

## Annex II

### Least Developed Countries Expert Group work programme for 2021–2022

**(a) Enhance provision of direct support to the LDCs to enable them to meet their goal of submitting their first NAP in 2021:**

- (i) Continue to support the LDCs in formulating their first NAP in 2021 through the Open NAP initiative and direct interaction with country teams and relevant organizations;
- (ii) Make available data and information for addressing gaps, or sources of such data and information, as well as approaches, tools and models, to support the LDCs in their risk and vulnerability assessment work in the context of NAPs;
- (iii) Continue to advise the LDCs on ensuring the information contained in their NAPs is relevant to their purpose, such as the information needed for submitting project and programme proposals to the GCF, and fulfils adaptation reporting requirements;

**(b) Effectively support all the LDCs in initiating and submitting a proposal to the GCF for implementing at least one of the adaptation priorities associated with their NAP:**

- (i) Hold project development workshops for the LDCs, where possible with their chosen delivery partners, in 2021 to initiate their preparation of concept notes for proposals to be submitted to the GCF for accessing funding for implementing the adaptation priorities associated with their NAPs;
- (ii) Further develop the idea of enhancing the provision of writing support to the LDCs to facilitate their development of proposals for accessing funding for implementing their NAPs;

**(c) Successfully support the LDCs in establishing an effective and iterative process to formulate and implement NAPs, duly taking into consideration the two objectives of the process to formulate and implement NAPs and the guiding principles laid out in decision 5/CP.17:**

- (i) Produce outreach materials that elaborate good practices for addressing the objective of integrating NAPs into national development plans;
- (ii) Support the LDCs in addressing all the guiding principles of the process to formulate and implement NAPs through relevant modalities;
- (iii) Update the PEG M&E tool for use by countries to also assess the outcomes and impact of adaptation efforts in the context of NAPs, building on the best available science and tools;
- (iv) Continue to apply the PEG M&E tool in assessing progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs through the annual progress report on NAPs;
- (v) Support the LDCs in applying other monitoring and evaluation systems as necessary;
- (vi) Support the LDCs in documenting their results, as well as their experience and lessons learned, in formulating and implementing NAPs;

**(d) Continue to advance technical guidance on NAPs, including by elaborating newer risk-based approaches to adaptation, through the work of all supporting partners under the NAP technical working group:**

- (i) Finalize the technical paper on regional approaches to adaptation planning;

- (ii) Compile information on how the supplements to the NAP technical guidelines are being used to promote good practices;
  - (iii) Finalize the integrative supplement to the NAP technical guidelines, with appropriate mapping to available supplements and including emerging risk-based approaches to adaptation planning such as of Canada and New Zealand, in order to improve the quality of adaptation assessment results to be included in NAPs;
  - (iv) Pilot the integrative supplement as part of the Open NAP case studies;
  - (v) Engage relevant organizations to enhance provision of technical support in areas critical to advancing the formulation and implementation of NAPs, such as climate data and scenarios, guidelines, risk and vulnerability assessment, development and review of draft NAPs, tracking progress on NAPs and cross-cutting areas such as training, education, research and youth;
  - (vi) Explore ways of creating synergies between climate change adaptation and efforts to recover following the COVID-19 pandemic and apply them, and learning from experience of risk assessment and management;
- (e) Continue to track and monitor progress in formulating and implementing NAPs, including countries' experience and challenges in the process, with the support of the NAP technical working group:**
- (i) Continue to capture progress and challenges in undertaking the process to formulate and implement NAPs and present results via the NAP tracking tool on NAP Central;
  - (ii) Compile information resulting from NAPs and their implementation, as well as from other related outputs, to support analysis of progress, outcomes and learning and for other purposes such as the review of the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support;
  - (iii) Improve the process for gathering information from different organizations on their provision of support to the LDCs with a view to enhancing the tracking of progress in formulating and implementing NAPs;
  - (iv) Continue to communicate information on NAPs through the series of publications on best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation in the LDCs;
- (f) Continue to engage and collaborate with the GCF and the GEF:**
- (i) Continue to include information in the regular LEG reports on support provided to the LDCs through the GCF and GEF;
  - (ii) Support the LDCs in maximizing use of available technical assistance from the GCF, the GEF and other organizations in formulating and implementing their NAPs;
  - (iii) Continue to share LDCs' experience of accessing funding from the GCF and GEF and explore proactive solutions to major challenges with them;
- (g) Continue to support the LDCs in aligning their activities under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and continue to respond to their requests for support, including in relation to programmes that the LDC Group may be developing:**
- (i) Continue to engage the LDCs in one-to-one dialogues to help them maintain progress, and address any questions and challenges they may have;
  - (ii) Continue to provide regular updates to the LDCs on activities related to supporting their formulation and implementation of NAPs;
  - (iii) Create and maintain a roster of national and regional experts from the LDCs who can support the formulation of NAPs and their iterative review, building on any existing regional efforts;
  - (iv) Continue to design training materials in relation to implementing the Paris Agreement, in collaboration with other constituted bodies and organizations;

(v) Launch the virtual training for the LDCs on implementing the Paris Agreement;

**(h) Respond to relevant mandates from the SBI, the COP and the CMA related to supporting implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement:**

(i) Continue to provide channels for Parties to provide information on progress on NAPs<sup>1</sup> and summarize the results in country profiles on NAP Central;

(ii) Continue to consider how to assist the LDCs in implementing NAPs and include information thereon in the regular LEG reports;

(iii) Continue to consider gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs and ways to address them;<sup>2</sup>

(iv) Continue to guide the secretariat in preparing a synthesis report on specific adaptation themes for consideration at CMA 3, focusing on lessons learned and good practices in developing country Parties, in collaboration with the AC;<sup>3</sup>

(v) Continue to support the development of methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support;<sup>4</sup>

(vi) Develop and regularly update an inventory of methodologies for the LDCs for assessing adaptation needs, including needs related to action, finance, capacity-building and technological support in the context of national adaptation planning and implementation,<sup>5</sup> with support from the NAP technical working group, as a contribution to a broader inventory of methodologies being developed by the AC and the LEG;

(vii) Prepare a synthesis report for the technical assessment phase of the global stocktake;<sup>6</sup>

(viii) Provide inputs to the second periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it with respect to NAPs and specific areas related to the LDCs;

(ix) Continue to report on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into the work of the LEG;

**(i) Continue to collaborate with other constituted bodies and organizations in fulfilling joint mandates and undertaking activities of common interest:**

(i) Collaborate with other constituted bodies and under programmes (especially the AC, the Consultative Group of Experts, the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, the NWP, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building, the SCF and the WIM Executive Committee) on activities related to NAPs, the least developed countries work programme, gender and responses to specific mandates from the SBI, the COP and the CMA;

(ii) Continue to engage and mobilize organizations in respect of support programmes for NAPs and support for the LDCs through the NAP technical working group;

(iii) Collaborate with UNDRR on exploring areas of coherence between adaptation and disaster risk reduction under the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030;

(iv) Continue to engage and mobilize regional centres and networks in nominating LEG focal points;

<sup>1</sup> As per decision 8/CP.24, para. 23.

<sup>2</sup> As per decision 8/CP.24, para. 17.

<sup>3</sup> As per decision 11/CMA.1, para. 13.

<sup>4</sup> As per decision 11/CMA.1, para. 35.

<sup>5</sup> As per decision 11/CMA.1, para. 15.

<sup>6</sup> As per decision 19/CMA.1, para. 24.

- (v) Continue to mobilize organizations and regional centres and networks to enhance their provision of financial and technical support to the LDCs;
- (j) **Conduct global and regional outreach events on NAPs:**
  - (i) Organize a global NAP Expo annually and collaborate with organizations on organizing regional NAP Expos, to the extent possible depending on restrictions due to COVID-19;
  - (ii) Explore how to facilitate targeted events among the LDCs to enable peer learning and partnerships in the formulation and implementation of NAPs;
  - (iii) Continue to develop NAP Central as a repository for NAPs and other NAP-related information and knowledge;
  - (iv) Compile and share frequently asked questions derived from interaction with the LDCs;
  - (v) Showcase case studies of methodologies and tools used to achieve particular adaptation outputs and outcomes.