

Oral report of the LEG Chair

SBI 58 Supplementary Agenda item 22: National Adaptation Plans

Decision 9/CP.27

Para 7: Requests the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to **continue to identify the priority gaps and needs of developing countries** related to the process to formulate and implement **national adaptation plans**, the progress of each country in this process and any **obstacles and challenges** faced;

Para 8: Also requests the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to **enhance their work** in addressing the priority gaps and needs, obstacles and challenges identified through their work referred to in paragraph 5 above and to include information thereon in their reports;

Para 9: Further requests the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to **organize training for developing country Parties on addressing identified gaps and needs**, which could be held in conjunction with the NAP Expo, the Adaptation Forum or other events outlined in their respective work programmes;

- Thank you, Co-facilitators for giving me the opportunity to provide key updates on the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group on addressing the mandates in Decision 9/CP.27, specifically on paragraph 7, 8 and 9;
- At the outset, let me indicate that **identifying gaps and needs and how to address them** is the cornerstone of our approach to supporting the LDCs, to inform our work programme activities and their prioritization, and engagement with other organizations;
- I am happy to provide what we have done so far this year in relation to the mandates given to us in decision 9/CP.27, paragraphs 7 to 9;

On continuing to identify the priority gaps and needs of developing countries related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans

- Firstly, the LEG **invites the least developed countries through the LDC Group Chair to its meetings** to discuss the priorities and needs for support of the LDCs on the formulation and implementation of NAPs. Priorities and needs of the LDCs as communicated by the LDCs at our 43rd meeting in February are contained in paragraphs 59 and 60 of the LEG 43 report;
- Secondly, the LEG, with the support of the secretariat, conducts **NAP Country Dialogues** with all the LDCs on a continuous basis to monitor their progress on the formulation and implementation of NAPs. This also includes understanding what are the challenges and obstacles they faced in making progress and related the gaps and needs. We have assigned each LEG member 3 to 4 LDCs for this and other activities. These dialogues are going on even at this session as we speak;
- Thirdly, the LEG uses its events such as the **NAP writing workshops, NAP Expos and side events at SBs** to capture written inputs from the LDCs on their progress, priority gaps and needs, obstacles and challenges in formulating and implementing NAPs. This year we have done this at the *NAP project proposal writing workshop for African LDCs in February*, the *NAP Expo in March*, and currently now at the SBs;

- We will use this and our other existing information to inform our input to the SCF as further mandated in para 5 of the same decision 9/CP.27.

On enhancing our work in addressing the priority gaps and needs, obstacles and challenges identified

- **Since 2016, we apply a vision driven approach** to our work programme;
- In that regard we develop a vision to guide our work, as well as results reflecting the long-term success of our work in supporting adaptation in the LDCs in the context of the vision;
- The LEG has a **two-year rolling work programme** which is updated every year to ensure that it consistently addresses the priority gaps and needs of the LDCs;
- The regular contact with the LDCs helps shape the LEG work programme to be **demand-driven and targeted as we use this to prioritize our activities**;
- We invite everyone to look at Chapter IV of our LEG 43 report for details of the work of the LEG in providing direct country support to the LDCs including through the Open NAP initiative, NAP writing workshops, Roster of Experts from the LDCs and more;
- The LEG continues to communicate these identified gaps and needs to all relevant actors and stakeholders, and acts as a broker between the LDCs and UN agencies and other organizations, through the NAP technical working group, in ensuring that targeted support is provided.

On organizing training for developing country Parties on addressing identified gaps and needs

- We conducted a **NAP writing workshop for African LDCs and Haiti** in February this year, to assist countries in developing existing adaptation project ideas initiated in 2022 and formulating new ones. Around 60 participants from LDCs took part in the workshop;
- We held **technical events at the NAP Expo**, with the support of the NAP technical working group, aimed at addressing issues around implementation of NAPs, building a long-term national capacity for implementing the Paris Agreement and potential approaches for scaling up adaptation actions informed by the ongoing adaptation projects;
- The **NAP Expo**, as you all know, also provided a space for many other actors to hold technical sessions and engagements with countries to address the very gaps and needs of the developing countries;
- Details about these events and their weblinks are reflected in the LEG report.
- For the remaining part of the year, the LEG will conduct the **NAP writing workshops for Asian LDCs and Pacific LDCs**, will explore ways on how to roll out the NAP Data Initiative and the PA-ALIGN tool which was developed by the LEG to respond to specific needs expressed by the LDCs.

Thank you co-facilitators.