

Draft decision -/CP.29

Matters relating to the least developed countries

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 5/CP.7, 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.10, 4/CP.11, 8/CP.13, 6/CP.16, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 3/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 19/CP.21, 16/CP.24, 7/CP.25, 15/CP.26, 10/CP.27, 11/CMA.1, 19/CMA.1 and 1/CMA.5,

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

Welcoming the active role played by Indigenous Peoples and local communities and diverse stakeholders, including women and youth, in national adaptation plan related efforts,

Noting the challenges faced by the least developed countries in preparing and submitting national adaptation plans, and the complexities and delays encountered by them, and the challenges they face in developing proposals and accessing financial support for implementing national adaptation plans,

Recognizing the need for new, enhanced efforts to ensure that the least developed countries have in place national adaptation plans by 2025 and have progressed in implementing them by 2030,¹

Noting that key challenges faced by the least developed countries in the process of accrediting direct access entities include limited institutional, financial and technical capacity for initiating that process and for developing project proposals for accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group in supporting the least developed countries in formulating national adaptation plans and its progress in updating the technical guidelines for the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans;
2. *Underscores* the importance of prompt approval and disbursement of funding for readiness projects by the Green Climate Fund for the formulation of national adaptation plans;
3. *Welcomes* the new strategy and modalities of the revised Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme of the Green Climate Fund;²
4. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, in collaboration with the Green Climate Fund secretariat, to continue to raise awareness among the least developed countries of the accreditation process for direct access entities and to support the least developed countries in developing a workplan for completing this process;
5. *Also requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to hold its national adaptation plan writing workshops that are planned for 2025 for supporting the least developed countries in completing national adaptation plans for submission and pursuing implementation of the policies, projects and programmes identified therein as early as possible in that year, subject to the availability of resources;
6. *Encourages* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to regularly invite the Green Climate Fund direct access entities of the least developed countries to participate in the national adaptation plan writing workshops referred to in paragraph 5 above with a view to enhancing their understanding of and building their capacity to complete the accreditation process;

¹ As per decision 1/CMA.5, para. 59.

² See <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/readiness-strategy-2024-2027>.

7. *Welcomes* Parties' submission of national adaptation plans³ and *invites* Parties that have not done so to submit national adaptation plans and relevant strategies, including to facilitate sharing of experience, tools and approaches in relation to formulating and implementing national adaptation plans;
8. *Invites* United Nations organizations, specialized agencies and other relevant organizations, as well as bilateral and multilateral agencies, to support the implementation of national adaptation plans in the least developed countries, drawing on the work of, and where appropriate in consultation with, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, and, where possible, to consider establishing programmes for supporting the implementation of national adaptation plans, within their mandates, as appropriate, which could facilitate the provision of relevant financial and technical support to the least developed countries and the achievement of the goals referred to in paragraph 59 of decision 1/CMA.5;
9. *Decides* to conduct, in parallel with the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, the stocktake of the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group aimed at reviewing, at the midway point before the next review of the mandate of the Group, its progress and terms of reference;⁴
10. *Invites* Parties and relevant organizations to continue providing resources for supporting implementation of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group work programme;
11. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 5 above;
12. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
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³ Available at <https://napcentral.org/submitted-NAPs> and <https://www.napcentral.org/developedcountriesnaps>.

⁴ See decision 15/CP.26, paras. 3–4.