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SBI 52–55 agenda item 12 National adaptation plans

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the reports¹ on progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs) and took note of the other relevant documents² prepared for the session.

2. The SBI welcomed the information provided by the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)³ on gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs.⁴

3. The SBI recommended a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SB/2021/L. \mathbf{X} /Add. \mathbf{X}).⁵

¹ FCCC/SBI/2020/INF.13/Rev.1 and FCCC/SBI/2021/INF.13.

² FCCC/SB/2021/6, FCCC/CP/2020/1 and FCCC/CP/2020/5.

³ In response to decision 8/CP.24, paras. 17–18.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2019/16, paras. 50–53 and annex I, and FCCC/SB/2019/3.

⁵ For the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SB/2021/L.X/Add.X.

Draft decision -/CP.26

National adaptation plans

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 3/CP.17, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 18/CP.19, 3/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 4/CP.21, 6/CP.22, 8/CP.24 and 7/CP.25,

Recognizing the critical role of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans for building resilient and prosperous communities in developing countries and in responding to climate change risks, as a tool to reduce vulnerability and prevent loss and damage,

Taking note of the potential capacity of the Open NAP initiative to accelerate the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans in the least developed countries and other developing countries,

Recognizing the continued support of the Adaptation Committee, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the secretariat to developing country Parties on the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, despite the limitations posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic given the consultative nature of the work involved,

Also recognizing the linkages between the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans and long-term strategies and their significant potential to inform the global stocktake,

Emphasizing the importance of providing support to developing country Parties for formulating and implementing national adaptation plans,

Recognizing the evolving needs of developing countries as they progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptations plans and the need to ensure the alignment of adaptation actions with country goals,

General reflections

1. *Welcomes* the submissions from Albania, Armenia, Cambodia, Kuwait, Nepal, Peru, South Africa, South Sudan, Timor-Leste and Tonga of their national adaptation plans in NAP Central,¹ bringing the total number of submitted national adaptation plans to 30;

2. *Urges* continuing financial and technical support to the least developed countries and other developing countries in formulating their first national adaptation plans;

3. *Invites* Parties to establish contact points for their national adaptation plans through their UNFCCC national focal points with a view to enhancing the flow of information between Parties and the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, as well as other relevant organizations and programme partners, such as Nairobi work programme partners, on the Parties' efforts to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

Gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans

4. *Takes note* of the continuing work of the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group on gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, including the gaps and needs contained in annex I to document FCCC/SBI/2019/16,² and on ways to assist with the implementation of national

¹ <u>https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NAPC/Pages/national-adaptation-plans.aspx.</u>

² As per decision 8/CP.24, paras. 17–18.

adaptation plans, as requested by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-seventh session;³

5. *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, where each country is in that process, and where obstacles and challenges exist;

6. *Also requests* the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to address the urgent gaps and needs and the obstacles identified in paragraph 6 above, and to include such information in their reports;

7. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Adaptation Committee to prioritize high-impact activities that addresses the gaps and needs of developing countries such as the NAP Expo;

Implementation of national adaptation plans

8. *Recalls* decision 1/CP.21 paragraph 46 whereby the Green Climate Fund was requested to expedite support for the least developed countries and other developing country Parties for the formulation of national adaptation plans, consistent with decisions 1/CP.16 and 5/CP.17, and for the subsequent implementation of policies, projects and programmes identified by them;

9. *Further requests* the GCF to include information on how it has fully operationalized decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 46, in its report to COP 27;

10. *Notes* that national adaptation plans prepared under the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support programme will have undergone a rigorous process according to the 12 appraisal criteria for adaptation planning;

11. *Requests* the Green Climate Fund and other entities of the Financial Mechanism to consider how to expedite approval of projects for implementing adaptation priorities identified in the national adaptation plans of the least developed countries, and to include information in their reports to the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of Parties on how this is addressed;

12. *Acknowledges* the limited capacities of some countries in submitting applications for funding to formulate national adaptation plans to the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme;

13. *Notes* the importance of aligning the implementation strategy for national adaptation plans with relevant investment strategies and subsequent steps under the Green Climate Fund;

14. *Encourages* delivery partners of the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for the formulation of national adaptation plans to strengthen their efforts to expedite the submission of readiness proposals to the Green Climate Fund,⁴ taking into account country-specific needs and circumstances, and to provide information on their efforts to the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and through other channels as appropriate;

Assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs

15. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its sixtieth session (June 2024), to initiate the assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans referred to in decision 8/CP.24, paragraph 19, and to make recommendations for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session (November 2024);

16. *Decides* on the following actions and steps necessary for the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to initiate the assessment referred to in paragraph 15 above:

³ FCCC/SBI/2017/19, para. 73.

⁴ As per decision 7/CP.25, para. 10.

(a) To invite Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 1 February 2024, information on their progress made towards the achievement of the objectives of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, experience, best practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs, and support provided and received in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

(b) To invite Parties to provide information, guided by a questionnaire, on an ongoing basis through NAP Central;

(c) To request the secretariat to prepare a synthesis report on the progress made towards the achievement of the objectives of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, experiences, best practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs, and support provided and received in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, taking into account information contained in national reports under the Convention, the synthesis report of the technical dialogue of the global stocktake, the information referred to in paragraphs 16(a–b) above, information from relevant events, including the NAP Expos, and information from other relevant sources;

(d) To request the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee, to organize a meeting of Party experts, at which the report referred to in paragraph 16(c) above would be considered, with a view to providing a summary of progress made in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

(e) To request the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee and with the support of the secretariat, to prepare a report on the meeting referred to in paragraph $1_{6}(d)$ above, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixtieth session in its assessment of progress made in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

17. *Also decides* that the assessment referred to in paragraph 16 above should take into account all the guiding principles of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans contained in decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 3;

18. *Requests* the constituted bodies and programmes under the Convention to provide information on their activities relevant to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans as part of the annual progress report on national adaptation plans;

19. *Invites* Parties to submit information on their progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, including information on challenges in undertaking the process, and information on how vulnerability has been reduced as a result of the implementation of adaptation projects and programmes identified in their national adaptation plans, by 15 February 2022, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fifty-seventh session (November 2022).