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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the report on the 30th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG),¹ held in Monrovia from 7 to 10 September 2016, and expressed its gratitude to the Government of Liberia for hosting the meeting.
2. The SBI also expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Canada and Ireland for financially supporting the work of the LEG.
3. The SBI welcomed the progress made by the LEG in supporting the least developed countries (LDCs) in the continued implementation of its two-year rolling work programme for 2016–2017.
4. The SBI also welcomed the successful conduct of the NAP Expo that took place from 11 to 15 July 2016 in Bonn, Germany, and the valuable role that the expo played in providing an opportunity for countries to exchange experience and foster partnerships with a wide range of actors and stakeholders, including non-Party stakeholders, in order to advance national adaptation plans (NAPs).
5. The SBI further welcomed the efforts of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) secretariats, as well as other organizations, regional centres and networks in organizing special sessions related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs during the NAP Expo.
6. The SBI noted with appreciation the progress of the LEG and the Adaptation Committee in addressing their joint mandates contained in decision 1/CP.21 related to the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
7. The SBI welcomed the decision of the Board of the GCF² on expediting support for developing countries for the formulation of NAPs, consistent with decisions 1/CP.16,

¹ FCCC/SBI/2016/18.

² GCF Board decision B.13/09, paragraph (e). Available at
<<http://www.greenclimate.fund/boardroom/on-record/documents>>.



5/CP.17 and 1/CP.21, paragraph 46, and looks forward to how the GCF will support the subsequent implementation of the policies, projects and programmes of developing country Parties as requested in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 46.

8. The SBI noted the progress of the provision of financial support for the formulation of NAPs through the GCF. It requested the LEG, in collaboration with the GCF secretariat and relevant partner organizations, to continue considering ways to further enhance the provision of support to the LDCs for accessing funding from the GCF for the process to formulate and implement NAPs and to include information thereon in its report for consideration at SBI 46 (May 2017).

9. The SBI noted the gaps and needs in relation to the LDC Parties advancing their work on the formulation and implementation of NAPs and emerging needs arising from the Paris Agreement, as identified in the report on the 30th meeting of the LEG,³ and requested the LEG to explore how those gaps and needs can be addressed through the planned regional training workshops on NAPs.⁴

10. The SBI requested the LEG to continue providing technical support to the LDC Parties for accessing funding for the formulation of NAPs and for the subsequent implementation of the policies, project and programmes identified in the NAPs under the GCF, and to facilitate the provision of scientific support to the LDC Parties, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies and GCF implementing partners.

11. The SBI noted that, as at 10 November 2016, 13 project proposals for the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs) and for the process to formulate and implement NAPs that were previously technically cleared by the GEF, amounting to USD 87 million, had been approved by the GEF Council and were ready for implementation. An additional 35 technically cleared projects, seeking USD 231.4 million from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), have yet to be funded.

12. The SBI welcomed the follow-up project under the LDCF⁵ of the NAP Global Support Programme for LDCs⁶ through which all LDCs that were not supported under the first project will have the opportunity to access one-to-one support for their process to formulate and implement NAPs tailored to their specific needs and circumstances.

13. The SBI noted with appreciation the new pledges to the LDCF of EUR 24 million for the years 2016–2018 which were made during the LDCF/ Special Climate Change Fund Council meeting in October 2016.

14. The SBI urged additional contributions to the LDCF and other funds under the Financial Mechanism, as appropriate, recognizing the importance of the full implementation of NAPAs and successfully undertaking the process to formulate and implement NAPs.

15. The SBI noted with appreciation the continued active engagement and collaboration of the LEG with the Adaptation Committee, the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change and other constituted bodies under the Convention, as well as the continued active engagement with a wide range of relevant organizations, agencies and regional centres and networks, and welcomed the efforts of the group to provide coherent and integrated support to countries in relation to their NAPs.

³ FCCC/SBI/2016/18, paragraphs 20, 79 and 85.

⁴ See the LEG work programme for 2016–2017, available at <<http://unfccc.int/9516>>.

⁵ Project “Expanding the ongoing support to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) with country-driven processes to advance National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)”. Further details are available at <http://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/EN_GEF.LDCF_.SCCF_.21.03_Progress_Report_LDCF_SCCF.pdf>.

⁶ <<http://globalsupportprogramme.org/nap-gsp>>.