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## Subsidiary Body for Implementation

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Agenda item 10

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#### Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the report on the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG),<sup>1</sup> held in South Tarawa, Kiribati, from 26 February to 3 March 2019.
2. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of Kiribati for hosting the meeting.
3. The SBI also expressed its appreciation to the LEG and the secretariat for their work on supporting the least developed countries (LDCs). It welcomed the two-year rolling work programme of the LEG for 2019–2020,<sup>2</sup> and encouraged the LEG to prioritize its work, taking into account its mandates, including decision 11/CMA.1, and the availability of resources.
4. The SBI also welcomed the successful conduct of the Korea Global Adaptation Week,<sup>3</sup> including the NAP Expo 2019,<sup>4</sup> in Songdo, Republic of Korea, from 8 to 12 April 2019, and expressed its gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Korea for hosting the event.
5. The SBI further welcomed the information provided by the LEG on Open NAPs<sup>5</sup> and invited Parties and interested organizations to participate in this initiative in order to contribute to the success of the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs).
6. The SBI noted the progress made by the LEG in its technical work and products relating to NAPs and the Paris Agreement, and invited Parties to make use of LEG technical work and products, where relevant.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/5.

<sup>2</sup> Contained in annex I to document FCCC/SBI/2019/5. In accordance with decision 6/CP.16, para. 3, the LEG prepares a two-year rolling work programme for consideration by the SBI at its first sessional meeting of each year.

<sup>3</sup> See <http://napexpo.org/koreaweek>.

<sup>4</sup> See <http://napexpo.org/2019>.

<sup>5</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/documents/197338>.



7. The SBI looked forward to the training workshop<sup>6</sup> on NAPs for the LDCs, to be organized by the LEG and relevant partners.
8. The SBI noted that 8 of the 77 proposals received from developing countries for accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for the formulation of NAPs that had been approved by the Green Climate Fund secretariat as at 17 June 2019 were from the LDCs.<sup>7</sup>
9. The SBI also noted that 27 of the 77 proposals referred to in paragraph 8 above had received funds, and that 7 of those were from the LDCs.<sup>8</sup>
10. The SBI invited delivery partners of the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for the formulation of NAPs to strengthen efforts to support LDCs with the goal of expediting the submission of readiness proposals to the Green Climate Fund.
11. The SBI welcomed the approval of 11 projects and programmes representing a total allocation of USD 100.6 million from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) as at 18 June 2019.<sup>9</sup>
12. The SBI noted with appreciation the financial pledges totalling USD 71.3 million made by the Governments of Belgium (Walloon Region), Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, the Netherlands and Switzerland to the LDCF<sup>10</sup> and urged additional contributions to the Fund.
13. The SBI also noted 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 relevant organizations, agencies and regional centres and networks, and encouraged the continuation of this collaboration.
14. The SBI invited Parties and relevant organizations to continue to provide resources in support of the implementation of the LEG work programme.
15. The SBI took note of the information note on LDCF support for graduating LDCs prepared by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).<sup>11</sup>
16. The SBI decided to recommend that in its decision on guidance to the GEF the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session (December 2019) request the GEF, in administering the LDCF, to continue facilitating the smooth transition of countries graduating from LDC status by continuing to provide approved funding through the LDCF until the completion of projects approved by the LDCF Council prior to those countries' graduation from LDC status.
17. The SBI invited other entities providing support for the elements of the LDC work programme as agreed in decision 16/CP.24, paragraph 3(a–h), to continue providing support, within the scope of their respective mandates, for graduating LDCs for a period of three years from the date of their graduation.
18. The SBI agreed to recommend to the Conference of the Parties to extend the LDC-specific financial provisions related to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process with respect to the meetings under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol

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<sup>6</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2019/5, p.16 (first page of annex I).

<sup>7</sup> See [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/GCF-presentation\\_LEG%20side%20event%20SBI%2050.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/GCF-presentation_LEG%20side%20event%20SBI%2050.pdf).

<sup>8</sup> As footnote 7 above.

<sup>9</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/documents/197060>.

<sup>10</sup> See the Global Environment Facility (GEF) document available at <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/joint-summary-chairs-43> and additional information provided by the GEF secretariat as at 24 June 2019.

<sup>11</sup> See GEF document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.25/Inf.06, available at [https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/LDCs\\_GEF-LDCF.SCCF\\_25-Inf.06.pdf](https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/council-meeting-documents/LDCs_GEF-LDCF.SCCF_25-Inf.06.pdf).

and the Paris Agreement and the indicative scale of contributions to the Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the UNFCCC to countries that have graduated from LDC status for a period of three years from the date of their graduation, taking into account United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/221, with a view to including this matter in the deliberations on the programme budget from the biennium 2022–2023.

19. The SBI requested the LEG to extend support to countries that have graduated from LDC status in its capacity-building activities, such as for participation in training activities, workshops, expert meetings and other outreach events, for a period of three years from the date of their graduation.

20. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in these conclusions and 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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