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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the report on the 36th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG),¹ held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 27 to 30 August 2019.
2. The SBI also welcomed the successful conduct of the training workshop on national adaptation plans (NAPs) held in Nairobi from 2 to 6 September 2019 for the least developed countries (LDCs) in the early stages of the process to formulate and implement NAPs.²
3. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the Government of Kenya and the United Nations Environment Programme for hosting the aforementioned meeting and workshop, respectively.
4. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the LEG and the secretariat for their work in supporting the LDCs and for continuing to coordinate support activities with relevant organizations.
5. The SBI took note of the ongoing preparations for the NAP Expo scheduled to take place from 30 March to 3 April 2020 in Gaborone, Botswana, and invited Parties and relevant organizations to participate in, and assist the LEG in organizing, the event.
6. The SBI noted that, as at 3 December 2019, 4 of the 17 NAPs submitted by developing countries were from the LDCs.
7. The SBI also noted that, as at 3 December 2019, 16 of the 83 proposals received from developing countries for accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for the formulation of NAPs that had been, or were in the process of being, approved by the GCF secretariat were from the LDCs.³

¹ FCCC/SBI/2019/16.

² See <http://napexpo.org/workshops/nairobi>.

³ See document FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.15, table 4, and the GCF secretariat presentation available at <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/gcfpresentationledsideevent.pdf>.



8. The SBI further noted that, as at 3 December 2019, 29 of the 83 proposals referred to in paragraph 7 above had received funds from the GCF, and that 10 of those were from the LDCs.⁴

9. The SBI noted with appreciation the financial pledges, totalling USD 160 million, made at the United Nations Climate Action Summit 2019 by the Governments of Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden, the financial pledge of 7.5 million Canadian dollars made by the Government of Canada at the 2019 G7 Summit, and the financial pledge of USD 16.6 million made by the Government of Belgium to the Least Developed Countries Fund,⁵ and urged additional contributions to the Fund.

10. The SBI also noted with appreciation the ongoing collaboration of the LEG with the Adaptation Committee, other constituted bodies under the Convention, partners of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change and a wide range of organizations, agencies and regional centres and networks, and encouraged the continuation of this collaboration.

11. The SBI requested the LEG to consider how to increase the accessibility and transparency of its meetings and information on its workplan activities, taking into account the rules of procedure and practices of other constituted bodies, as appropriate, and to include information on how it responded to this mandate in the report on its 37th meeting for consideration at SBI 52 (June 2020).

12. The SBI welcomed the work of the LEG as part of the Open NAPs initiative⁶ for the LDCs in the early stages of the process to formulate and implement NAPs, and invited Parties and relevant organizations to support that initiative with a view to helping those LDCs to formulate and implement NAPs.

13. The SBI noted the progress of the GCF in enhancing the process of accessing support for the formulation and implementation of NAPs, and expressed its appreciation to the Adaptation Committee and the LEG for their engagement with the GCF in this regard.

14. The SBI noted the challenges and complexities experienced by the LDCs in accessing funding from the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for the formulation of NAPs, particularly in relation to the application and review of proposals for funding.

15. The SBI invited delivery partners of the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for the formulation of NAPs to strengthen efforts to support the LDCs with the goal of expediting the submission of readiness proposals to the GCF.

⁴ As footnote 3 above.

⁵ See GEF document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.27/Inf.02. Available at http://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/EN_GEF.LDCF_.SCCF_.27.Inf_.02_LDCF%20Trustee%20Report.pdf, and additional information provided by the GEF secretariat as at 7 December 2019.

⁶ See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/opennapbrief.pdf>.