

# LEG work programme for 2019-2020

## LEG side event

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## Gaps and needs for the LDCs on NAPs as contained in LEG 35 report

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- ❑ The gaps and needs fall under the following areas:
  - ❖ Climate scenarios, science, translation to local context;
  - ❖ Risk and vulnerability assessment and risk management;
  - ❖ Linkage with the development agenda;
  - ❖ Monitoring, evaluation and learning;
  - ❖ Accessing financial and other support;
  - ❖ Adequately applying the guiding principles for NAPs;
  - ❖ Active learning from practice;
  - ❖ Institutional arrangements and coordination;
  - ❖ Access to and use of technology;
- ❑ Complete details are contained in LEG 35 report – FCCC/SBI/2019/5, annex II.

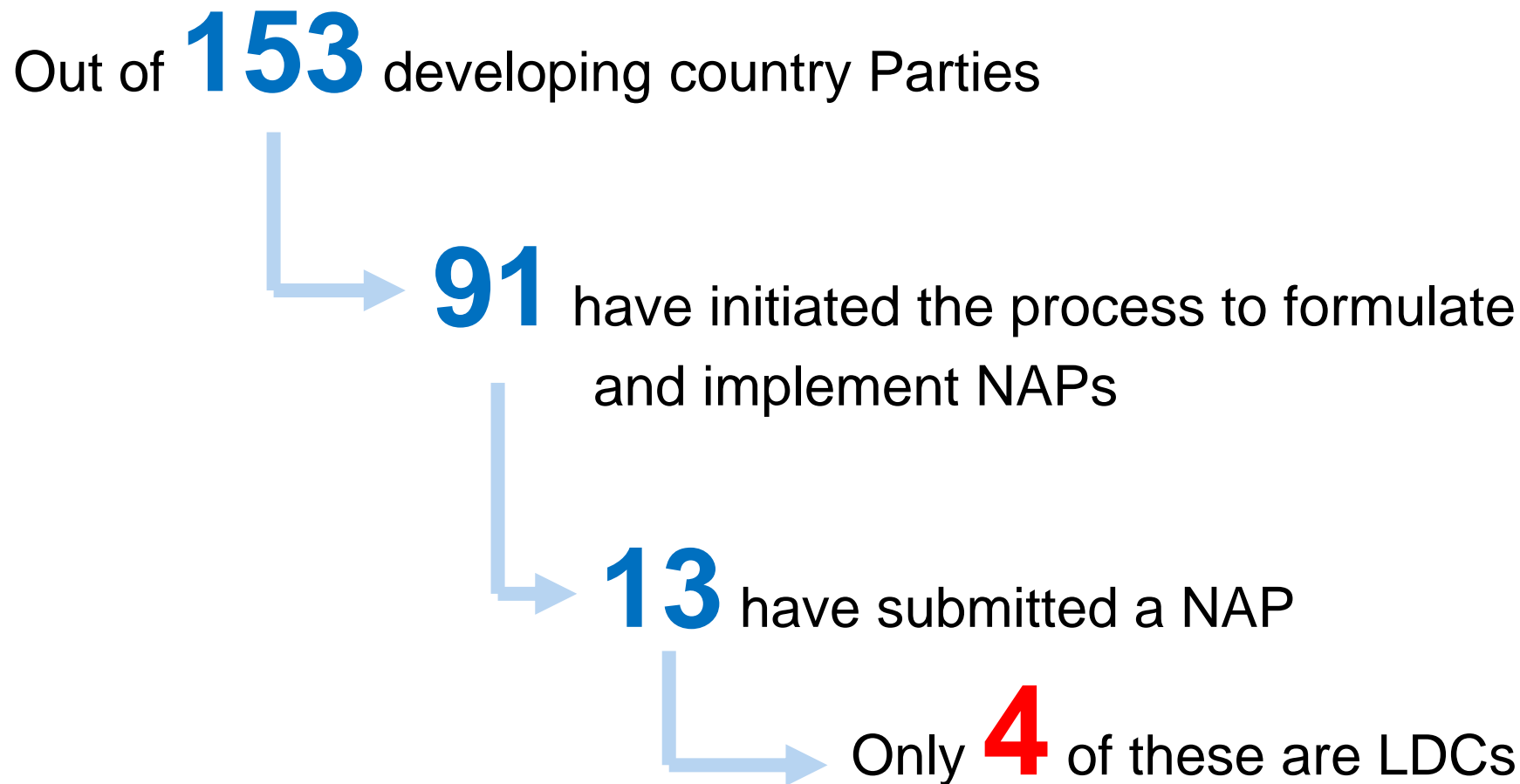


## Challenges faced by the LDCs to swiftly formulate NAPs

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- ❑ LDCs are being left behind despite targeted support to them;
- ❑ Some LDCs are unable to raise support through established channels, or due to other circumstances such as conflict;
- ❑ Dependence on limited and narrow support from one agency is a critical bottleneck for many countries;
- ❑ In some instances where funding has been accessed, the drafting of a NAP is far from completion and not expected by 2020;
- ❑ Lack of understanding of what benefits a NAP would bring to the country in unlocking resources for implementation of adaptation;
- ❑ The NAP submitted are not yet being implemented using the Convention funding channels.





### **The achievement of the following by 2020:**

- ☐ The existence of a well-structured adaptation planning process in the LDCs;
- ☐ Formulation of robust and good-quality NAPs;
- ☐ Implementation of priority adaptation needs identified in the NAPs with funding from the GCF and other sources;
- ☐ Demonstrable results in building adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change in the LDCs.

### Direct country support

Conducting training; developing training materials and methodologies on accessing funding from the GCF for NAPs; preparing policy brief on Open NAPs; Rolling out of Open NAPs to interested countries; technical materials on applying the guiding principles; organizing technical writeshops for country NAP teams

### NAP Technical Working Group

Producing supplements to the NAP technical guidelines (at least 4); developing methodologies for achieving coherence between climate change adaptation and SDGs, Sendai Framework and other relevant frameworks; supporting the LEG in technical guidance and activities;

### Technical guidance and support

Engaging the GCF secretariat, the GEF and the AF in LEG meetings and other activities; share info with bilateral agencies and other organizations on the LDC WP; hosting a pavilion during the COP to promote outreach; LEG side events; preparing technical and policy papers on various aspects of NAPs and adaptation

### CMA/COP/SBI support

Annual progress report on NAPs; Providing channels for Parties to provide information on progress on NAPs; consideration of the needs of LDCs on adaptation arising from the Paris Agreement; recommendations on the implementation of NAPs by SBI 51; take stock of the work of the LEG etc.

### NAP Expos

Conducting NAP Expos annually as the flagship outreach for adaptation; mobilizing relevant organizations and regional centres and networks to host regional NAP Expos

### NAP Central

Enhancing and maintaining NAP Central to add functions that would best support the work of the LEG and on NAPs

### Collaboration with relevant bodies under the Convention

Address mandates from the COP and CMA and collaborate through NAP technical working group; AC task force on NAPs and TEMs for adaptation; Participation and close collaboration with WIM; TEC; NWP; CGE; PCCB and SCF

### Mobilizing others

Engaging and mobilizing: regional centres and networks and relevant organizations to enhance support to LDCs for adaptation; support programmes for NAP and support to the LDCs such as NAP GSP, NAP GN, NAP-Ag through the NAP technical working group



- ❑ At least two training workshops based on the specific needs of the LDCs in order to advance progress on NAPs in line with the vision of the LEG;
- ❑ First workshop to be conducted by August 2019, for countries in the early stages of the process to formulate and implement NAPs;
- ❑ There are 17 LDCs considered to be in the early stages;
- ❑ The workshop to follow a workout with an output at the end that the country can use towards submission of their first NAP by 2020.



- ❑ An open-ended collaboration, led by the LEG, to mobilize the widest inputs from all interested and available actors and stakeholders to support the LDCs and other interested developing countries, in the development of their NAPs;
- ❑ Provide an opportunity to test different approaches and dig deeper in various aspects/sectors;
- ❑ Open NAPs are maintained at <http://napexpo.org/opennap>

### Policy Brief

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## Open NAPs

**This policy brief....**

- ... introduces the Open NAP initiative of the LEG
- ... describes how the Open NAPs are closely connected to other work areas of the LEG
- ... shows how countries can participate in the initiative
- ... and describes how interested organizations and experts can contribute

Developing countries have been undertaking the process to formulate and implement National Adaptation Plans since 2011, scaling up their previous and other ongoing work on adaptation. Two issues led to this initiative on Open NAPs.

Firstly, a number of operational questions arose in the early years by countries embarking on the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans. This motivated the LDC Expert Group (LEG) to try out typical processes by putting the technical guidelines for the formulation and implementation of NAPs into practice with a few real country situations.

Secondly, the LDCs continue to struggle and face severe capacity gaps in formulating their NAPs, given limited technical expertise available to them to cover the broad set of issues necessary in developing quality NAPs. This is evidenced by the small number of LDCs that have completed a NAP, compared to other developing countries.

The LEG has developed the Open NAP as an initiative to work directly with country teams in formulating their NAPs, by mobilizing and engaging a wide-range of organizations and experts ("crowd-sourcing"), in addition to exploring innovative solutions to some common problems faced in formulating adaptation plans. The SBI highlighted the potential to make the Open NAPs even more useful to countries (SBI 49, under the LDC Matters item, December 2018).

**The Open NAP initiative**

The Open NAP initiative is an open-ended collaboration, led by the LEG, designed to mobilize the widest inputs from all interested and available actors and stakeholders to support the LDCs and other interested developing countries, in the development of their NAP. The main motivation is to build on collective experience, expertise and intelligence that exists beyond national borders, with the aim of producing most effective adaptation solutions to common vulnerabilities and risks due to climate change.

This is especially welcomed in the LDCs where technical capacity, data and access to the rich global knowledge-base on adaptation is limited, despite being the most vulnerable and in most need of adaptation interventions sooner rather than later.

The specific objectives of the Open NAP include:

- To mobilize the widest range of inputs from different actors globally in support of NAPs;
- To develop and try out innovative approaches in adaptation for more effective adaptation data collection, assessment, planning, implementation and impact, leading to the identification of best practices and enhancing learning by doing;
- To identify well-tested data and models developed and promote their application in country assessments as appropriate, as well as the replication of successful national-level methodologies and approaches in other countries;
- To promote building up of common databases to support implementation of different frameworks and agreements;
- Promote consistency, comparability and scaling in methodologies, assessments and outputs related to NAPs.

**About the process to formulate and implement National Adaptation Plans**

The process to formulate and implement National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) was created under the UNFCCC in 2010, with accompanying support. The LEG was mandated to provide technical guidance, advice and support on NAPs, along with UN organizations and other relevant actors. Financial support under the UNFCCC is provided through specific provisions under the financial mechanism of the Convention, notably through the GCF (currently mainly for the formulation of NAPs through the readiness window), and through the LDC Fund.

As a national plan, the NAP is developed by government teams under the leadership of the UNFCCC focal point. Implementing agencies are usually those that have traditionally been supporting a country on related environment/climate change issues. The LEG was requested by the COP to develop technical guidelines for the NAP process, and to provide technical guidance and support to the LDCs.

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Flagship events bringing together all actors and players from governments, local communities, private sector, etc., on advancing NAPs <http://napexpo.org/2019>

## Supplements to the technical guidelines as at June 2019 (total 26 in number)

Org. (year)	Topic/theme	Org. (year)	Topic/theme
IFRC (2013)	How to engage with NAPs	UNITAR (2015)	Skills assessment
CBD (2014)	Synergy in addressing biodiversity and adaptation	WHO (2015)	Operation framework for building resilient health systems
GIZ (2014)	Aligning NAPs to development and budget planning	WMO (2015)	Climate services for adaptation
GIZ (2014)	Stocktaking Tool	ITU (2016)	ITCs for adaptation in cities
PROVIA (2014)	Supporting NAP development with PROVIA guidance	NAP Global Network (2016)	Vertical integration in NAPs
SVA (2014)	Civil-Society Guide to the LEG/NAP Technical Guidelines	CCAFS (2017)	10 best bet innovations for adaptation in agriculture
WHO (2014)	Health adaptation planning guide	FAO (2017)	Agric, forestry, fisheries in NAPs
CI (2015)	Integrating ecosystems in adaptation	NAP Global Network (2017)	Financing NAPs – contributing to NDC goals
GIZ (2015)	Developing M&E systems	IIED (2017)	NAP mandates
FAO (2015)	Genetic diversification in adaptation and NAPs	UN HABITAT (2018)	Urban and human settlements in NAPs
IPACC (2015)	Integrating African indigenous knowledge in NAPs	UNCDF (2019)	Financing local adaptation to climate change
NAP-GSP (2015)	Multi-sectoral involvement in NAPs	GWP (2019)	Addressing water in NAPs
SVA (2015)	Joint principles for adaptation	NAP Global Network (2019)	Engaging the private sector in NAPs

**Available at:** <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NAPC/Guidelines/Pages/Supplements.aspx>

## Other key elements of the work programme

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- ❑ Workshop in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2019 to help LDCs to effectively and efficiently navigate and address the many elements of the Paris Agreement;
- ❑ Finalizing technical papers and publications on the **NAP-SDG iFrame**; **Open NAPs**; **vulnerable groups, communities and ecosystems**; regional approaches; and linkages between NAPs and NDCs; *(green ones are completed or in final stage)*
- ❑ Continued development of NAP Central to support the current work of the LEG and on NAPs;
- ❑ Continue to engage the GCF secretariat, the GEF secretariat and the Adaptation Fund secretariat to address issues relating to the access of LDCs to funding for NAPs
- ❑ Recommendations on implementation of NAPs for consideration by SBI 51
- ❑ Responding to mandates from CMA 1 related to the implementation of the Paris Agreement, in coordination with the AC



See complete details in document FCCC/SBI/2019/5, annex I

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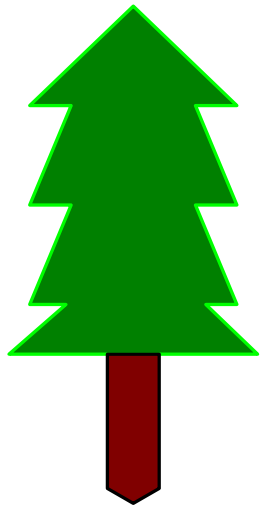
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## About the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)

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### ESTABLISHED IN 2001

- ☐ To support the LDCs on adaptation to climate change
- ☐ Provides technical guidance and support on NAPs



### 13 EXPERTS

- ☐ 10 from least developed countries
- ☐ 3 from developed countries

### SUPPORT MODALITIES



- ☐ Guidelines
- ☐ Training
- ☐ NAP Expos
- ☐ Knowledge management
- ☐ Case studies
- ☐ Collaboration
- ☐ Surveys



\* Full details at <https://unfccc.int/node/309>

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