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UNDP support to LDCs to Access Finance for Adaptation

Basic Facts and Figures

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Table 1: Number of LDCs accessing LDCF with UNDP support

Year	Number of Countries	Grant Financing Delivered
2005	29	5,781,180
2006	1	3,445,050
2007	5	11,225,050
2008	10	30,215,000
2009	8	28,616,450
2010	4	14,839,785
2011	8	32,428,938
2012	22	137,881,673
2013*	13	90,172,797
Grand Total	46	351,160,873

* as of date of preparation of this document

Table 2: Number of LDCs accessing SCCF with UNDP support

Year	Number of Countries	Grant Financing Delivered
2006	6	15,012,000
2009	1	4,500,000
Grand Total	7	19,512,000

Table 3: Number of LDCs accessing Adaptation Fund with UNDP support

Year	Number of Countries	Grant Financing Delivered
2011	4	27,799,830
2012	2	12,341,850
2013	1	7,289,425
Grand Total	7	47,341,105

Table 4: Number of LDCs accessing SPA funds with UNDP Support

Year	Number of Countries	Grant Financing Delivered
2007	4	4,425,000
Grand Total	4	4,425,000

(a) LDCs currently implementing LDCF, SCCF, SPA, and AF financed projects

AFRICA

Country	Project Focus	Grant (USD)	Source of Grant Funds
Benin	Integrated Adaptation Programme to Combat Adverse Effects of Climate Change on Agricultural Production and Food Security in Benin	3,490,000	LDCF
Burkina Faso	Strengthening Adaptation Capacities and Reducing the Vulnerability to Climate Change in Burkina Faso	3,000,000	LDCF
Cape Verde	Building adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change in the water sector in Cape Verde	3,100,000	LDCF
Cape Verde	Responding to Shoreline Change and its human dimensions in West Africa through integrated coastal area management (part of regional project covering 5 countries)	600,000	SPA
Comoros	Adapting water resource management in Comoros to increase capacity to cope with climate change	2,856,000	LDCF & Gov't of Flanders
Djibouti	Developing Agro-Pastoral Shade Gardens as an Adaptation Strategy for Poor Rural Communities in Djibouti	4,658,556	AF
DRC	Building the Capacity of the Agriculture Sector in DR Congo to Plan for and Respond to the Additional Threats Posed by Climate Change on Food Production and Security	3,100,000	LDCF
Eritrea	Climate Change Adaptation Programme in water and agriculture in Anseba Region, Eritrea	6,010,000	AF
Ethiopia	Coping with Drought and Climate Change	995,000	SCCF
Ethiopia	Promoting autonomous adaptation at the community level	5,409,385	LDCF
Gambia	Responding to Shoreline Change and its human dimensions in West Africa through integrated coastal area management	600,000	SPA

	(part of regional project covering 5 countries)		
Guinea	Increased Resilience and Adaptation to Adverse Impacts of Climate Change in Guinea's Vulnerable Coastal Zones	3,070,000	LDCF
Guinea Bissau	Responding to Shoreline Change and its human dimensions in West Africa through integrated coastal area management (part of regional project covering 5 countries)	600,000	SPA
Guinea Bissau	Strengthening resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change in Guinea-Bissau's agrarian and water sectors	4,130,000	LDCF
Liberia	Enhancing Resilience of Vulnerable Coastal Areas to Climate Change Risks	3,000,000	LDCF
Liberia	Enhancing Resilience to Climate Change by Mainstreaming Adaption Concerns into Agricultural Sector Development in Liberia	2,456,400	LDCF
Mali	Enhancing Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in the Agriculture Sector	2,440,000	LDCF
Mauritania	Responding to Shoreline Change and its human dimensions in West Africa through integrated coastal area management (part of regional project covering 5 countries)	600,000	SPA
Mauritius	Adapting Coastal Zone Management to Address the Impacts of CC	8,404,830	AF
Mozambique	Coping with Drought and Climate Change	960,000	SCCF
Mozambique	Increased resilience and adaptation to climate change-induced coastal erosion in coastal communities in Mozambique	4,524,000	LDCF
Niger	Community-Based Adaptation Pilot Project (part of global project covering 10 countries)	400,000	SPA
Niger	Implementing NAPA priority interventions to build resilience and adaptive capacity of the agriculture sector to climate change in Niger	3,600,000	LDCF
Rwanda	Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change by Establishing Early Warning and Disaster Preparedness Systems and Support for Integrated Watershed Management in flood prone areas	3,636,000	LDCF
Senegal	Responding to Shoreline Change and its human dimensions in West Africa through integrated coastal area management (part of regional project covering 5 countries)	600,000	SPA
Zambia	Adaptation to the Effects of Drought and Climate Change in Agro-ecological Zone 1 and 2 in Zambia	3,895,000	LDCF

ARAB STATES

Country	Project Focus	Grant (USD)	Source of Grant Funds
Djibouti	Developing agro-pastoral shade gardens as an adaptation strategy for poor rural communities	4,293,600.00	AF
Sudan	Implementing NAPA priority interventions to build resilience in the agriculture and water sectors to the adverse impacts of climate change in Sudan	3,300,000	LDCF

ASIA & PACIFIC

Country	Project Focus	Grant (USD)	Source of Grant Funds
Bangladesh	Community based Adaptation to Climate Change through Coastal Afforestation in Bangladesh	3,400,000	LDCF
Bhutan	Piloting Climate Change Adaptation to Protect Human Health (part of global project covering 7 countries)	600,000	SCCF
Bhutan	Reduce Climate Change-induced Risks and Vulnerabilities from Glacial Lake Outbursts Floods in the Punakha-Wangdi and Chamkhar Valleys	3,625,050	LDCF
Cambodia	Promoting Climate-Resilient Water Management and Agricultural Practices in Rural Cambodia	1,950,000	LDCF
Lao	Improving the Resilience of the Agriculture Sector in Lao PDR to Climate Change Impacts	4,454,450	LDCF
Lao	Effective Governance for Small Scale Rural Infrastructure and Disaster Preparedness in a Changing Climate	4,820,000	LDCF
Maldives	Integrating Climate Change Risks into Resilient Island Planning in the Maldives	4,545,000	LDCF
Maldives	Increasing Climate Change Resilience of Maldives through Adaptation in the Tourism Sector	1,650,438	LDCF

Maldives	Increasing climate resilience through an Integrated Water Resource Management Programme in HA. Ihavandhoo, ADh. Mahibadhoo and GDh. Gadhdhoo Island	8,285,000	AF
Nepal	Community Based Flood and Glacial Lake Outburst Risk Reduction	6,363,500	LDCF
Samoa	Community-Based Adaptation Pilot Project	400,000	SPA
Samoa	Integrating Climate Change Risks into the Agriculture and Health Sectors in Samoa	2,050,000	LDCF
Samoa	Integration of Climate Change Risk and Resilience into Forestry Management in Samoa (ICCRIFS)	2,450,000	LDCF
Samoa	Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (part of global project covering 13 Pacific Islands)	900,000	SCCF/AusAID
Solomon Islands	Enhancing resilience of communities in Solomon Islands to the adverse effects of climate change in agriculture and food security	5,100,000	AF
Solomon Islands	Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (part of global project covering 13 Pacific Islands)	900,000	SCCF/AusAID
Tuvalu	Increasing Resilience of Coastal Areas and Community Settlements to Climate Change	3,300,000	LDCF
Tuvalu	Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (part of global project covering 13 Pacific Islands)	900,000	SCCF/AusAID
Vanuatu	Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (part of global project covering 13 Pacific Islands)	900,000	SCCF/AusAID

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

Country	Project Focus	Grant (USD)	Source of Grant Funds
Haiti	Strengthening adaptive capacities to address climate change threats on sustainable development strategies for coastal communities in Haiti	3,600,000	LDCF

(b) LDCs currently supported to convert approved concepts to implementable projects

AFRICA

Country	Project Focus	Grant (USD)	Source of Grant Funds
Angola	Promoting climate-resilient development and enhanced adaptive capacity to withstand disaster risks in Angolan's Cuvelai River Basin	8,350,000	LDCF
Angola	Addressing Urgent Coastal Adaptation Needs and Capacity Gaps in Angola (UNDP/UNEP project - UNEP-led)	1,000,000	LDCF
Benin	Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Western and Central Africa for climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change	4,100,000	LDCF
Burkina Faso	Reducing vulnerability of natural resource dependent livelihoods in two landscapes at risk of the effects of climate change in Burkina Faso: Boucles du Mouhoun Forest Corridor and Mare d'Oursi Wetlands Basin	7,000,000	LDCF
Burkina Faso	Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Western and Central Africa for climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change	4,100,000	LDCF
Burundi	Community disaster risk management in Burundi	8,785,000	LDCF
Cape Verde	Building adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change in the water sector in Cape Verde	1,800,000	Canada - DFATD
Comoros	Enhancing adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change in the agriculture sector in Comoros	9,090,909	LDCF
DRC	Building the resilience and ability to adapt of women and children to changing climate in Democratic Republic of Congo	4,825,000	LDCF
DRC	Resilience of Muanda's communities from coastal erosion	5,455,000	LDCF
Ethiopia	Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Uganda to support climate resilient development	5,000,000	LDCF

Gambia	Enhancing Resilience of Vulnerable Coastal Areas and Communities to Climate Change in the Republic of Gambia	9,050,000	LDCF
Gambia	Strengthening Climate Services and EWS in W&C Africa for Climate Resilient Development and Adaptation to Climate Change	3,037,500	LDCF
Guinea	Strengthening capacities of local authorities, decentralized institutions, and rural communities of Guinea Prefectures of Gaoual, Kaundara and Mali to reinforce agriculture and livestock resilience against climate change	3,816,364	LDCF
Guinea	Ecosystem Based Adaptation targeting vulnerable communities of Upper Guinea	3,816,364	LDCF
Liberia	Strengthening Liberia's capability to provide climate information and services to enhance climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change.	6,830,000	LDCF
Lesotho	Reducing vulnerability from climate change in the foothills, lowlands and the lower Senqu River Basin	8,398,172	LDCF
Liberia	Strengthening Liberia's capability to provide climate information and services to enhance climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change.	6,830,000	LDCF
Malawi	Implementing urgent adaptation priorities through strengthened decentralized and national development plans	4,600,000	LDCF
Malawi	Climate proofing local development gains in rural and urban areas of Machinga and Mangochi Districts - Malawi	5,468,200	LDCF
Malawi	Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Uganda to support climate resilient development	4,100,000	LDCF
Mali	Strengthening the resilience of Women producer group's and vulnerable communities in Mali	5,560,000	LDCF
Mali	Pilot Programme on Integrated Adaptation Strategies in Mali	4,355,050	BMU
Mali	Enhancing Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in the Agriculture Sector	1,950,000	Canada - DFATD

Niger	Scaling up Community-Based Adaptation (CBA) in Niger	3,800,000	LDCF
Niger	Implementing NAPA priority interventions to build resilience and adaptive capacity of the agriculture sector to climate change in Niger	2,400,000	Canada - DFATD
Sao Tome and Principe	Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Western and Central Africa for climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change	4,100,000	LDCF
Sao Tome and Principe	Enhancing capacities of rural communities in the districts of to pursue climate resilient livelihood options in the Sao Tome and Principe districts of Caué, Me-Zochi, Principe, Lemba, Cantagalo, and Lobata (CMPLCL)	4,075,000	LDCF
Seychelles	Ecosystem Based Adaptation to Climate Change in Seychelles	5,950,000	AF
Sierra Leone	Water harvesting	3,010,000	LDCF
Sierra Leone	Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Western and Central Africa for climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change	4,100,000	LDCF
Tanzania	Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Tanzania to support climate resilient development	4,100,000	LDCF
Uganda	Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Uganda to support climate resilient development	4,100,000	LDCF
Zambia	Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Zambia to support climate resilient development	4,100,000	LDCF
Zambia	Building Climate Resilient Rural Communities	4,080,000	SCCF
Zambia	LDCF II– CC resilient energy (regeneration of forests)	3,985,000	LDCF

ARAB STATES

Country	Project Focus	Grant (USD)	Source of Grant Funds
Djibouti	Supporting rural community adaptation to climate change in mountain regions of Djibouti	5,479,452	LDCF
Sudan	Climate risk finance for sustainable and climate resilient rainfed farming and pastoral systems	5,800,000	LDCF
Sudan	Implementing NAPA priority interventions to build resilience in the agriculture and water sectors to the adverse impacts of climate change in Sudan	2,800,000	Canada - DFATD
Yemen	Integrated Water Harvesting Technologies to Adapt to Climate Change Induced Water Shortage	5,020,000	LDCF

ASIA & PACIFIC

Country	Project Focus	Grant (USD)	Source of Grant Funds
Afghanistan	Enhancing the resilience of communities of the agriculture sector through improved water management and use efficiency	9,100,000	LDCF
Bangladesh	Integrating Community-based Adaptation into Afforestation and Reforestation Programmes in Bangladesh	5,700,000	LDCF
Bhutan	Addressing the risk of climate-induced disasters through enhanced national and local capacity for effective actions	11,591,200	LDCF
Cambodia	Strengthening Climate Information and Early Warning Systems in Cambodia to Support Climate Resilient Development and Adaptation to Climate Change	5,060,285	LDCF
Cambodia	Promoting Climate-Resilient Water Management and Agricultural Practices in Rural Cambodia	2,242,425	Canada - DFATD
Cambodia	Strengthening the resilience of Cambodian rural livelihoods and sub-national government system to climate risks and variability	4,717,500	LDCF
Kiribati	Enhancing national food security in the context of global climate change	4,566,210	LDCF

Myanmar	Addressing Climate Change Risks On Water Resources And Food Security In The Dry Zone Of Myanmar	7,289,425	AF
Samoa	Enhancing resilience of communities reliant on tourism sector to climate change and disaster risks	1,950,000	LDCF
Samoa	Economy-wide integration of CC Adaptation and DRM/DRR to reduce climate vulnerability of communities in Samoa	12,322,936	LDCF
Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands Water Sector Adaptation Project (SIWSAP)	7,000,000	LDCF
Sri Lanka	Strengthening the resilience of post-conflict recovery and development to climate change risks in Sri Lanka	3,121,818	SCCF
Timor Leste	Strengthening the Resilience of Small Scale Rural Infrastructure and local government systems to climate variability and risk	4,720,000	LDCF
Timor Leste	Strengthening Community Resilience to Climate Induced Natural Disasters in the Dili to Ainaro Road Development Corridor, Timor Leste	5,370,000	LDCF
Tuvalu	Effective And Responsive Island-Level Governance To Secure And Diversify Climate Resilient Marine-Based Coastal Livelihoods And Enhance Climate Hazard Response Capacity	4,325,000	LDCF
Vanuatu	Adaptation to Climate Change in the Coastal Zone in Vanuatu	8,280,000	LDCF

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

Country	Project Focus	Grant (USD)	Source of Grant Funds
Haiti	Strengthening adaptive capacities to address climate change threats on sustainable development strategies for coastal communities in Haiti	2,700,000	Canada - DFATD
Haiti	Increasing resilience of ecosystems and vulnerable communities to CC and anthropic threats through a ridge to reef approach to BD conservation and watershed management	5,479,452	LDCF

(c) LDCs currently supported to access additional finance from the LDCF and AF (concept development)

Submitted to GEFSEC and AFB SEC (Awaiting Clearance)

Country	Project Focus	Grant (USD)	Source of Grant Funds
Benin	Integrating climate change into coastal zone management	8,100,000	LDCF
Global	Building capacity for negotiators from African and Caribbean Least Developed Countries to participate effectively in intergovernmental climate change processes	1,000,000	LDCF
Madagascar	Strengthening the climate resilience of agrosylvopastoral communities in the regions of Androy, Atsinanana and Analamanga of Madagascar	6,027,397	LDCF
Mali	Programme Support for Climate Change Adaptation in the vulnerable regions of Mopti and Timbouctou	7,864,837	AF
Regional	Building capacity for negotiators from Asian and Pacific Least Developed Countries to participate effectively in intergovernmental climate change processes	1,000,000	LDCF
Senegal	Adaptation and Land Management in Senegal	4,455,000	LDCF
Somalia	Enhancing Climate Resilience of the Vulnerable Communities and Ecosystems in Somalia	8,200,000	LDCF

(d) Additional inquiries/requests for support with accessing LDCF

- Burundi – Enhance Institutional capacity on the effective use of land use planning tools, and national monitoring systems to create the foundation for addressing resilience to climate change in Burundi’s Agriculture Sector
- Mali - Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Mali to support climate resilient development
- Myanmar – Enhancing the Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change through Community Based Integrated Mangrove Forest Ecosystem Management in Delta Area, Myanmar
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Notes:

AF = Adaptation Fund

AFBSEC = Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

BMU = Germany’s Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety

DFATD = Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada

GEFSEC = Global Environment Facility Secretariat

LDCF = UNFCCC’s Least Developed Countries Fund

SCCF = UNFCCC’s Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)

SPA = GEF Trust Fund’s Strategic Priority on Adaptation (SPA)

Please note that figures are estimates as of 12 November 2013

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Other Relevant Support Provided to LDCs: Strengthening Capacities of Finance and Planning Ministries

(a) Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Reviews

UNDP has been leading work in Asia and the Pacific in reviewing and assessing national budgetary expenditures relevant to climate change. This work includes studies in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal, Indonesia, Samoa and Thailand. Other agencies such as the WB and ODI are now also supporting countries to undertake CPEIRs in various African and Asian countries.

Using an approach adapted from standard Public Expenditure Review methods, these Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Reviews (CPEIRs) which are government owned and driven, help countries to look at how their own national policy goals on climate change are being reflected in public expenditures and how these expenditures can be delivered in a more coherent way across government.

CPEIRs classify public expenditures into different categories of relevance to climate change objectives. They help to determine how much governments are currently spending on climate change, which ministries are the most active in climate expenditures, and where these expenditures are being financed from.

UNDP has produced a wide range of materials summarizing CPEIR learning which can be found at the UNDP APRC library and the CPEIR reports can be accessed here. In 2011 annual expenditures on climate related activities in Nepal were 6% of total government expenditure. Similar levels of expenditure were recorded for Bangladesh. Both of these figures far exceed annual international flows of climate finance to these countries.

Based on demand from governments, UNDP is deepening CPEIR related work in Asia and the Pacific and beyond. For Example, UNDP is following up the Cambodia CPEIR with supporting the government with undertaking economic analyses and developing a financing chapter of its climate change strategy. In Nepal, UNDP is assisting the government with integrating climate change in the national budget system. In Thailand, UNDP will support the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Bureau of Budget and others to implement CPEIR recommendations. Further, the CPEIR methodology has been integrated into the Pacific Climate Finance Assessment Framework (PCFAF) and has been applied in the case of Nauru and planned to be applied in other countries in the coming year. UNDP's support for CPEIRs has enhanced regional Pacific climate finance processes.

With support from UNDP, new CPEIRs are expected to start in Asia, Pacific, Latin America and Africa, including e.g. a national level CPEIR in Viet Nam (together with the WB) and Tuvalu, and sub-national level CPEIRs in Indonesia, Malawi and Pakistan. In Fiji, the Budget Aid and Coordination Committee has requested support from UNDP to undertake a CPEIR in 2013. In Tuvalu, a CPEIR has been integrated into the GEF LDCF NAPAI project which will address both national and outer island expenditures. Finally, in Vanuatu, there are discussions ongoing to apply the CPEIR methodology from a "risk" perspective therefore integrating both climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction expenditures.

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(b) Economics of Climate Change Adaptation – Supporting National/Sub-national Adaption Planning and Action

This two-year program entitled ‘Economics of Climate Change Adaptation – Supporting National / Sub-national Adaption Planning and Action’ was launched in October 2012. It commenced with a consultation between countries in the Asia-Pacific region and staff from the UNDP and USAID’s ADAPT Asia-Pacific project. The innovative new program aims to identify gaps in capacity development needs in an area that is critical for helping countries to formulate national adaptation plans and access to climate finance.

Implemented by UNDP and USAID ADAPT Asia-Pacific, in collaboration with the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (Yale F&ES), this program is geared to strengthen the capacity of a core group of professionals in each participating country who are capable of undertaking cost-benefit analyses of adaptation projects and applying policy relevant analytical methods to integrate the economics of adaptation into national development planning processes.

Next week, multi-disciplinary technical teams from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam will meet in Bangkok, Thailand to participate in the First Regional Training of this Programme: "Assessing Costs and Benefits of Adaptation: Models and Data". During this training, country teams will develop their understanding of the methods and data used to analyze the economic net-benefits of alternative adaptation initiatives in the agriculture and water sectors. Teams will develop their knowledge and skills on conducting policy relevant economic analyses at the sectoral level to inform medium and long-term climate investment planning. They will also enhance their understanding of the appraisal techniques for different types of adaptation projects. Hands-on practical exercises, through the analysis of case studies selected by each country team, will be conducted throughout the duration of this program.

This program is timely in the context of climate financing, as Asia-Pacific developing countries design their National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) in preparation of the operationalization of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

Following the Bangkok meeting, participants will return to their respective countries and begin field activities in conjunction with a number of ongoing adaptation initiatives supported by UNDP, with financing from the Least Developed Country Fund, Adaptation Fund and Special Climate Change Fund. Mentors will be assigned to support country teams in this undertaking. The participants will regroup later this year to share their initial results and to receive additional training before continuing their field work.

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(c) Boots on the Ground Programme

In 2009, UNDP's Executive Board demonstrated its commitment to providing sustained institutional support and capacity development services to LDC governments in the area of climate change through the establishment of the Strategic Initiative to Address Climate Change in LDCs, aka "Boots on the Ground" (USD 11.9 million in 2010-13). The objective of the project is to support 26 low-income countries, including 23 LDCs, in the climate change arena by strengthening UNDP's capacity to deliver high-quality and timely policy advice on climate change at the country level.

Through this initiative, UNDP has intensified its policy support to LDC governments through a network of 26 national climate change specialists and 4 regional advisors. The national climate change specialists are based in each country's respective UNDP Country Office, and are integrated into the relevant environment, climate change, sustainability, disaster risk reduction or poverty team. Their roles are guided by the needs of their country, as determined by the senior management of their Country Office in discussion with their governments. This cohort of national advisors is supported by a team of Regional Policy Advisors, based in the relevant regional service centre. The regional service centres provide technical advice and support to the national advisors, with global coordination, backstopping, knowledge/project management, and training provided by BDP/EEG in New York, drawing on the expertise of other UNDP practice areas as relevant.

The programme works towards the following key outcomes:

- *Outcome 1:* Governments and civil society supported in their preparations for and substantive engagement with the UNFCCC negotiations across the key negotiation themes including climate finance
- *Outcome 2:* Improved capacity of governments & other stakeholders to integrate climate change concerns into development planning and policy processes at the national, sub-national and/or sectoral levels and implement these policies
- *Outcome 3:* Climate change mainstreaming in UN/DP portfolio & programming enhanced
- *Outcome 4:* UNDP's knowledge management and communication of impact results in the area of climate change policy enhanced
- *Outcome 5:* Country Office's climate change portfolio enhanced and specific policy-related needs satisfied.

These outcomes draw from the objectives of both UNDP's Strategic Plan and UNDP's Climate Change Strategy, both of which have been extended until 2013. The Boots on the Ground programme seeks to contribute to UNDP's institutional goals by promoting, as relevant, a multi-practice approach (drawing on corporate expertise on gender, democratic governance, capacity building, and poverty reduction); South-South cooperation (both intra and inter regionally); and climate-specific "task teams" that could, as requested, provide broader support and integrated policy advice to specific governments, regional bodies, and the UN.

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(d) Update on supporting countries with National Adaptation Plans.

UNDP and UNEP, together with the GEF secretariat, IFAD, WFP, UNITAR, UNOPS and in collaboration with the WHO, have submitted a proposal for financing by the LDCF namely "Assisting Least developed Countries (LDCs) with country-driven processes to advance National Adaptation Plans (NAPS)". This Programme designed with inputs and suggestions made by LDCs, LEG and several key donors (US, Canada - DFATD, Switzerland, Norway) will consequently establish a support mechanism around three main pillars: institutional support, technical support and knowledge brokering. The goal of this programme is to support LDCs to commence a process of integrating medium- to long-term planning for adaptation to climate change within, or aligned with, current development planning and budgeting processes. The programme goal and objective will be achieved by: i) developing operational roadmaps and implementing training to advance medium- to long-term adaptation planning processes in the context of LDC national development strategies; ii) making tools and approaches available to LDCs to support key steps in the NAP process; and iii) exchanging lessons learned and knowledge through South-South and North-South Cooperation.

To date, requests for assistance from the following countries have been made by 15 LDCs LDCF financed activities are expected to commence after May 2013. UNDP and UNEP will convene a board meeting in June and a work plan will be discussed and finalized. 2 regional meetings for Africa and Asia/pacific are likely in 2013 as well as at least 5 country specific support activities

A website has been created to provide updates on the roll out of the Programme: www.undp-alm.org/projects/naps-LDCs

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Adaptation Knowledge

The UNDP-Adaptation Learning Mechanism (undp-alm.org) is UNDP's knowledge-sharing platform on country led programmes and projects financed by the Least Developed Country Fund (LDCF), Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF), Adaptation Fund (AF), bi-lateral donors and through decentralized cooperation supported by UNDP's Down to Earth: Territorial Approach to Climate Change (TACC) project. The UNDP-ALM is linked to the UNDP-GEF Global Adaptation Learning Mechanism (ALM) Portal. While the original ALM portal was financed by the Global Environment Facility, the UNDP-ALM portal (a window into the UNDP supported adaptation projects) is financed with UNDP resources.

UNDP-ALM is structured to be used as an interactive platform for sharing and learning about country led initiatives that advance green, low-emission and climate-resilient development. By increasing the availability of tailored information, UNDP-ALM intends to catalyze knowledge that can support governments to integrate climate change risks into poverty reduction and development strategies.

Please visit UNDP-Adaptation Learning Mechanism platform for further information <http://www.undp-alm.org/>

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