Highlights on the work of the NAP technical working group

November 2021

The LEG Chair welcomed everyone and expressed the appreciation of the LEG for the continued support of the NAP technical working group to advance work in supporting the LDCs in the formulation and implementation of NAPs. The LEG Chair emphasized that support should continue to be coordinated and invited everyone to focus the discussion on how the NAP technical working group efforts could focus in **scaling up the Open NAPs**, to advance the formulation and implementation of NAPs for the LDCs.

1. **Discussions and Reflections**

- **The Open NAP initiative** continues to be an important channel in supporting LDCs in advancing NAPs and in coordinating the support at the country level. Several activities implemented under the Open NAP initiative with the NAP technical working group proved to be helpful in avoiding duplication and optimizing synergies and collaboration.
- The **peer-review of draft NAPs** provides an opportunity for systematic quality assurance of the documents, ensuring inclusion of key sectors and elements, and up-to-date information through the feedback provided by the NAP technical working group. It is proving to be a useful support to ensure that countries benefit from available information from the different providers of support.
- **The NAP Progress Report** remains a valuable resource for agencies and organizations to provide an up-to-date picture in-country, regionally and globally of where support are concentrated and where more are needed.
- How do we best map and align the work of the NAP technical working group (agencies and organizations' mandates) in countries with the support requirements for NAPs?
- Countries are experiencing virtual meeting fatigue. **How do we best streamline virtual engagement and how do we coordinate better?** What does the future of support to countries look like? **Hybrid arrangement (physical+online engagement)** seems to be the new normal given the varying travel restrictions. Building national experts as part of the hybrid form of support is proving to be quite useful i.e. the modality employed by the LEG in supporting the countries under the Open NAP

- LDCs that are in the advanced stages of the formulation of NAPs should be encouraged to accelerate **submission to NAP Central**.

- Those countries with a NAP should be proactive in **developing an implementation plan**. Organizations can work together to have a standard approach on what the implementation plan should look like including how it **links to the financing, the GCF investment criteria and country programming**.

2. Action points and next steps

- A shared **calendar of events or planned activities for 2022** can help in providing an overview of the various events. This can be set up on a shared space so that everyone can have easy access.

- Explore/Promote **NAP Writing Facility**, as initiated through the NAP writing workshop done in August/September, to be replicated in the future. The facility could benefit the countries most if they follow regional rotations in different venues, allowing for maximum participation.

- Explore the possibility of developing modules (of different systems and sectors) that are end-to-end to plug into a NAP and can factor each major sectoral/systems

- Workplan of the NAP technical working group to be developed and shared before the LEG 41 meeting

- Agencies invited to provided information that can be included to the LDC newsletter provided by the LEG to the LDC group as part of its post COP update by January 15, 2022.

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