

**Intervention by Ms. Hana Hamadalla on behalf of the LDC Expert Group
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Dear Co-Facilitators, on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), I wish to express our appreciation of this opportunity to provide an update on our work that are relevant to capacity-building and further identifying areas for collaboration based on the LEG's two-year rolling work programme for 2018 to 2019.

As a quick introduction, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) was established in 2001 as part of the package of support provided to the least developed countries in recognition of their special circumstances under Article 4.9 of the Convention. The current mandate of the LEG includes: (a) providing technical guidance and support to developing countries on the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (NAPs), (b) providing technical guidance and support to the LDCs on the preparation and implementation of the national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs), and (c) the implementation of the LDC work programme. The LEG is also mandated to provide technical guidance and advice on accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, in collaboration with the GCF secretariat.

Capacity building is therefore inherent in the work carried out by the LEG in order to deliver its mandate. Core of the support is delivered either by regional training workshops, one-on-one direct support to LDCs or through technical reports and publications.

Specifically, under the current two-year rolling work programme, the LEG performs capacity building through:

- Provision of technical guidance and support on the process to formulate and implement NAPs through regional training (2019), development of technical materials and modules on key thematic areas i.e. NAP-SDG integrative framework to assessment; designing implementation strategies and other elements of the process.
- Provision of guidance and advice on accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for the process to formulate and implement NAPs, in collaboration with the GCF secretariat, and usually included as a module in the training workshop on NAPs.
- Provision of technical papers on gender, vulnerable communities and ecosystems
- Monitoring & Evaluation (of Progress, Effectiveness and Gaps) in relation to NAPs
- Organizing NAP Expos both at the global and regional level
- Provision of resource materials (case studies, best practices and lessons learned) on NAP Central
- Provision of direct support to developing countries under the Open NAPs. Countries currently involved in this exercise are: Bhutan, Haiti, Madagascar, Malawi and Tuvalu. The LEG will scale this up and include regional perspectives.

The LEG has also identified **elements for capacity building under the LDC work programme** which was recommended to SBI 48 in updating the current LDC work programme, these include:

- Capacity-building and capacity development for the LDCs to effectively engage in the transparency framework, the global stocktake, NDCs, adaptation communications and other reporting requirements under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
- Capacity development to effectively address needs related to adaptation arising from the implementation of the Paris Agreement and COP21;
- Supporting the LDCs in engaging in adaptation planning processes and the implementation of actions, consistent with Article 7, paragraph 9, of the Paris Agreement;
- Regular capacity-building, including through training and other technical support, for the LDCs to effectively access the GCF and other sources for their climate actions.

For more information on the work of the LEG, I invite you to check the details that are contained in the report on the 33rd meeting of the LEG, which is document FCCC/SBI/2018/4.

Thank you for your attention.