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## Subsidiary Body for Implementation

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Agenda item 11

**Matters relating to the least developed countries**

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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) on the implementation of the LEG work programme for 2021–2022 and expressed its appreciation to the LEG for the progress it has made under its work programme over the last two years.
2. The SBI welcomed the reports on:
  - (a) The 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the LEG, held in Antananarivo from 6 to 8 February 2020;<sup>1</sup>
  - (b) The stocktaking meeting on the work of the LEG, held in Antananarivo from 10 to 12 February 2020;<sup>2</sup>
  - (c) The 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the LEG, held virtually from 17 to 21 August 2020;<sup>3</sup>
  - (d) The 39<sup>th</sup> meeting of the LEG, held virtually from 10 to 12 March 2021;<sup>4</sup>
  - (e) The 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the LEG, held virtually from 10 to 13 August 2021;<sup>5</sup>
  - (f) The progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the LEG.<sup>6</sup>
3. The SBI also welcomed the successful organization of a writing workshop for national adaptation plans (NAPs), held virtually from 30 August to 3 September 2021, for the least developed countries (LDCs) in the early stages of the process to formulate and implement NAPs.
4. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the Government of Madagascar for hosting the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the LEG and the stocktaking meeting referred to in paragraph 2(a–b) above and expressed its gratitude to the Government of Ireland for its provision of financial support for the work of the LEG.
5. The SBI also expressed its gratitude to the LEG and the secretariat for their work on supporting the LDCs and for continuing to coordinate support activities with relevant organizations.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2020/6.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2020/7.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2020/14.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/2021/6.

<sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBI/2021/13.

<sup>6</sup> FCCC/SBI/2020/8.



6. The SBI noted that, as at 1 November 2021, 9 of the 30 NAPs submitted by developing countries were from the LDCs.
7. The SBI also noted that 24 of the 71 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 approved by the GCF secretariat as at 4 November 2021 were from the LDCs.
8. The SBI further noted that 65 of the 71 proposals referred to in paragraph 7 above had received or were in the process of receiving funds from the GCF, and that 22 of those were from the LDCs.
9. 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.
10. The SBI noted that all 46 LDCs have initiated the process to formulate and implement NAPs but that progress in advancing the process is slow.
11. The SBI also noted the implementation of adaptation projects in the LDCs, with 35 LDCs having successfully accessed funding for such projects from the GCF.
12. The SBI noted with appreciation the financial pledges, totalling USD 307 million, made by the Governments of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland to the Least Developed Countries Fund and urged additional contributions to the Fund.
13. The SBI invited Parties and relevant organizations to actively engage in supporting the LDCs in making tangible progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs and in implementing elements of the least developed countries work programme.
14. The SBI welcomed the ongoing collaboration of the LEG with the Adaptation Committee, other constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, partners of the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, and a wide range of relevant organizations, agencies and regional centres and networks, and encouraged the continuation of this collaboration.
15. The SBI initiated the review of the progress, need for continuation and terms of reference of the LEG and took actions and steps that resulted in the following outcomes:<sup>7</sup>
  - (a) The LEG convened the meeting referred to in paragraph 2(b) above with representatives of Parties and relevant organizations to take stock of its work;
  - (b) Parties submitted their views on the work of the LEG;<sup>8</sup>
  - (c) The secretariat prepared, and the SBI considered, the report on the LEG stocktaking meeting as input to the review;
  - (d) The secretariat prepared the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 2(f) above on the basis of submissions from Parties, reports of the LEG, the report on the LEG stocktaking meeting and other relevant information;
  - (e) The SBI considered the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 15(d) above and completed its consideration of the review of the LEG.
16. The SBI expressed its appreciation to the members of the LEG during 2015–2021 and encouraged them to facilitate a smooth transition of work to the new members.
17. The SBI recommended a draft decision on the extension of the mandate of the LEG for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session (for the text of the draft decision, see document FCCC/SBI/2021/L.12/Add.1).
18. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in these conclusions.

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<sup>7</sup> As per decision 19/CP.21, para. 14.

<sup>8</sup> Available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

19. The SBI requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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