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Matters relating to the least developed countries; and matters referred to in paragraphs 41 and 45 of decision 1/CP.21

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the report on the 34th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)¹ and expressed its appreciation to the Government of Sierra Leone for hosting the meeting in Freetown from 21 to 24 August 2018.
2. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the LEG and the secretariat for their work in supporting the least developed countries (LDCs) and for continuing to coordinate support activities with relevant organizations.
3. The SBI welcomed the work of the LEG on learning from climate shocks and on linkages between national adaptation plans (NAPs) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
4. The SBI noted that 6 of the 22 proposals from developing countries for accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme, which supports the formulation of NAPs, that had been approved by the GCF secretariat as at 4 December 2018 were from the LDCs.²
5. The SBI also noted that the 6 proposals referred to in paragraph 4 above accounted for a total of USD 15 million, out of the total of USD 59.2 million for all the 22 proposals.
6. The SBI further noted the progress made in the process to formulate and implement NAPs and the work of the LEG on considering the challenges faced by the LDCs in the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and noted the need for further progress in accessing funding from the GCF.
7. The SBI recognized the importance of the NAP Expo as a global outreach event on the process to formulate and implement NAPs and welcomed the opportunity for engagement between the GCF and participants of the NAP Expo.
8. The SBI took note of the preparations under way for the NAP Expo planned to take place in April 2019 in Incheon, the Republic of Korea, and invited Parties and relevant organizations to assist the LEG with organizing and to participate in the event.
9. The SBI noted that, as at 4 December 2018, the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) funding approved during Global Environment Facility fiscal year 2018 amounted to USD 48 million, and that cumulative funding approvals since the establishment of the LDCF amounted to USD 1.33 billion.³
10. The SBI noted with appreciation the financial pledge of xx made by xx to the LDCF and urged additional contributions to the Fund.
11. The SBI looks forward to receiving further information from the LEG on the objectives of and process for countries to engage in Open NAPs, and on how to make best use of them.
12. The SBI requested the LEG to continue to prioritize the activities in its work programme on the basis of the availability of financial resources to carry them out.

¹ FCCC/SBI/2018/18.

² FCCC/CP/2018/5, and updated information provided by the GCF secretariat at the session.

³ FCCC/CP/2018/6, and updated information provided by the Global Environment Facility secretariat at the session.

13. The SBI invited Parties and relevant organizations to continue to provide financial support for the implementation of the LEG work programme.
