support
Responding to mandates from the SBI, the COP and the CMA related to supporting LDCs in implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement	Continue to provide channels for Parties to provide information on support being provided for formulating and implementing NAPs, and summarize the results in the NAP Progress Tracker on NAP Central	Relevant information on NAPs shared through the NAP Progress Tracker on NAP Central
	Continue to update information on gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs, in collaboration with the AC, and consider how the LEG can address them as part of its mandate	Updated compilation of gaps and needs; progress in addressing the gaps and needs included in LEG reports Direct support provided to the LDCs
	Continue to guide the secretariat in preparing a synthesis report on specific adaptation themes, focusing on lessons learned and good practices, in the context of recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing countries	Synthesis report produced in December 2024
	Continue to contribute to the development of methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support, including through the joint AC–LEG–SCF working group, of such methodologies	Progress in the work included in LEG (and AC) reports

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	Assist the LDCs in addressing the adaptation-related provisions of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including the submission and updating of adaptation communications as well as the submission of NAPs, policies and planning processes by 2025 and progression in implementing them by 2030	Technical assistance provided to the LDCs
	Assist the LDCs in aligning NAPs with other relevant instruments under the Convention and the Paris Agreement (including NDCs, adaptation communications, national communications and biennial transparency reports), targets of the global goal on adaptation and efforts to address loss and damage	Technical assistance provided to the LDCs Technical report on aligning NAPs and relevant instruments including NDCs produced in 2024
	Advise the LDCs on how to best meet the requirements of the iterative adaptation cycle and thematic targets of the global goal on adaptation	Technical advice provided to the LDCs
	Support implementation of the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience with technical guidance and training materials, and contribute to implementation of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme	Coverage of the Framework and work programme included in NAP training materials and events Experience with and results from assessing NAPs using the PEG M&E tool applied to the targets under the global goal on adaptation
	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	Relevant information included in LEG meeting reports
Continuing to collaborate with other constituted bodies and with organizations outside the Convention in fulfilling joint mandates and undertaking activities of common interest	Collaborate with other constituted bodies and UNFCCC programmes (especially the AC, the Consultative Group of Experts, the FWG of the LCIPP, the NWP, the PCCB, the SCF and the WIM Executive Committee) on activities related to NAPs, the LDC work programme, gender and response to mandates from the SBI, the COP and the CMA	Coherence and coordination achieved in the provision of support to countries on NAPs
Conducting global and regional outreach events on NAPs	Organize a global NAP Expo annually and collaborate with organizations on organizing regional NAP Expos, peer learning events and other outreach activities, as necessary	Global and regional NAP Expos held in 2024 and 2025
	Continue to develop NAP Central as a repository for NAPs and NAP-related information and knowledge, including information on progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs and experience, best practices and lessons learned from that process, as well as adaptation solutions and technical guidelines	Updated information uploaded to NAP Central
	Analyse AF, GCF and LDCF project documents and other sources of information to compile case studies showcasing approaches, methodologies and tools used in achieving particular adaptation outputs and outcomes, and share the compilation through NAP Central and at relevant NAP-related events	Learning from practice facilitated in the LDCs Good practices replicated in the LDCs Case studies shared at LEG events and on NAP Central

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	Continue to hold a side event at each session of the SBI to communicate the work of the LEG and facilitate interaction with Parties, in particular the LDCs	Parties and other stakeholders kept up to date on the work of the LEG in supporting the LDCs