

DRAFT TEXT
on
SBI 48 agenda item 12
Matters relating to the least developed countries

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the report on the 33rd meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG),¹ held in Sao Tome, Sao Tome and Principe, from 5 to 9 February 2018.
2. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of Sao Tome and Principe for hosting the meeting.
3. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the LEG and the secretariat for their work in supporting the least developed countries (LDCs). It welcomed the two-year rolling work programme of the LEG for 2018–2019,² and encouraged the LEG to prioritize its work taking into account the availability of resources.
4. The SBI welcomed the recommendations³ of the LEG on updating the LDC work programme.
5. The SBI invited Parties and relevant organizations to continue to provide resources in support of the implementation of the LEG work programme.
6. The SBI noted that, as at 30 April 2018, total Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) funding approved during the Global Environment Facility (GEF) fiscal year 2018 amounted to USD xx million, and that cumulative funding approvals since the establishment of the LDCF amounted to USD 1.2 billion.
7. The SBI also noted that, as at 30 April 2018, 21 project proposals for the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action submitted by the LDCs, accounting for a total of USD 156 million, had been technically cleared by the GEF secretariat and were awaiting allocation of resources from the LDCF.
8. The SBI noted with appreciation the continued collaboration of the LEG with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) secretariat on providing technical guidance and advice to the LDCs on accessing funding from the GCF for the formulation of national adaptation plans (NAPs).
9. The SBI noted that six proposals from the LDCs for the formulation of NAPs had been approved by the GCF secretariat as at 1 May 2018.
10. The SBI welcomed the submission by the LEG of the needs related to adaptation arising from the Paris Agreement and the relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-first session.⁴
11. The SBI requested the LEG to consider the needs that could be addressed under the LEG work programme for 2018–2019 and to integrate them into the work programme, as appropriate.
12. The SBI invited United Nations entities and other relevant organizations, including bilateral and multilateral agencies, to consider the needs referred to in paragraph 10 above in their activities supporting the LDCs in adaptation to climate change.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2018/4.

² Contained in annex I to document FCCC/SBI/2018/4. In accordance with decision 6/CP.16, paragraph 3, the LEG prepares a two-year rolling work programme for consideration by the SBI at its first sessional meeting of each year.

³ See document FCCC/SBI/2018/4, paragraphs 62–66.

⁴ See document FCCC/SBI/2018/4, table.

13. The SBI welcomed the information⁵ submitted by Parties for use by the LEG in considering the need to update the LDC work programme and in making recommendations for consideration by the SBI at this session, pursuant to decision 19/CP.21, paragraph 3.

14. The SBI recommended a draft decision on updating the LDC work programme for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session (December 2018) (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBI/2018/L.X/Add.1).

⁵ Submissions from Ethiopia on behalf of the LDCs and from Bulgaria on behalf the European Union and its member States, available at https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements.

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Addendum

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-eighth session, recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session:

Draft decision -/CP.24

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 5/CP.7, 29/CP.7, 4/CP.11, 8/CP.13, 6/CP.16, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 3/CP.20, 4/CP.21 and 19/CP.21,

Recognizing the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries referred to in Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Acknowledging that climate change risks significantly magnify development challenges for the least developed countries,

Also acknowledging that the human, infrastructural and economic conditions of the least developed countries severely limit their capacities to participate effectively in the climate change process,

Noting that all the least developed countries need to receive support for addressing climate change, including through effective national institutions,

Also noting the additional opportunities and commitments under the Paris Agreement,

Further noting the value of the least developed countries work programme in guiding the provision of support to the least developed countries,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the support provided¹ for the implementation of the elements of the work programme for the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention (the least developed countries work programme) as contained in decision 5/CP.7, paragraphs 11–17;
2. *Takes note* of the support provided to the least developed countries for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;²
3. *Also takes note* of the establishment of the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency to support developing country Parties, upon request, in meeting the enhanced transparency requirements defined in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement in a timely manner;
4. *Decides* that the elements of the least developed countries work programme noted in paragraph 1 above remain valid;
5. *Also decides* that the following elements should be considered as part of the least developed countries work programme, including the activities referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above in the context of the least developed countries:
 - a) Capacity development to effectively address needs related to adaptation arising from the implementation of the Paris Agreement and other outcomes of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties;

¹ See decisions 5/CP.7, paragraphs 13 and 14, 3/CP.11, paragraph 1(b), and 5/CP.14, paragraph 2.

² See decisions 3/CP.17, annex, 5/CP.17, paragraphs 12–31, 12/CP.18, paragraphs 1–4, and 1/CP.21, paragraph 46.

- b) Capacity-building, including through training and other technical support, for the least developed countries to effectively access the Green Climate Fund and other sources of funding for their climate actions;
 - c) Promoting measures for a smooth transition from least developed country status;
 - d) Promoting measures to integrate climate change adaptation into national development planning, including the consideration of climate change in addressing the Sustainable Development Goals;
 - e) Promoting technology development and transfer, relevant to adaptation, for the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement, taking account of and building synergy with the numerous groups and bodies that are involved in supporting activities related to the least developed countries work programme;
6. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in accordance with its mandate, to continue to provide technical guidance and advice for the implementation of the least developed countries work programme, ensuring that the implementation of the work programme is undertaken in a manner that promotes synergies and avoids duplication with other processes and programmes;
7. *Also requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to consider ways to promote South–South cooperation in the implementation of the least developed countries work programme;
8. *Further requests* other bodies and programmes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, in accordance with their respective mandates, to support the implementation of the least developed countries work programme and to include information in their reports on how they have responded to this request;
9. *Invites* United Nations entities and other relevant organizations, including bilateral and multilateral agencies, to support the implementation of the least developed countries work programme and, where possible, to consider establishing support programmes within their mandates, as appropriate, that could facilitate the provision of financial and technical support to the least developed country Parties, and to provide information on their activities in support of the least developed countries work programme.