



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change

Work of the LEG in providing guidance and support for the formulation and implementation of NAPs

Least Developed Countries Expert Group

COP 28 / CMA 5 / SB 59 outcomes and relevant mandates

- ❑ **Decision 1/CMA.5, para. 59:** *Calls on* Parties that have not yet done so to have in place their **national adaptation plans**, policies and planning processes by **2025** and to have progressed in implementing them by **2030**;
- ❑ Decision 2/CMA.5, para. 47: *Requests* the LEG to update the **technical guidelines for the national adaptation plan process**, reflecting the provisions of this decision as well as the best available science, including the IPCC AR6;
- ❑ SBI 59 conclusions (LDCs):
 - The LEG to identify the challenges, gaps and needs faced by the LDCs that had not initiated formulation of their NAPs; provide recommendations to SBI 60;
 - The LEG to convene a meeting with the AF, the GCF, the GEF and other relevant organizations, ..., include recommendations in its reports to the SBI with a view to addressing the challenges, gaps and needs that the LDCs continue to face in accessing funding for implementing NAPs.
 - The LEG, ..., to identify the challenges faced by the LDCs in initiating and/or completing the process of accrediting direct access entities as well as the challenges, gaps and needs faced by the LDCs in having approved projects by their DAEs, and include findings in its report to SBI 60 for consideration;

Vision in supporting the LDCs on NAPs

- ❑ Enhance support to LDCs to implement their NAPs as per the targets in the GGA and GST decisions, using the GCF and other sources of funding
- ❑ Enhance support to all LDCs so they can submit a NAP by 2025 as per the GST decision
- ❑ Ensure no LDCs are left behind by enhancing efforts towards those LDCs that are behind in progressing on their NAPs
- ❑ Promote synergy and complementarity between NAPs and relevant processes such as the GGA, AdComs, NDCs and loss and damage
- ❑ Ensure that all LDCs have access to funding, technology and capacity-building support necessary to implement the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

LEG work programme for 2024-2025 (key priorities in 2024)

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NAP Formulation support:

Enhancing provision of direct support to the LDCs to enable them to submit their first NAP by 2025

2

NAP implementation support (NAP implementation pipeline development initiative)

Effectively supporting the LDCs in initiating and submitting project proposals to the GCF and other sources of funding for implementing adaptation priorities associated with NAPs.

3

Updating NAP technical guidelines

Based on the mandate from COP28, LEG will update the NAP technical guidelines to reflect the provisions of the decision 2/CMA5.

Progress made in the process to formulate and implement NAPs – highlights as at 31 May 2024



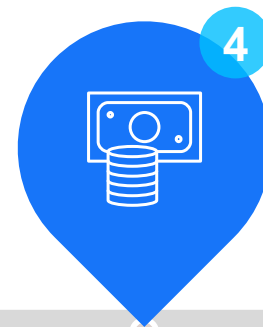
143 developing countries had undertaken at least one activity related to the process to formulate and implement NAPs



Of the 143 countries, **119 had submitted 141 proposals (of which 46 are by the LDCs)** for accessing funding from the GCF NAP readiness funding (up to USD 3 million per country)



56 developing countries (of which **22 are LDCs**) had developed and submitted their NAPs and shared them on NAP Central



Of the **56** countries, **49 had projects approved** for funding to support implementation of priorities identified in their NAPs



Most developing countries had included adaptation components in their submitted NDCs, of which 112 specifically related to NAPs

Status on the formulation of NAPs by LDCs

- ❑ **22 of the 45 LDCs** have produced and submitted a NAP; a first NAP was produced in 2015

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LDCs have
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**16 LDCs are in
the process of
formulating their
NAPs**

**5 LDCs have not
yet initiated
formulating their
NAPs**

**2 LDCs have yet
to provide an
update on
progress**

Status of access to GCF NAP readiness support

- ❑ **31 LDCs** have approved GCF NAP readiness projects;
- ❑ NAPs realized through GCF NAP readiness are currently limited: **12 of the 22 NAPs** were solely produced with resources other than GCF NAP readiness;
- ❑ It take a country **up to 5 years** to have funding approved under the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme and **3-4 years on average to submit a NAP** after receiving support;
- ❑ Many countries do not get to produce their NAPs by the end of the readiness programme.



Progress in the implementation of NAPs

- ❑ A first project to implement a NAP was first approved under the GCF in **2018**;
- ❑ Of the 22 LDCs with NAPs, **20 have prepared and submitted proposals** to access funding from the GCF to implement the policies, projects and programmes identified in their NAPs;
- ❑ **15 LDCs** had completed and published **GCF country programmes**, which contain information on a country's climate change priorities, including a pipeline of projects that the country is seeking to develop with the GCF;
- ❑ As at 21 March 2024, **10 LDCs had a total of 15 accredited direct access entities. Half of these had not yet accessed funding** from the GCF;
- ❑ Most LDCs have yet to initiate efforts or request support to access the resources available to them of up to **USD 20 million per country under the LDCF** in the eighth replenishment cycle of the GEF (2022–2026).

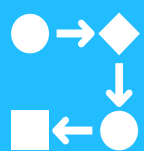
Challenges, gaps and needs in accessing GCF and LDCF funding faced by the LDCs

- ❑ A major challenge for many of the LDCs is **securing accredited entities** to support proposal development;
- ❑ There is a need for **increasing the number of projects in the pipeline of many direct access entities**, including as a result of building capacity to develop and approve projects;
- ❑ There is one project cycle for any adaptation project, regardless of where the priority came from. That is, **there is no advantage whatsoever accorded to projects emanating from the NAP despite 1/CP.21 mandate**, and even after the 3-5 additional years of work;
- ❑ Strong need for developing compelling project **concept notes that can attract diversified funding sources** by engaging ministries of finance, development finance institutions, multilateral development banks and the private sector.

NAP Implementation Pipeline Development Initiative



Identifying project ideas based on NAPs, where available, or other plans and strategies, in alignment with the GCF country programme;



Fleshing out the identified project ideas with the support of the LEG and mobilized partners through NAP country dialogues and writing workshops;



Identifying delivery partner(s), agency(ies) and designated authority(ies)



Presenting project proposals to relevant national authorities, institutions or departments, designated authorities or focal points for endorsement and support.

→ 4 NAP Writing workshops conducted since 2022



- ❑ 40 LDCs have developed 92 project ideas;
- ❑ Project ideas from Central African Republic and Togo were submitted to the GCF;
- ❑ Project ideas from Bhutan and Rwanda were converted into project proposals and approved for funding under LDCF.

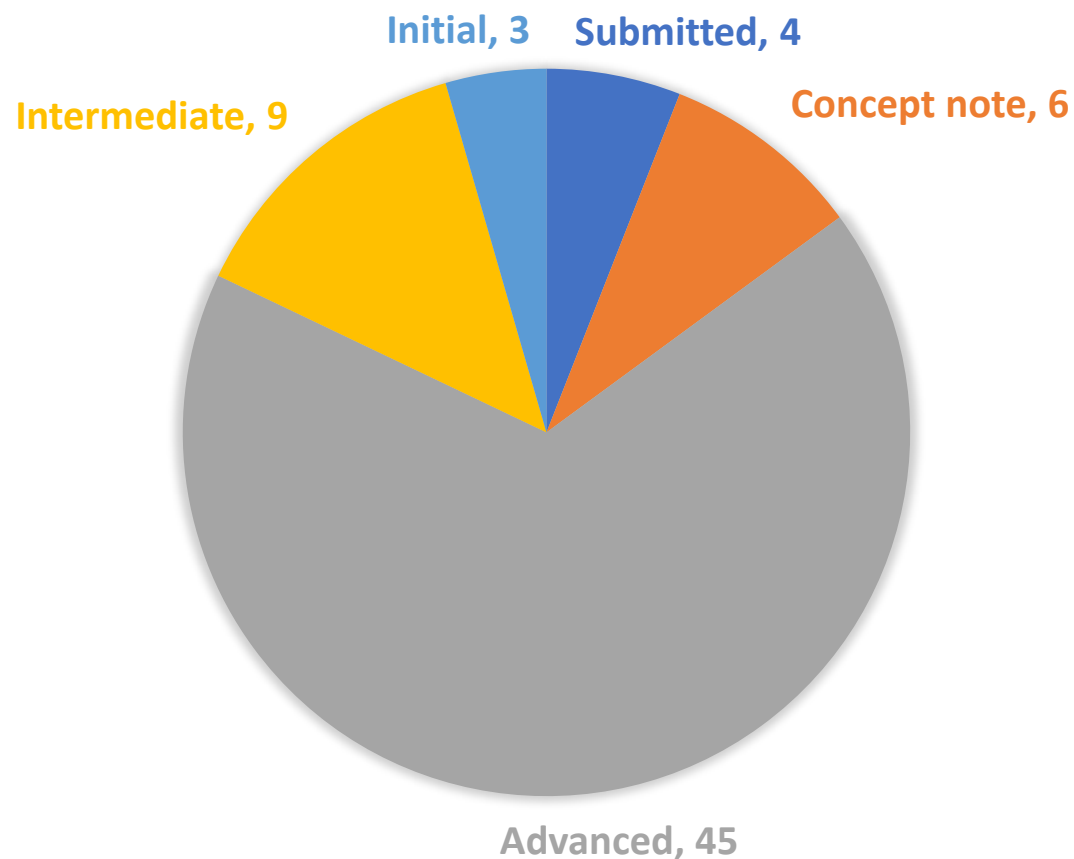
→ Project Catalogue



- ❑ Compilation of project ideas arising from the NAP implementation pipeline development initiative, and the adaptation priorities contained in NAPs, is available at: <https://napcentral.org/projectcatalogues>

NAP implementation pipeline development initiative

STATUS PROJECT IDEAS



Legend:

Submitted: concept note or project proposal submitted for funding.

Concept note: project developed into a GCF concept note template.

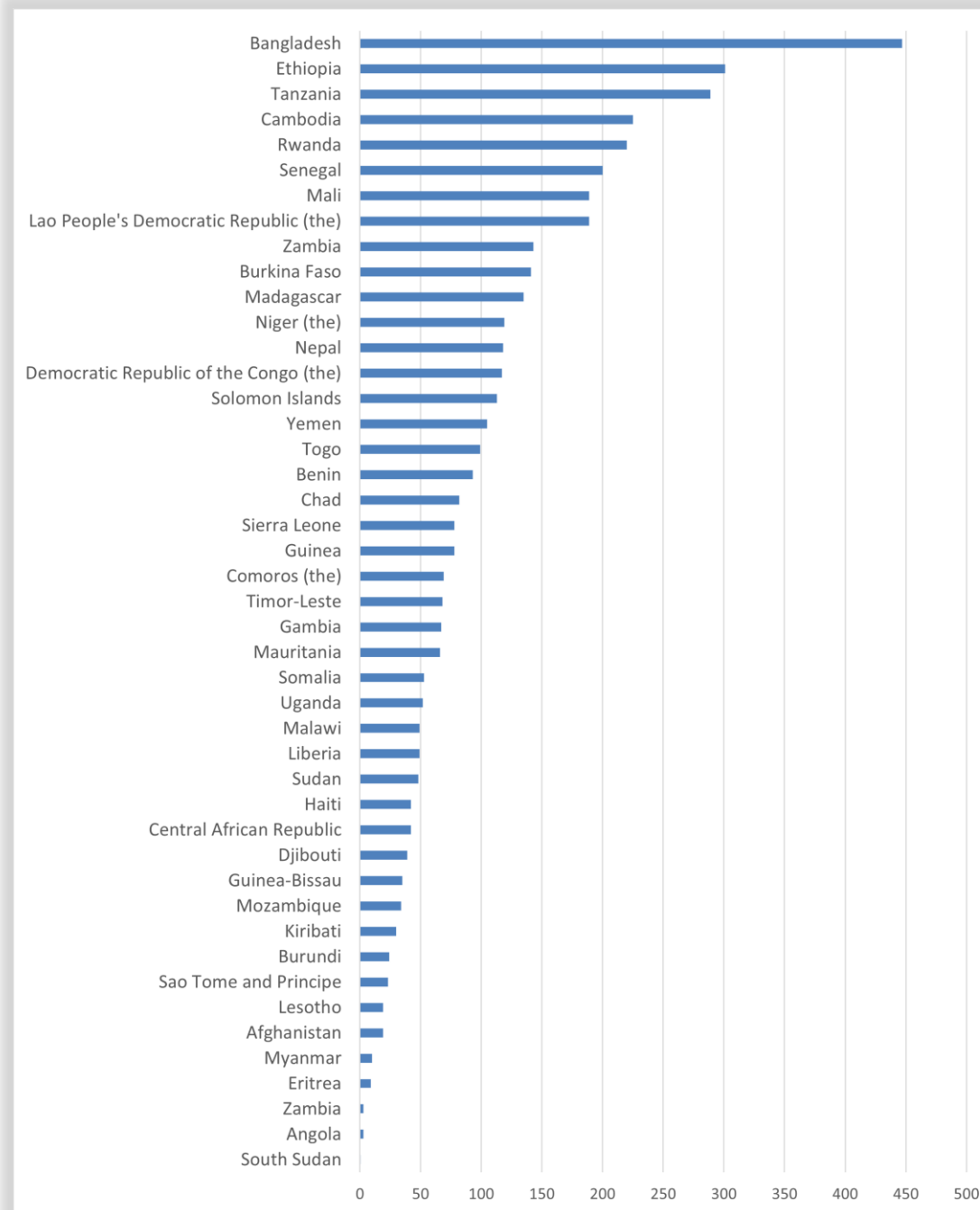
Advanced: Project idea includes complete information according to template items.

Intermediate: Project idea includes information according to template items that need further development.

Initial: Project idea includes initial information, such as items related to project details, but requires considerable development of majority items of the template.

Total funding accessed by each least developed country under the Green Climate Fund as at 15 April 2024

Total funding in USD million



LEG survey on experiences and challenges faced by the LDCs in accessing funding from the GCF

- ❑ The LEG is currently conducting **surveys to identify the difficulties faced by LDCs** in initiating and/or completing the **accreditation process for direct access entities** to the Green Climate Fund, as well as the difficulties, gaps and needs faced by LDCs in getting projects approved by their direct access entities.

Enquête du LEG sur les défis rencontrés par les PMA dans l'accès au financement du FVC



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NAP Expo 2024: Driving transformational adaptation through NAPs



9th Global NAP Expo, from 22 to 25 April in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



~500 participants, 29 technical sessions, 20 booths, 26 interactive NAP Exchanges, training on NAPs



NAP EXPO 2024
BANGLADESH



The UNFCCC ES held a high-level transformational dialogue and several bilateral meetings



UN and international organizations, the private sector, youth networks, and academia contributed by designing, mobilizing speakers for and conducting sessions on specific themes.



Credit: Nilandri Shekhar

NAP Expo 2024: Driving transformational adaptation through NAPs



NAP EXPO 2024
BANGLADESH

At the **High-level Transformational Dialogue** and **Multi stakeholder dialogue**, participants discussed the guidelines and principles for a new and transformed NAP:

- NAPs should be designed to access a wide array of financing options beyond those available under the Financial Mechanism of the UNFCCC;
- NAP should be supported by a robust financing landscape and ecosystem that facilitates quick and efficient funding;
- There should be a mechanism that should be led by Ministry of Finance to mobilize funds for the implementation of NAP;
- It serves as the foundational adaptation component for NDCs and aligns closely with national development cycles;
- The NAP presents interconnected activities addressing local, national, and transboundary adaptation needs, emphasizing its significance as a global public necessity.

Latest documents and publications

- ❑ Synthesis report
- ❑ 23 to 25 April – **Meeting of Party experts** to assess progress made in the process to formulate and implement NAPs: <https://unfccc.int/event/nap-assessment-mtg-2024>
- ❑ 16 May – **LEG meeting with representatives from the Adaptation Fund, the Green Climate Fund, and the Global Environment Facility**. The focus was on addressing the challenges, gaps, and needs that least developing countries (LDCs) face in accessing funding for implementing NAPs. The outcomes of this meeting will be used by the LEG to prepare recommendations to the SBI, aiming to remove obstacles and accelerate the formulation and implementation of NAPs.
- ❑ The LEG is also updating the **technical guidelines for the formulation and implementation of NAPs** as per the recent mandate from COP (**Decision 2/CMA.5, para 47**).



Mandate

The Conference of the Parties requested the SBI to initiate at its sixtieth session the **assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs** referred to in paragraph 19 of decision 8/CP.24 and to make recommendations on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session.

It also requested the LEG, in collaboration with the AC, to **organize a meeting of Party experts**, at which **a synthesis report on progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the process to formulate and implement NAPs, as well as experience, best practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs, and support provided and received**, would be considered with a view to providing a summary of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs.

The LEG was also requested, in collaboration with the AC and with the support of the secretariat, to **prepare a report on the meeting for consideration by the SBI at its sixtieth session in its assessment of progress in the process to formulate and implement NAPs**.



Guidelines and Publications

- NAP Technical guidelines, 2012
- Supplementary materials to the NAP technical guidelines.

<https://napcentral.org/supplementary-materials-library>

- NAP Implementation guidelines is currently being drafted
- Decision 2/CMA.5: Requested the LEG to update the technical guidelines for the national adaptation plan process, reflecting the provisions of this decision as well as the best available science, including the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



Thank you for your attention

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