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Where are we?

1. The LDC work programme, adopted in 2001

- National adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs) preparation almost complete for all countries, most in implementation stages
- 5 other elements of the LDC work programme are yet to be realized

2. The LDC Expert Group

- Currently mandated till 2015
- To support implementation of the full LDC work programme

3. The LDC Fund

- As of 31 March 2011, the total amount pledged to date is USD 324 million.
- USD 152 million allocated to projects and project preparation activities.

4. **CDM**

- There are a mere 28 CDM projects in 16 LDCs out of a total of 3,162 projects globally
- Huge lack of access and capacity

Where do we want to go?

- 1. Reduced vulnerability to climate change in LDCs, and some of the ways are through:
 - **Full implementation of NAPAs** as soon as possible
 - ✓ Transition to *medium and longterm adaptation planning* and implementation, learning from NAPAs
- 2. Strengthened capacity at the national levels, to plan for and respond to climate change impacts
 - And this could also be achieved through *full implementation of the LDC work programme*
- 3. Increased access to CDM projects and markets
- 4. Strengthened capacity to pursue low carbon development

How do we get there?

- 1. We need scaled up *technical guidance* and advise
 - For the implementation of NAPAs
 - Development and implementation of medium and longterm adaptation
 - Implementation of the LDC work programme
- 2. Scaled up, and accessible *finance*
 - The LDC Fund needs to massively grow to cover full implementation of NAPAs and the LDC work programme
 - Financing to support the preparation and implementation of medium and long-term adaptation plans and activities
- 3. LDCs shall undertake to take advantage of all support mechanisms availed to them, in order to address climate change impacts at their national levels.

How can the LEG help us get there?

- 1. Provide technical guidance and advise to LDCs through guidelines, training and training workshops, information, etc...
- 2. Continue to engage with the GEF and its agencies to address the continuing, new and emerging challenges in accessing funds from the LDCF
- 3. Work with relevant partners to safeguard the support given to LDCs to ensure it addresses climate change problems
- 4. Assist LDCs in communicating their needs to the wider international communities
- 5. Assist LDCs in establishing and maintaining a platform and mechnism for sharing best practices and lessons learned in implementing NAPAs, the LDC work programme, and the medium and long term adaptation

How can the international community help us get there?

- 1. Support LDCs by listening to, and understanding their needs with regard to climate change
- 2. In implementing programmes and projects, take into account the special situations and specific needs of LDCs, and prioritise LDCs as primary beneficiaries of such programmes and projects
- 3. Provide further financial resources: Without external funding, LDCs will not be able to fight environmental challenges in addition to their existing economic and social burdens.
- 4. Facilitate human and institutional capacities, and access to technology

Thank you for your attention ...