

Annex III

Least Developed Countries Expert Group work programme for 2022–2023

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<i>Work area</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Expected outputs</i>
1. Enhancing provision of direct support to the LDCs to enable them to submit their first NAP as soon as possible	<p>Continue to support the LDCs in formulating their first NAP in 2022–2023 through the Open NAP initiative and direct interaction with country teams and relevant organizations</p> <p>Make data, information, tools and models available through the NAP data initiative to support the LDCs in addressing data gaps in their risk and vulnerability assessment, and monitoring and evaluation, in the context of NAPs, with links to related, in particular WMO, products</p> <p>Continue to advise the LDCs, including through the review of draft NAPs, on ensuring that the information contained in NAPs is relevant to their purpose, such as the information needed for submitting project and programme proposals to the GCF and related funding sources, demonstrates how the guiding principles of adaptation are being addressed and contributes to meeting adaptation reporting requirements under the Convention and the Paris Agreement</p>	<p>NAPs completed and submitted on NAP Central</p> <p>Data, information, tools and models available on NAP Central</p> <p>Feedback on draft NAPs provided on demand</p>
2. Effectively supporting the LDCs in initiating and submitting project proposals to the GCF and other sources of funding for implementing adaptation priorities associated with NAPs	<p>Support the LDCs in implementing NAPs, including as part of GCF country programmes</p> <p>Continue to conduct NAP writing workshops for the LDCs in 2022–2023 (at least four regional workshops, with follow-up activities) to facilitate development of project concepts and proposals for accessing funding from the AF, the GCF, the LDCF and other sources for implementing NAPs, in collaboration with accredited entities and delivery partners</p> <p>Compile and synthesize information from NAPs, particularly adaptation priorities and project ideas by country, and share it via NAP Central and other channels to facilitate information-sharing with potential providers of support</p>	<p>Projects developed for implementing NAPs under the GCF and other sources</p> <p>Two workshops per year (for Africa plus Haiti, and Asia and the Pacific)</p> <p>Information shared on NAP Central</p>
3. Successfully supporting the LDCs in establishing an effective and iterative process to formulate and implement NAPs, taking duly into consideration the two objectives of the process to formulate and implement NAPs, the guiding principles in decision 5/CP.17 and the global goal on adaptation	<p>Engage organizations in supporting the LDCs in setting up effective national processes to support the iterative and ongoing formulation, implementation, review and update of NAPs, including through the Open NAP initiative and meetings of the NAP technical working group</p> <p>Produce outreach materials on good practices for addressing the objectives of reducing vulnerability to climate change and integrating NAPs into national development plans</p> <p>Support the LDCs in following the guiding principles of the process to formulate and implement NAPs through modalities such as regional workshops, outreach events and guidance materials, as necessary</p>	<p>Well-established and functioning national processes in place in the LDCs</p> <p>Outreach materials available on NAP Central</p> <p>Relevant information included in annual progress report on NAPs</p>

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	Provide technical advice to the LDCs, such as through the review of draft NAPs, on how to effectively align their NAPs with the global goal on adaptation	Technical advice provided to the LDCs
	Update the PEG M&E tool for use by countries to assess outcomes and impacts of adaptation efforts in the context of NAPs and to promote good practices embodied in the metrics used in the tool, based on the best available science and tools	Updated PEG M&E tool
4. Continue to advance technical guidance on NAPs, including by elaborating on risk-based approaches to adaptation, through the work of all supporting partners under the NAP technical working group	Compile information from organizations and the LDCs on how the supplements to the NAP technical guidelines are being used to promote good practices and facilitate development of additional supplements	Relevant information included in LEG reports and on NAP Central
	Engage regional centres and networks to facilitate application of regional approaches to adaptation planning in the LDCs	Regional adaptation projects developed
	Engage organizations in order to enhance provision of technical support in areas critical to advancing the formulation and implementation of NAPs as identified in the work on capacity gaps and needs being undertaken in collaboration with the AC, including by establishing thematic subgroups, as appropriate	Technical support provided to the LDCs; relevant information included in LEG reports and annual progress report on NAPs
	Creating a small number of subgroups of the NAP technical working group on themes from among, inter alia, data and climate change scenarios; consideration of vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems; gender (with other constituted bodies); project proposal development; NAP implementation; NAP technical guidelines (supplement on risk-based approaches); tracking progress on NAPs, and monitoring and evaluation; engaging the private sector; and the role of youth	Additional technical support provided through subgroups; relevant information included in LEG reports and annual progress report on NAPs
	Explore ways of creating synergies between climate change adaptation and efforts to recover following the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and apply them, and learn from experience of risk assessment and management	Relevant information included in annual progress report on NAPs
5. Continuing 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	Continue to capture progress and challenges in undertaking the process to formulate and implement NAPs and present results using the NAP tracking tool on NAP Central	Information on progress available on NAP Central
	Improve the process for gathering information from organizations on their provision of support to the LDCs with a view to enhancing the tracking of progress in formulating and implementing NAPs	Relevant information included in annual progress report on NAPs and on NAP Central
	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	Relevant information included in annual progress report on NAPs
	Continue to communicate information on NAPs through the series of publications on best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation in the LDCs	Publications on best practices and lessons learned

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6. Continuing to engage and collaborate with the GCF and the GEF (LDCF)	Support the LDCs and organizations in documenting challenges faced in accessing funding for adaptation from the GCF , for consideration by the SBI, the COP and the CMA	Relevant information included in LEG reports
	Continue to collaborate with the GCF and the GEF (LDCF) on activities aimed at addressing LDCs' difficulties in accessing funding for adaptation , including project proposal writing workshops and outreach events organized by the LEG	Activities and events on accessing funding
	Continue to include information in the regular LEG reports on support provided to the LDCs through the GCF and the GEF (LDCF) and their experience of accessing such funding , and jointly explore proactive solutions to the major challenges	Relevant information included in LEG reports
	Support the LDCs in maximizing use of available technical assistance from the GCF , the GEF and organizations for formulating and implementing NAPs	Use of technical assistance maximized by the LDCs
7. Continuing to support the LDCs in effectively and efficiently implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and other relevant instruments under the United Nations	Support the NAP teams in the LDCs in working collaboratively with GCF national designated authorities to maximize use of GCF readiness windows, identify and accredit national direct access entities, and ensure integration of NAP priorities into GCF country programmes	Information on efforts of the LDCs to access funding from the GCF included in LEG reports
	Create and maintain a roster of national and regional experts from the LDCs who can support the formulation and implementation of NAPs, and encourage its use by organizations supporting the LDCs with NAPs as a way of promoting use of LDC expertise	Roster of national and regional experts from the LDCs created and maintained
	Continue to design and use training materials on implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement, based on the PA-ALIGN tool , in collaboration with other constituted bodies and relevant organizations	PA-ALIGN tool applied
	Continue to engage the LDCs in one-to-one dialogues to help them maintain progress in formulating and implementing NAPs and address any questions or issues	One-to-one dialogues with the LDCs
	Hold regular dialogues with the LDC Group to update it on support for the formulation and implementation of NAPs and discuss how to effectively align activities with the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2022–2031 and programmes that the LDC Group may be developing	Dialogues with the LDC Group; relevant information included in LEG reports
8. Responding to mandates from the SBI, the COP and the CMA related to supporting implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement	Support the LDCs in understanding how to access financing, capacity-building and technology transfer for adaptation in accordance with the mandate of the LEG through outreach, including a mapping of available financial support for adaptation	Mapping of available financial support for adaptation
	Develop draft rules of procedure of the LEG for consideration and adoption at COP 27 and CMA 4 (November 2022)	Draft rules of procedure of the LEG
	Continue to provide channels for Parties to provide information on progress on NAPs and summarize the results in country profiles on NAP Central	Relevant information included on NAP Central

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9. Continuing to collaborate with other constituted bodies and organizations in fulfilling joint mandates and undertaking activities of common interest	Continue to consider how to assist the LDCs in implementing NAPs and include information thereon in the regular LEG reports, such as by developing technical guidelines for NAP implementation	Relevant information included in LEG reports; technical guidelines developed
	Continue to expand on the work on gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs, in collaboration with the AC , and on how the LEG can address them within its mandate	Updated compilation of gaps and needs; information on addressing the gaps and needs; direct support for the LDCs
	Continue to guide the secretariat in preparing a synthesis report on specific adaptation themes for consideration at CMA 5 in the context of recognizing the adaptation efforts of developing countries, focusing on lessons learned and good practices	Synthesis report prepared in 2022
	Prepare a synthesis report for the technical assessment component of the global stocktake	Synthesis report prepared before June 2022
	Continue to support the development of methodologies for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support , including through a joint working group with the AC and the SCF	Relevant information included in LEG reports
	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, 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	Inventory of methodologies available on the adaptation knowledge portal
	Assist the LDCs in addressing the adaptation-related provisions of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including the submission and updating of adaptation communications in accordance with decision 9/CMA.1, including as part of the training on implementing the Paris Agreement and through technical advice on appropriate communication channels depending on country-specific context and needs	Technical assistance provided to the LDCs on adaptation communications
	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	Inputs provided
	Continue to report on progress towards integrating a gender perspective into the work of the LEG and ensure consideration of the UNFCCC gender action plan in developing the activities of the LEG	Relevant information included in LEG reports
	Collaborate with other constituted bodies and programmes (especially the AC, the CGE, the FWG, the NWP, the PCCB, the SCF and the WIM Executive Committee) on activities related to NAPs, the LDC work programme, gender and responding to mandates from the SBI, the COP and the CMA	Relevant information included in LEG reports

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10. Conducting global and regional outreach events on NAPs	Collaborate with the SCF on matters related to the LDCs accessing the Financial Mechanism for funding the process to formulate and implement NAPs	Relevant information included in LEG reports
	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	Relevant information included in LEG reports
	Continue to engage and mobilize regional centres and networks in nominating LEG focal points	Focal points of regional centres and networks nominated
	Continue to mobilize organizations, and regional centres and networks to enhance their provision of financial and technical assistance and support for the LDCs, and facilitate peer learning and promotion of good practice approaches to activities such as development and application of monitoring and evaluation systems	Financial and technical assistance and support provided to the LDCs
	Organize a global NAP Expo annually and collaborate with organizations on organizing regional NAP Expos	Global NAP Expo in 2022; regional NAP Expos
	Develop a communications strategy for promoting the work of the LEG during the year-long series of events marking the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the LEG	LEG communications strategy developed
	Explore how to facilitate events targeting the LDCs to enable peer learning and partnerships in the formulation and implementation of NAPs	Events held
	Continue to develop NAP Central as a repository for NAPs and NAP-related information and knowledge, including frequently asked questions derived from interaction with the LDCs	Frequently asked questions included on NAP Central
	Showcase case studies of approaches, methodologies and tools used to achieve particular adaptation outputs and outcomes, based on analysis of AF, GCF and LDCF project documents and other sources of information	Relevant information included in LEG reports
	Hold side events at each session of the SBI, an event on NAP implementation at SBI 56 and a celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the LEG at COP 27	Events held
	Explore how to leverage the regional climate weeks to promote the work of the LEG on NAPs and support for the LDCs	Events held at regional climate weeks