

LEG/LDC experiences with the NAPAs

The LEG and LDC Parties will share experiences including best practices and lessons learned on the NAPA process to facilitate discussions on national adaptation plans.

The LEG will also present its draft work programme for 2011–2012.

Rationale and Focus for NAPAs

In order to address the urgent adaptation needs of LDCs, a new approach was needed that would focus on enhancing adaptive capacity to climate variability, which itself would help address the adverse effects of climate change.

NAPAs provide a process for LDCs to identify priority activities that respond to their urgent and immediate needs with regard to adaptation to climate change.

The NAPAs focus on urgent and immediate needs - those for which further delay could increase vulnerability or lead to increased costs at a later stage.

The NAPA takes into account existing coping strategies at the grassroots level, and builds upon that to identify priority activities.

NAPAs are designed to use existing information; and no new research is needed.

They must be action-oriented and country-driven and be flexible and based on national circumstances.

So as to effectively address urgent and immediate adaptation needs, NAPA documents should be presented in a simple format, easily understood both by policy-level decision-makers and by the public.

Opening:

Mr. Youssef Nassef, UNFCCC Secretariat

Speakers:

1. **Ms. Pepetua Laatasi**, Vice Chair of the LEG (*Chair of the side event*)
2. **Ms. Beth Lavender**, Member of the LEG
3. **Mr. Pa Ousman Jarju**, Chair of the LDC Group
4. **Mr. Abias Huongo**, Member of the LEG
5. **Mr. Paul Abiziou Tchinguilou**, Member of the LEG
6. **Mr. Fred Onduri Machulu**, Uganda

Key topics:

- a) Best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation in LDCs through the NAPA Process
- b) Work programme of the LEG for 2011-2012
- c) Country experiences in implementing NAPAs
- d) Update on preparation and implementation of NAPAs

