

# The work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)

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## The Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)

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### **Established at COP 7 (2001), to support the LDCs on:**

- The LDC work programme;
- National adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs);
- National adaptation plan (NAP) process.

### **Supports LDCs through**

- Developing and disseminating guidelines, technical papers, publications to the LDCs and relevant stakeholders;
- Conducting training workshops, side events, NAP Expo, etc.;
- Carrying out regular follow-up and tracking of progress of LDCs on the LDC work programme, NAPAs and NAPs;
- Collaboration with the GEF and agencies, relevant organizations, agencies, regional centres and networks, and other experts.

*\* See <<http://unfccc.int/6097>> for details on the mandate of the LEG*



## Overview of the LEG work programme for 2013-2014

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Objective	Sample activities
1. Technical guidance and support to the NAP process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical guidelines</li><li>• Support needs for LDCs for NAPs</li><li>• Organizing the NAP Expo</li><li>• NAP Central (information system)</li></ul>
2. Technical support for NAPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional training workshops for 2012-2013</li><li>• Self-paced training materials, online courses</li><li>• Collaboration with GEF and its agencies</li></ul>
3. Knowledge management and outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhancement of the LDC Portal</li><li>• Best practices and lessons learned</li><li>• D-base on adaptation measures &amp; strategies</li></ul>

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4. Gender and vulnerable communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guide for strengthening considerations of gender and vulnerable communities</li><li>• Monitoring of LDCs' efforts/progress</li></ul>
5. Monitoring and evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compilation of information</li><li>• Analysis of effectiveness of NAPAs, LDC work programme and NAPs</li><li>• Tool for monitoring and evaluation</li></ul>
6. LDC work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compile information on gaps and progress</li><li>• Collaboration with the GEF and its agencies and other organizations</li></ul>
7. Coherence and synergy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collaboration with AC and TEC</li><li>• Technical papers on regional synergy and synergy among MEAs</li></ul>

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### Technical guidelines for the NAPs

- The **technical guidelines** and accompanying resources (the overview publication, Poster and CD-ROM) are now available for use by LDCs in formulating their NAPs
- They are obtainable in hard copy and from the UNFCCC LDC Portal and NAP Central, in English, French and Portuguese

### Supplementary materials

- Different organizations have started to prepare supplementary materials to the guidelines, and the LEG is assisting with feedback as necessary
- The supplements cover detailed issues by sectors or cross cutting themes (such as water, health, agriculture and food security, biodiversity, etc)

**Supplements to the technical guidelines are being prepared by interested organizations on the following topics:**

1. Water (Global Water Partnership)

<http://tinyurl.com/pynkvxw>

2. Health (WHO)

<http://www.who.int/globalchange/publications/en/>

3. Agriculture (FAO and partners)

<http://www.fao.org/climatechange/en/>



### Support needs for the LDCs for the NAP process

- The LEG identified the support needs for the LDCs for the NAPs
- These are contained in the LEG 22 and LEG 23 reports (*available at <<http://unfccc.int/6099>>*)
- The LEG has started to address some of the needs that are within its mandate

### NAP Expo

- Organized on 9 June 2013 as mandated by SBI 37
- It provided a good opportunity for the LDCs to share experiences and needs with the LEG, LDCs and other Parties, and with the organizations and agencies
- LEG is planning to organize a similar outreach event in 2014 that would aim at contributing to enhanced understanding of the NAP process and how LDCs can work with different stakeholders on their NAPs



## Technical support on NAPs

### 10 essential functions of the NAP process

National leadership and coordination of adaptation efforts at all levels

Collection, compilation, processing and dissemination of data, information and knowledge

Identifying and addressing capacity gaps and needs

Assessing climate development linkages and needs, and supporting integration of adaptation into development

Analysing climate data, assessing vulnerabilities, identifying adaptation options

Support decision-making on adaptation investment plans and development planning

Promoting and facilitating the prioritization of adaptation in national planning

Facilitating the implementation of adaptation at all levels

Facilitating the monitoring, review and updating of adaptation plans over time

Coordinating reporting and outreach on the NAP process



See LEG 24 report for complete descriptions (FCCC/SBI/2013/15, para 43)



## Technical support on NAPs

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### Training

- The LEG introduced NAPs during the regional training workshops for 2012-2013
- The LEG is planning for a new round of workshops on NAPs to start in 2014
- The LEG is also planning on developing training materials that could be packaged as e-learning materials for self-paced training and for training of trainers

### Collaboration with relevant organizations

- LEG is developing an information paper on how NAP processes can be supported in the LDCs
- Primary audience would be the GEF and its agencies, bilateral agencies, international organizations and regional centres and networks
- It would help to communicate the support needs for the LDCs and on how they could be met



## The NAP Central

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- As part of the technical support for the NAPs, the LEG is developing the NAP Central:
  - a) A universally accessible, web-based central repository and hub for information pertinent to the NAP process
  - b) The main target audience is the NAP teams
- The LEG is establishing a support group to continue working on the design and implementation of NAP Central over the next two years
- The system can be accessed via the link

<http://unfccc.int/nap>

