

## **LDC Chair Opening Remarks**

**Work of the LEG in supporting the least developed countries on adaptation**

**Tuesday, 6 June 2023,**

**Room Kaminzimmer, WCCB, from 10:15 to 11:30 CEST**

Dear LEG Chair,  
Colleagues and Friends

It is great to be here today, and I would like to thank the LEG Chair for taking the initiative to hold this event. LDCs are a strong advocate of continued momentum and we believe this event would contribute to this effect.

The need for adaptation is already a reality now, and with the projected trajectory of emissions that may miss the goal of keeping temperature rise to below 1.5 degrees and even a 2-degree world, we will need much more action and support on adaptation. Hence, the LDCs view the NAPs as a cornerstone for adaptation in our countries.

Our Group's vision is that every LDC country should have a fully established NAP process with a strong mechanism on capacity building to strengthen the institutions. Realizing this vision will require that all LDCs get immediate support, both financially and technically to facilitate their national processes for NAPs.

In order to achieve the success of our common objective within the UNFCCC process, and bring adaptation at the same level as mitigation, our countries need to develop National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) that align with the ambitions established under the process

The LDC Group recognizes that current business-as-usual approaches to climate change have to be rethought, and that we need ambitious global climate responses. Current responses to climate change are often short term, sectoral projects, working in silos. We need whole of society responses, breaking out of silos, that channel support to the local level, reaching those communities that need it most, with ambitious targets and objectives for support and finance to reach local levels.

Regardless of the challenges, many LDCs are stepping up efforts to raise ambition, submit updated NDCs, formulate and implement NAPs, and create an enabling political environment. We understand, much more still needs to be done as the LDCs are at different stages of readiness, with some more advanced than others. What is also clear is that all LDCs need support to build on these existing experiences. Arrangements have to be put in place to

maintain momentum for transitioning from planning and implementing immediate and short-term action to medium and long-term needs.

For us, LEG is essential to provide the needed support to deliver on our obligations and requirements under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and to achieve our vision. That means, for example, expanding the range of technical skills and stronger engagement with the LDC Group. True delivery on NAPs will assist LDCs to effectively build resilient societies and ecosystems, technical support should focus on creating sustainable solutions in the LDCs.

We appreciate the effort the LEG is playing coordinating different multilateral funds to learn the challenges and gaps. Scaled-up climate finance is required to assist LDCs to effectively implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement. we would like to appreciate the proposal writing workshops that have been undertaken thus far by LEG to provide support in developing bankable projects. These have been very well welcomed by our member countries so we would like to request LEG to be enhanced.

We continue to request The LEG to enhance its support on how LDCs can better align their NAPs, NDCs and their national development plans, formulation, implementation and monitoring, evaluation and learning systems and process and access climate finance at scale.

We are committed to doing more than our fair share in the global effort to halt the climate crisis and to adapt to its impacts. We can achieve a climate-resilient future. But only if we work effectively and constructively together in this shared endeavour.

Before concluding, I would also like to reiterate the important role played by LDC Expert Group (LEG) in advancing both the NAPs and the NAPs in LDCs and look forward to continued support of the LEG in further advancing adaptation in LDCs.

Thank you