

**Oral report by Ms. Hana Hamadalla Mohamed,**

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*Thank you, Mister Chair* for giving me the floor to report on the work of the LEG to the SBI. I will provide highlights on the group's activities since SBI 50 in June.

Data from the reports we prepared for this session reveals that the least developed countries (LDCs) are not making as much progress in the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans (NAPs), owing to several challenges. The focus of our activities has therefore been to try and address those challenges so that the countries can move forward.

**Firstly**, we have been raising awareness with the Green Climate Fund secretariat and the GCF delivery partners to help ensure that each LDC is able to or is being assisted to access its allocated NAP readiness funding from the GCF. So far, 17 out of the 47 LDCs are yet to get their GCF NAP readiness proposals submitted or approved. Some of these have not been able to secure or get a delivery partner to assist them to prepare such proposals.

**Secondly**, we are implementing an Open NAP initiative for 18 of the LDCs that are in the early stages of their work on NAPs. We held a workshop in September, in Nairobi, and will hold further consultations with the countries at these session. The work will continue through next year, with the goal of helping each one of these countries produce its NAP as soon as possible.

**Thirdly**, we also continued to expand the pool of supplementary technical material to help countries produce good quality NAPs and enable effective implementation afterwards. These include the Integrative Framework for NAPs and Sustainable Development Goals, and a toolkit for gender sensitive approaches in NAPs. The gender toolkit is being developed in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee (AC) and the NAP Global Network.

Various organizations also continue to develop supplements, and at our last meeting we identified topics for any further additional supplements.

**Mister Chair,**

Following a mandate from COP 24 we have produced a compilation of gaps and needs related to NAPs, and ongoing activities of the LEG, the AC and relevant organizations related to addressing those gaps and needs for consideration by the SBI. We will continue this work next year, to go deeper into which gaps and needs require urgent attention.

We also initiated consideration of the mandates from CMA 1 related: (i) to synthesis reports on adaptation themes in the context of the recognition of adaptation of developing countries; and (ii) further work in developing methodologies on reviewing adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation and support.

**Mister Chair,**

I am also glad to report that we initiated preparations for next year's NAP Expo, which will take place from 30 March to 3 April 2020, in Gaborone, Republic of Botswana. We are doing this together with all interested organizations through the NAP technical working group.

We have also kickstarted preparations for the stocktaking meeting of the work of the LEG, as part of the review of the mandate of the LEG by SBI 52. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the LEG 37 meeting in Madagascar, in February next year.

**Mister Chair,**

More details on all these, and more, are contained in the report on our 36<sup>th</sup> meeting, and the progress report on NAPs. These are document FCCC/SBI/2019/16 and FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.15, respectively.

In ending my report, I would like to thank all the Parties that continue to provide funding for the work of the LEG. I will also like to acknowledge the support we receive from various organizations, regional centres and networks.

Thank you all for your attention.