

# LDC priorities for Marrakesh

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# Least Developed Countries - LDCs

*low-income developing countries suffering from severe structural impediments to sustainable development.*

Total 48 LDCs



## Indicators of the LDC criteria

GNI Per Capita

Human Resource weakness

Economic Vulnerability index

# Least Developed Countries - LDCs

## UNFCCC

Art.4.9 of the UNFCCC: “The Parties shall take full account of the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries in their actions with regard to funding and transfer of technology”

## Paris Agreement

Paris Agreement Preamble:  
“Taking full account of the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries with regard to funding and transfer of technology”

## **LDCs in the Climate change process**

- Formation of the LDC Group at climate change negotiations (2000)
- Decision to initiate NAPA to address urgent and immediate adaptation needs (2001)
- Establishment of LDC Fund and LDC Expert group (2001 )
- LDCs prepared NAPA s. Many have now completed the NAPs
- Key challenge: Scale and access to finance, support for implementation of domestic activities prioritized in NAPs, NDCs and other national plans.

# LDC priorities for Marrakech

# Priority for Marrakech (1)

All mandated agenda to be considered with the view to be adopted at Marrakech

- Review of structure, mandate & effectiveness of Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage and the adoption of five-year work plan
- Review of the performance of the Adaptation Committee to strengthen it further
- Progress on the operationalization of the capacity building mechanism under the Convention (Paris Committee on Capacity Building – PCCB established in Paris)
- Facilitative dialogue on Pre 2020 actions to assess progress towards implementation of obligations under the Convention and its legal instrument (Kyoto Protocol)
- High level events
  - Global Climate Actions
  - Climate finance
  - Sustainable economic transition and economic diversification

# Priority for Marrakech (2)

- Progress of work programme resulting from relevant mandates to support entry into force and operationalization of the Paris Agreement to be implemented by APA, SBs and other constituted bodies under the Convention.
- The challenge on Marrakech should be to progress on the agreement of such work programme ensuring balanced consideration of all the issues including issues of the highest interest for LDC (mitigation, adaptation, transparency, finance, loss and damage)
- Further details should be given regarding special treatments and flexibility provided to LDCs in the implementation of the work programme and the Paris Agreement, including issues related to NDC
- Need to ensure that all relevant rules and modalities are in place for the completion of the work programme under the Paris Agreement and that this is particularly important in view of the possible early entry into force of the Paris Agreement.

# Priority for Marrakech (3)

- Consultations being undertaken by the Presidency of COP 21 and the incoming Presidency of COP 22 on options for ensuring that all Parties to the Convention can continue to participate fully in the development of the work programme under the Paris Agreement.
- Considerations of options and implications presented by the UNFCCC secretariat on procedural, institutional and administrative requirements for the convening of the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA1)
- Progress on development of modalities and procedures for
  - the operation and use of a public registry
  - the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement
- Advice on how the assessments of the IPCC can inform the global stocktake referred to in Article 14 of the Paris Agreement

# Priority for Marrakech (4)

- Progress on development of modalities for the accounting of financial resources provided and mobilized through public interventions in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement.
- Guidance to be given to Green Climate Fund (GCF), Global Environmental Facility (GEF) on the priorities, programme and eligibility criteria. (COP)
- Provision of guidance on Long term finance with the view to take necessary actions (COP)
- Progress on matter relating to Adaptation Fund, so as to serve the Paris Agreement (CMP)
- Progress on elaboration of technology framework as envisioned by the Paris Agreement to operationalize the long-term vision on technology development and transfer as set out in its Article 10 of PA
- Progress on agenda related to Matters related to LDCs and National Adaptation Plans (NAP) to support implementation of adaptation actions in LDCs

Long term initiatives by LDCs -

"LDC Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Initiative (REEEI) for Sustainable Development"

# LDC Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Initiative (REEEI) for Sustainable Development

- collaborative effort by LDCs to shape our own destinies and inspire the world to move to a renewable energy future where all SDGs are fulfilled.
- Owned and initiated by LDC and recognises that most of the world's 1,3 billion energy starved people
- It will strengthen capacity by African LDCs to take advantage of the African Renewable Energy Initiative and other efforts, while providing corresponding support structures and enabling environments for Asian and other LDCs.

## **Over-riding Goals**

- Achieve sustainable development by aligning SDGs and the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change in LDCs.
- Enable universal access to clean, renewable energy through people-centered energy for well-being and prosperity.
- Enable LDCs to develop long-term, ambitious 100% renewable energy plans and avoid lock-in to fossil fuels based energy systems while putting in place modern, distributed, clean renewable energy systems.
- Maximizing the development benefits of energy access through energy efficiency and avoidance of wasteful consumption.

# LDC Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Initiative (REEEI) for Sustainable Development

## Next steps

- The initiative was welcomed by the LDC ministers at "LDC Pre-Marrakech Ministerial meeting" 26-28 Sept 2016 in Kinshasa, with a view to further discuss and launch this initiative at COP22 in Morocco (November 2016).
- Further development of the initiative with input from LDC and relevant international experts with a view towards launching at COP22 with support from other developing and developed countries.
- Elaboration of a governance structure with a secretariat/implementation unit based in an LDC.
- Work with other countries as part of a “friends of renewables” to strengthen support for renewable energy and energy efficiency in the UN climate change process, with a view towards creating a wider global partnership at COP22 – the Marrakech Global Partnership on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency.

Thank you