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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the oral report by the Chair of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), and welcomed the report on the twentieth meeting of the LEG, held in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, from 12 to 14 September 2011.¹
2. The SBI thanked the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic for hosting the meeting and expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Canada and Norway for providing financial resources in support of the work of the LEG.
3. The SBI welcomed the submission of 46 national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs) to the secretariat as at 3 December 2011. It noted the important role played by the LEG in assisting least developed country (LDC) Parties with the preparation of NAPAs, and invited the LEG to continue to assist the LDCs that have not yet completed their NAPAs to do so and submit these as soon as possible, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and its agencies.
4. The SBI also welcomed the submission of NAPA projects to the GEF for the funding of implementation under the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) by the 46 countries that had completed the preparation of their NAPAs as at 3 December 2011.
5. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the LEG for the progress it has made under its work programme for 2011–2012.² It welcomed the technical paper on identification and implementation of medium- and long-term adaptation activities in LDCs,³ and the publication *Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Addressing Adaptation in the Least*

¹ FCCC/SBI/2011/11.

² FCCC/SBI/2011/4, annex I. A detailed version of the work programme, including specific objectives, expected outcomes and a timeline, is available on the UNFCCC website at <<http://www.unfccc.int/5977>>.

³ FCCC/TP/2011/7.

Developed Countries through the National Adaptation Programme of Action Process,⁴ as well as the other LEG outputs in 2011.

6. The SBI encouraged the LEG to organize the regional training workshops referred to in the work programme of the LEG in close collaboration with relevant organizations, agencies and regional centres, with the aim to, inter alia:

(a) Address key issues and share technical guidance and tools related to implementation, revision and update of NAPAs;

(b) Facilitate the application by LDCs of new approaches such as the programmatic approach in the implementation of NAPAs;

(c) Strengthen the capacity of LDCs to address medium- and long-term adaptation;

(d) Facilitate the integration of gender considerations and considerations regarding vulnerable communities in the implementation of NAPAs;

(e) Serve as a means of sharing the best practices and lessons learned at the regional level.

7. The SBI requested the LEG to keep it informed of the efforts of the LEG in implementing its work programme over the period 2011–2012.

8. The SBI invited Parties in a position to do so to continue to provide resources in support of the implementation of the work programme of the LEG, including resources for the training workshops mentioned in the work programme of the LEG for 2011–2012.

9. The SBI agreed to consider, at its thirty-sixth session, the matter of inviting the GEF, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention operating the LDCF, to support, if sufficient voluntary funding has not been provided from bilateral sources, the organization, under the guidance of the LEG, of the regional training workshops mentioned in the work programme of the LEG for 2011–2012.

⁴ <http://unfccc.int/essential_background/library/items/3599.php?such=j&symbol=FCCC/GEN/263%20E#beg>.