

Statement by Mr. Tosi Mpanu-Mpanu, Chair of the LDC Group

LEG Side Event: *The Work of the LEG in supporting the LDCs on Adaptation*
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Thank you Abias,

1. Ladies and gentlemen, I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group, a group of 48 countries that are poorest, least capable hence extremely vulnerable to climate change impacts.
2. First of all let me reiterate our continued pride in the work of the LEG in supporting us the LDCs to tackle adaptation. The extensive work they have carried out in their previous mandate has elevated us to where we are, as the pioneers of adaptation under the Convention, albeit in our limited capacity.
 - a. Thank you to all the previous LEG members, from both developed and developing countries, who have worked hard to bring us this far. *(I would also like to give special thanks to our colleagues, including Thinley who have been instrumental in our work).*
 - b. We would greatly appreciate our previous LDC LEG members continuing as resource people so we can continue to draw on your experience and expertise and ensure a smooth transition between the past members and current members. *(NB. Thinley went to Timor as a resource person)*
 - c. We also thank the UNFCCC Secretariat for their ongoing support
3. The vision that the Group has put forward as their guide in how to support us from now on puts us in the right path to effectively engage in our work on adaptation. We call upon all of you to join us and the LEG in making this vision a true reality.
4. As I presented at the opening plenary yesterday, it is no doubt that the LDCs will continue to need scaled up financial support to realize the spirit we set in Paris. This issue in itself needs to remain as a priority under our collective agenda as we transition into the implementation of the Paris

outcomes and the Paris Agreement, both under the negotiations as well as under the strategies of all institutions that can offer support to the LDCs.

5. LEG Chair, ladies and gentlemen, allow me to highlight a few specific issues of importance to us as we further engage on adaptation:

- a. Funding for the formulation and implementation of NAPs for us remains a priority. We thank all donors for their ongoing funding contributions to this end. The LDCF remains under resourced to meet our requirements prepare NAPs and to continue implementation of our NAPAs. We continue to call upon developed country Parties to continue to contribute resources into the Fund to help us realize our efforts.
- b. We are encouraged that the Green Climate Fund is continuing to work on how to support us in accessing funding for the NAPs. The decision of the GCF Board at its 12th meeting requesting the GCF secretariat to present a document for consideration by the Board at its 13th meeting on how the Fund may wish to support the Cancun Adaptation Framework and relevant adaptation planning articles of the Paris Agreement is a positive signal.
- c. The LDCs will also benefit from more clarity on how to best formulate the NAP so it directly contributes to the requirements of the GCF for funding, in particular the preparation of the Strategic Framework, and also the development of project pipelines, the transformation ideals of the GCF, etc.
- d. The NAP Expo and NAP workshops have catalysed action in our countries, and we are positive that the upcoming events will move us towards having NAPs that are ready for implementation under the GCF as soon as possible.
- e. We look forward to the NAP Expo to be held in July, on which it will be beneficial for the LDCs to have the GCF sessions that will support the climate change Focal Points to also know more about the GCF in addition to the efforts supporting GCF Focal Points in the countries.

- f. The global goal on adaptation under the Paris Agreement presents an opportunity for LDCs (and all other Parties) towards a collective vision in adapting to climate change, and the LEG should help us understand how to translate and/or link our national goals to this global goal.
- 6. Last but not least, the Group looks forward to immediate initiation of steps to address entry into force of the Paris Agreement. The LEG should therefore consider a workplan to complete respective mandates arising from the Paris Agreement and the decision 1/CP21 as soon as possible, this year.

I thank you for your attention