

**Oral report by Mr. Kenel Delusca,  
Chair of the LDC Expert Group (LEG)**

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*Thank you, Chair* for giving me the floor to report on the work of the LEG to the SBI.

2022 has been a very productive year whereby the group embarked on a number of activities to deepen support to the least developed countries (LDCs), particularly on adaptation.

*Firstly,*

We launched the NAP writing support<sup>1</sup> – to help the LDCs to move towards successful adaptation, by helping each to initiate and submit project proposals to the GCF and other sources of funding, for implementing adaptation priorities associated with their NAPs. This is done in collaboration with the GCF secretariat, and with the support of the NAP technical working group. It is a direct response to LDCs' needs.

*Secondly,*

We successfully organized the 7<sup>th</sup> global **NAP Expo** in August, in Gaborone, Botswana. The event brought together over 400 participants, nearly half of which were women. It featured key topics from science to practice, and enabled interaction of the LDCs with the GCF, GEF, AF and other stakeholders to address their needs. The LEG is thankful to the Government of Botswana for hosting this year's event. We will soon publish a publication on highlights from the event.

*Third,*

We launched the **Roster of Experts from the LDCs**, to serve as a resource to support the formulation and implementation of NAPs. The roster now has 20 LDC experts and is growing. We held a first exchange with the experts last month to facilitate their engagement.

*Fourth,*

We launched the preparation of the technical guidelines for the implementation of NAPs, through the NAP technical working group. The guidelines will help the LDCs on how to implement their NAP effectively and efficiently. They will also help in the design and delivery of support to the LDCs, thereby contributing towards addressing the many gaps and needs of the LDCs in NAPs.

*Chair,*

There are many more activities and deliverables. The **draft rules of procedure of the LEG** as mandated by COP 26 are available in the LEG 42 report. We have been working on mandates from the CMA on adaptation-related parts of the Paris Agreement.

More details on all these, and more, are contained in the report on our 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting.<sup>2</sup>

In ending my report, I would like to invite everyone to three key events we are running at this session:

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<sup>1</sup> A report on the support will be made available on the LEG publications page at <https://unfccc.int/node/740>.

<sup>2</sup> Document FCCC/SBI/2022/18.

- (i) A high-level event on advancing adaptation in the LDCs, taking place tomorrow, 7 November at 16:00hrs, as part of the Leaders' Summit, which will also feature 20 years of LEG support to the LDCs;
- (ii) The LEG side event,<sup>3</sup> and a technical meeting on NAPs,<sup>4</sup> both taking place on 11 November 2022;

**Thank you.**

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<sup>3</sup> <https://unfccc.int/node/620540>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://unfccc.int/event/tech-mtg-implementation-naps>.