

LDC Perspectives on Adaptation to Climate Change

Presentation

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Harsh reality for the LDC's

- The LDC's stand to suffer most but they have contributed least to Climate Change.
- All LDC's share a low adaptive capacity arising from their poor socio-economic conditions.
- The poor amongst those living in the LDC's would be most vulnerable – they need extra protection.
- Climate Change is already having an impact on the economic, social and ecological well being of communities.



What is the commitment of UNFCCC to LDC's?

- Specific need & concerns are highlighted in Article 4.8
- They are also recognised in Article 4.9, which states that

“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”.



LDC perspective on Mitigation/ Adaptation debate

- LDC's want to see global mitigation takes place as per commitment
- It considers Adaptation is not a solution to Climate Change and cannot be alternative to Mitigation.
- Kyoto currently does not go far enough. It can only be considered as 'beginning'.



LDC perspective on Mitigation/ Adaptation debate (Cont. ...)

- As countries are already facing the impacts, the immediate priority for LDC's is to tackle those.
- Countries do not have homogeneous adaptation needs. It varies from country to country and region to region.
- However, issues like insurance, early warning system and disaster (Flood, cyclone, drought) preparedness are common to LDC's.



Why Currently Adaptation is Priority to LDC's

- LDC's need to tackle their urgent and pressing concerns in combating the adverse impacts.
- Impacts are already and will increasingly place an additional burden on the development programmes.
- Climate Change puts development investments in LDC's at risk.
- It is also to save people's life and livelihood from Climate induced extreme events.



Adaptation is a step child-malnourished

- A large international infrastructure has been created for mitigation over last 10 years.
- Adaptation concerns have received much less attention and support.
- There are still major gaps in scientific understanding, information support, technology device and operational funding system relating to adaptation.
- Efforts are still limited within UNFCCC process, even in IPCC.



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- LDC expert group and the NAPA process have improved the situation a bit.
- But, miles to go to develop appropriate adaptation framework. Greater commitment and willingness to engage over adaptation issues from Annex I Countries only will change the situation.



The Current need of LDC's in terms of fund provision

- Developed countries to provide adequate funding to LDCF & Tech transfer for adaptation to meet their obligation.
- The amount of fund in LDCF is still comparatively small relative to the scale of the problem faced by LDC's.
- The funds need to be immediately disbursed towards implementation of agreed programmes under Marakesh accords for LDC's.
- Adequate provisions for operationalization of LDC fund and simplified procedures.
- Clear modality for implementation of NAPA's in line with 6.CP.9 with provision of full cost funding.



The current need of LDC's in terms of capacity building

- Institutional Strengthening of Climate Change focal points.
- Strengthening institutional framework on early warning systems.
- Strengthening existing knowledge and availability of information on impact prediction and adaptation to Climate Change.
- Awareness raising advocacy and coordination with partners across NGO's, Civil Society, Private Sector and donor organizations .
- Improving capacity to adapt livelihood to Climate Change.



Perceptions of LDC's on NAPA's

- NAPA's are not obligations, but opportunities.
- NAPA process will help achieve raising awareness and develop cross sectoral network.
- Public & private sector including civil societies shall work hand in hand in the preparation of NAPA.
- NAPA's prepare ground for adaptation.
- Build Capacities to integrate Climate Change into development planning.
- LDC's regard the provision of full cost funding to NAPA as vital given their low level of resources.



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