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NAPs: Key Milestones in Technical Guidance and Support for NAPs

Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)

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Vision of the LEG for supporting adaptation in the LDCs



VISION

- **Achieving demonstrable results** in building **adaptive capacity**, **strengthening resilience** and **reducing vulnerability** to climate change in the LDCs;
- **Formulation** of robust and good-quality **NAPs**
- **Implementation** of priority **adaptation needs** identified in the NAPs with funding from the GCF and other sources



EXPECTED OUTCOMES FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS

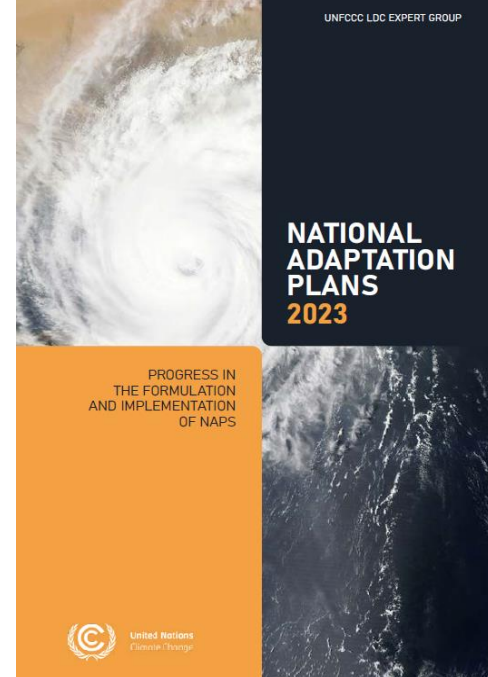
- All the LDCs having in place **national structures and systems** (the essential functions) for NAPs;
- **All the LDCs** having **submitted a NAP** as soon as possible and **all LDCs with NAPs** **implementing priorities** identified in their NAPs using GCF and other funding;
- Adaptation strategies and actions being well **integrated with national development efforts**.

Tracking and monitoring progress in formulating and implementing NAPs

- a) Progress reports on the process to formulate and implement NAPs
- b) Gaps and needs in formulating and implementing NAPs
- c) Guidelines and publications
- d) Training on NAPs
- e) NAP Expos
- f) NAP implementation pipeline development initiative
- g) Accessing funding for NAPs
- h) LDC Roster of Experts in NAPs
- i) NAP Subgroups

Recent publications by the LEG

- ❑ NAP Progress report 2023;
- ❑ Mapping of available adaptation finance;
- ❑ Recognition synthesis report 2023;
- ❑ A Catalogue of projects ideas from the 2023 NAP writing workshops;
- ❑ A knowledge product on highlights from NAP Expo 2022 (in final production);



Status on the formulation of NAPs by LDCs

- ❑ **23 of the 46 LDCs** have produced and submitted a NAP; a first NAP was produced in 2015

23 of the 46 LDCs
have submitted a
NAP

15 LDCs are in the
process of
formulating their
NAPs

7 LDCs have not yet
initiated the process
to formulate and
implement NAPs

2 LDCs have yet to
provide an update
on progress

Gaps and needs in formulating and implementing NAPs

Area of gaps and needs	Support activities to address the gaps
Accessing financial and other support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disseminating information and guidance on finance - Support in writing and submitting funding proposals
Institutional arrangements and coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical guidance and support
Climate scenarios, science and translation to local context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training on scenarios, risk assessment - Capacity building - Support for establishing systems
Risk and vulnerability assessment and risk management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tools and training - Support for establishing methodologies and systems
Implementing strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tools, training and case studies - Support in proposal writing
Access to and use of technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting technology, case studies on technology in adaptation - Mobilizing support in applying technology
Monitoring, evaluation and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of metrics - Monitoring and evaluation of projects - Training on M&E
Linkage with development agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tools, training and case studies - Technical support for integration of cc adaptation into plans
Active learning from practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publications, exchange of experiences - Integrating knowledge sharing into projects
Guiding Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tools, training and outreach - Mainstreaming stakeholder engagement

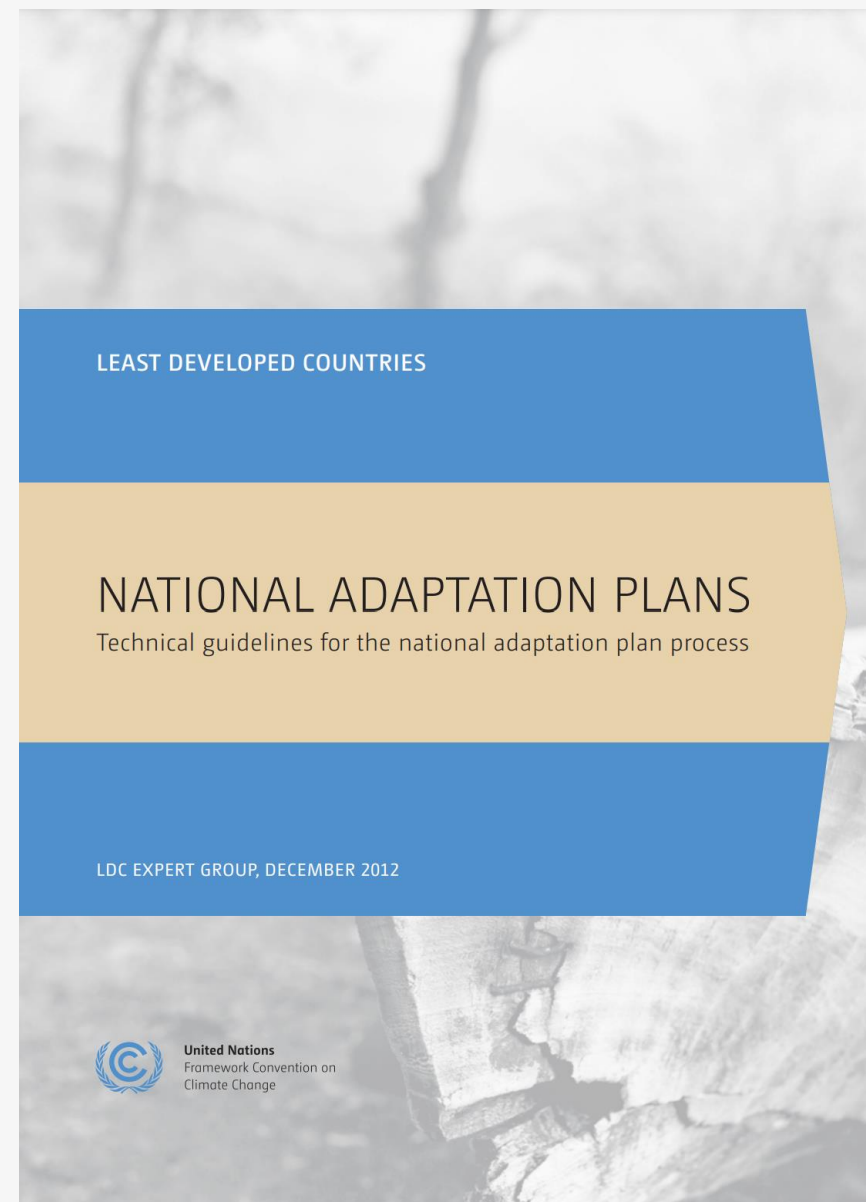


Guidelines and Publications

- NAP Technical guidelines, 2012
- Supplementary materials to the NAP technical guidelines.

<https://napcentral.org/supplementary-materials-library>

- NAP Implementation guidelines is currently being drafted



Training on NAPs

- Several trainings were conducted by the LEG for different regions to enhance the capacity of the LDCs on formulating and implementing NAPs
- The trainings provided guidance on the process to formulate and implement NAPs, focusing on various areas of the four elements the NAP technical guidelines
- It also served as a platform for countries to share experiences and lessons learned and to promote best practices while formulating and implementing NAPs.



Highlights from ten years of the NAP Expos



Over **8 global NAP expos since 2013** and several regional NAP Expos for Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific



NAP Expos have been the **main global adaptation space** bringing together key actors and stakeholders to **advance national adaptation plans**.

At its 58th session, the SBI acknowledged that the **NAP Expo provided valuable technical insights** into the entire **adaptation cycle**, notably the **implementation stage**.



NAP Expo 2023



NAP Expo 2022



NAP Expo 2019



NAP Expo 2018



NAP Expo 2016



NAP Expo 2015



NAP Expo 2014

NAP Expo 2013: Launching of the NAP process in LDCs

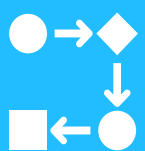
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NAP Implementation Pipeline Development Initiative



Identifying project ideas based on NAPs, where available, or other plans and strategies, in alignment with the GCF country programme;



Fleshing out the identified project ideas with the support of the LEG and mobilized partners through NAP country dialogues and writing workshops;



Identifying delivery partner(s), agency(ies) and designated authority(ies)



Presenting project proposals to relevant national authorities, institutions or departments, designated authorities or focal points for endorsement and support.

→ 4 NAP Writing workshops conducted since 2022

- • 40 LDCs have developed 92 project ideas
- Project idea from Bhutan was converted into a project proposal and approved for funding under LDCF.
- Project ideas from Central African Republic, Togo submitted to GCF and from Rwanda to LDCF.

→ Project Catalogue

- • Compilation of project ideas arising from the NAP implementation pipeline development initiative, and the adaptation priorities contained in NAPs
- Available at:
<https://napcentral.org/projectcatalogues>

Accessing funding for NAPs

❑ Collaboration with the GCF, GEF and AF through:

- Engagement at LEG meetings
- GCF sessions at NAP Expos
- GCF engagement at writing workshops
- Regular dialogues at SBs and Cop

LDC Roster of Experts in NAPs

- ☐ The LEG created and maintains a roster of national and regional experts from LDCs to support the formulation and implementation of NAPs.
- ☐ The roster contains information on experts with relevant skills and professional expertise in the field of climate change adaptation.
- ☐ It offers an opportunity for countries, agencies and organizations to hire national consultants and experts to assist in drafting and implementing the NAPs.
- ☐ Currently, there are 39 experts on the roster which also include present and former LEG members.

<https://napcentral.org/roster-of-experts>

NAP Technical Working Group – 4 subgroups



NAP Technical Guidelines

- Risk-based approaches to adaptation
- Access to and use of Earth observation geospatial data for NAPs
- Effective use of supplements to the NAP technical guidelines



NAP Implementation Support

- Technical guidelines for the implementation of NAPs
- Development of adaptation project pipelines in the LDCs
- Assisting countries in mobilizing and accessing technical assistance for NAPs



NAP Tracking

- Metrics for the PEG M&E tool - to measure the outcomes and impacts of adaptation actions
- Methodologies for capturing and sharing experience, best practices and lessons learned
- Supporting the preparation of the annual progress report on NAPs



Multi-stakeholder forums

- Engaging multiple stakeholders: local communities, Indigenous Peoples, smallholder farmers, private sector, women, youth, etc.
- Designing and facilitating events on multi-stakeholder engagement
- Integrating gender considerations

Key deliverables in 2024



Enhanced NAP Central
– incl. submitted NAPs,
outreach material



Data, information, tools
and models available on
NAP Central



Assessment of progress in
the formulation and
implementation of NAPs



2024 progress report on
NAPs



Technical guidelines for
the implementation of
NAPs



Publications of best
practices and lessons
learned



Updated PEG M&E tool –
capturing outcome and
impact metrics



NAP writing workshops:
Africa plus Haiti, and Asia
and the Pacific



NAP Expo 2024, and
other events

Way forward

- Countries are encouraged to submit their NAPs and other related outputs as soon as possible
- The NAPs must translate into implementation:
 - Concrete adaptation projects
 - Capacity building/readiness for implementation
 - Ongoing process to support the formulation and implementation of NAPs
- The LEG will continue to provide technical guidance and support to the LDCs on the process to formulate and implement NAPs.



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Important links

- LEG – <http://unfccc.int/LEG>
- NAP Central – <https://napcentral.org>

