

Annex II

Least Developed Countries Expert Group work programme for 2025–2026

<i>Work area</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Expected outputs and outcomes</i>
Enhancing the provision of direct support to the LDCs for formulating and updating NAPs	Continue to offer direct support to the LDCs that are yet to formulate their first NAP to enable submission thereof before the end of 2025, as called for in paragraph 59 of decision 1/CMA.5	All first NAPs submitted on NAP Central by the end of 2025
	Form a working group comprising representatives of relevant organizations, experts from the roster of experts on NAPs from the LDCs and other specialists to support the LDCs in gathering information and data essential for formulating their first NAP by 2025	The LDCs supported in gathering data and information for formulating their first NAP
	Support the LDCs that are updating their NAPs in applying the updated technical guidelines for the NAP process	The LDCs supported in updating their NAPs
	Review draft NAPs from the LDCs to make the information presented therein more comprehensive and ensure its alignment with the updated technical guidelines for the NAP process	Draft NAPs reviewed for alignment with the updated NAP technical guidelines
	Support the LDCs in addressing data gaps in the context of NAP formulation through the NAP data initiative and identifying relevant data products on NAP Central	The LDCs supported in addressing data gaps by providing links to data, information, tools and models on NAP Central
Supporting the LDCs in implementing the priority adaptation actions included in NAPs	Update and expand the mapping of available finance for adaptation to include sources other than those under the Financial Mechanism, including innovative sources in accordance with the first pillar of the NAP 3.0 initiative, and disseminate the findings of the mapping widely, including in technical support and training activities	Updated mapping of available finance published Interactive tool for mapping available finance for adaptation made available on NAP Central The LDCs supported in understanding available sources of funding
	Organize a retreat for the LEG, with the participation of relevant finance experts, on financing strategies for implementing NAPs in the LDCs, including innovative financing approaches	Retreat held at NAP Expo 2025
	Support the LDCs in developing implementation plans, including financing strategies as part of their NAP, aimed at leveraging diverse sources and modalities of adaptation funding both under and outside the Financial Mechanism, including innovative sources of finance	The LDCs have implementation plans, including financing strategies, as part of their NAP
	Build the capacity of the LDCs to develop concept notes and proposals for accessing funding from the AF, the GCF, the GEF (LDCF) and other sources, including by conducting regional NAP workshops, taking into account the challenges faced by the Pacific SIDS in participating in regional workshops, and providing direct support to the LDCs for developing concept notes and	Projects for implementing the priority adaptation actions included in LDC NAPs approved for funding The LDCs supported in developing concept notes

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	proposals	and proposals at regional NAP workshops
	Use the climate change adaptation project profile catalogue available on NAP Central to disseminate the project ideas of the LDCs and facilitate access by the LDCs to support for developing the ideas into full project proposals for submission to funding entities	NAP project catalogue updated regularly on NAP Central and delivery partners of the AF, the GCF and the GEF invited to support the LDCs in developing project ideas from the catalogue into fully developed proposals for funding
Finalizing the update to the technical guidelines for the NAP process and supporting the LDCs in applying them; and supporting organizations in preparing supplementary materials for those guidelines	Update the technical guidelines for the NAP process, reflecting the provisions of decision <u>2/CMA.5</u> on the global goal on adaptation as well as the best available science, including the AR6, while ensuring coherence with the draft technical guidelines for implementing NAPs and taking into account the experience of the LDCs with the original technical guidelines for the NAP process and supplementary materials	Expert meeting to review the draft updated guidelines held in March 2025 Guidelines finalized before the end of April 2025 Organizations supported in preparing supplementary materials for the updated guidelines
	Raise awareness among Parties of the updated technical guidelines before SB 62, including through an event at the Climate Week to be held in May 2025 in Panama City	Parties made aware of the updated NAP technical guidelines and the importance of applying them in formulating or updating their NAPs
	Provide capacity-building to the LDCs on effectively applying the updated technical guidelines for the NAP process, including at regional NAP workshops and technical sessions held at NAP Expos	Capacity-building on applying the NAP technical guidelines provided at the three regional NAP workshops to be held in 2025 and at technical sessions held at NAP Expo 2025
	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 areas emerging from the targets under the global goal on adaptation	Improvement in the quality of NAPs formulated and updated by the LDCs
Supporting the LDCs in establishing an effective and iterative process to formulate and implement NAPs	Engage organizations in supporting the LDCs in establishing and maintaining effective and iterative national processes that support the ongoing formulation, implementation, review and update of NAPs	An effective and iterative process to formulate and implement NAPs in place in all LDCs
	Facilitate the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in formulating and implementing NAPs, including in case studies and outreach materials made available on NAP Central and at events such as the NAP Expo	Best practices and lessons learned shared, outreach materials produced
Continuing to track and monitor progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs as well as identifying and documenting the experience of and challenges faced by the LDCs in the process	Form a task force to support the preparation of the 2025 report on progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs, ensuring the participation of a broad range of actors and stakeholders to reflect the evolving adaptation landscape	Task force established
	Support the assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs by the COP and the CMA by producing annual reports thereon	Report on progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs published annually
	Expand the scope of the PEG M&E tool to include metrics for assessing	Technical note on the expanded PEG M&E tool

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	progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs	produced and used in efforts to assess progress in the NAP process
Continuing to collaborate with the GCF, the GEF (LDCF) and the AF on providing support to the LDCs in accessing funding for formulating and implementing NAPs	Continue to document the experience of and challenges faced by the LDCs and direct access entities in accessing funding from the GCF for adaptation, and include in LEG meeting reports information on the 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
	Invite GCF direct access entities from the LDCs to NAP Expos, NAP workshops and LEG side events to enhance their engagement in supporting NAP implementation in their respective countries	Enhanced support from direct access entities for implementing NAPs
	Continue to collaborate with the GCF, the GEF (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
	Continue to collaborate with the GCF secretariat on raising awareness among the LDCs of the accreditation process for direct access entities and on supporting the LDCs in developing a plan for completing this process	Awareness-raising activities implemented in collaboration with the GCF secretariat
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 NAP Expos held in 2025 and 2026
	Continue to develop NAP Central as a repository for NAPs and NAP-related information and knowledge, including information on the process to formulate and implement NAPs (such as progress in the process, experience of countries with the process, and best practices and lessons learned arising from the process), adaptation solutions and technical guidelines	New and updated information uploaded to NAP Central
	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
Continuing to support the LDCs in effectively and efficiently implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as well as other relevant instruments under the United Nations	Continue to develop and 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 of experts by organizations supporting the LDCs in the formulation and implementation of NAPs as a way of promoting the use of LDC expertise	Roster of experts on NAPs from the LDCs developed and maintained Roster of experts on NAPs from the LDCs used by organizations when providing technical assistance
	Hold regular dialogues with the LDCs at LEG meetings and events to update them on available support and discuss how to effectively align activities they may be developing with those under 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

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Responding to mandates from the COP, the CMA and the SBI related to supporting the LDCs in implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement	Continue to develop and update training materials for the LDCs on using the PA-ALIGN tool to support implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, in collaboration with other constituted bodies and relevant organizations, and conduct outreach and training on the tool	PA-ALIGN tool updated Outreach and training activities on using the PA-ALIGN tool conducted
	Continue to provide channels for Parties to provide information on support provided for formulating and implementing NAPs, and summarize the information as part of the NAP tracking tool on NAP Central	Relevant information on NAPs shared as part of the NAP tracking tool 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 the gaps and needs identified as part of its mandates	Updated compilation of gaps and needs Progress in addressing the gaps and needs included in LEG meeting reports Direct support provided to the LDCs for addressing gaps and needs
	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 published in December 2026
	Continue to contribute to 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	Progress in the work included in LEG reports
	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 and the submission of national adaptation plans, policies and planning processes by 2025 and the achievement of progress in implementing them by 2030, as called for in paragraph 59 of decision 1/CMA.5	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 under the global goal on adaptation and efforts to address loss and damage	Technical assistance provided to the LDCs
	Support the LDCs in implementing the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience by providing technical guidance and developing training materials and contribute to implementing the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme on indicators for measuring progress achieved towards the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5	Coverage of the Framework and work programme in NAP-related training materials and events The LDCs advised on how to best meet the requirements of the iterative adaptation cycle and thematic targets of the global goal on adaptation
	Continue to report on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into the	Relevant information included in LEG meeting

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	work of the LEG and ensure consideration of the UNFCCC gender action plan in developing the activities of the LEG	reports
Continuing to collaborate with other constituted bodies and organizations outside the Convention in fulfilling joint mandates and undertaking activities of common interest	Collaborate with other constituted bodies and under UNFCCC programmes on activities related to NAPs, the LDC work programme, gender, and responding to mandates from the COP, the CMA and the SBI, including by inviting representatives of those bodies and programmes to participate and engage in the meetings and relevant events of the LEG	Coherence and coordination achieved in the provision of support to the LDCs on NAPs