



Submission by Ethiopia on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group on the role of Action for Climate Empowerment and topics for the workshop during SBI 48 that can enhance the implementation of ACE under the Paris Agreement

Education, Training, Awareness Raising, Public Participation, Access to Information, International Cooperation

The LDCs welcome the opportunity to provide their views on the role of Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) and topics for the workshop during SBI 48 that can enhance the implementation of ACE under the Paris Agreement to be organized in May 2018 in Bonn.

The LDCs welcome and appreciate the organization of the workshop to support the implementation of ACE under the Paris Agreement.

All six elements of ACE are equally essential to support ambitious and effective climate actions, and that they should be incorporated in the implementation of other policy areas of the Convention. Parties have recognized the importance of ensuring that the Doha Work Programme enhances the implementation of all elements of Article 6: climate education, training, awareness raising, and public access to information, public participation and, as a crosscutting theme, international cooperation.

It is very important to continue to promote the systematic integration of gender-sensitive and participatory education, training, public access to information into all adaptation and mitigation activities implemented under the Convention, as well as under the Paris Agreement, including into the implementation of their nationally

determined contributions and the formulation of long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (decision 2/CP22, para.2).

The LDCs would like to have pragmatic discussions during the workshop on the following topics:

- How Parties can integrate ACE as they negotiate the modalities, guidelines and procedures under other relevant agenda items
- How all six elements of ACE could be integrated in the NDC's so as to strengthen climate adaptation, mitigation, technology development and transfer and loss and damage
- How gender can be mainstreamed into ACE

Financial support has been the fundamental barrier for implementing the Doha Work Programme. Therefore, the LDCs encourage the UNFCCC secretariat to invite the GEF, the GCF and other relevant financial institutions to give a presentation during the workshop, on how and what they fund in relation to ACE activities, as well as on identifying sustainable sources of funding for implementing ACE activities under the Paris Agreement.

An essential aspect of empowering all actors to take more effective action on climate change is knowledge around the linkages between mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage with means of implementation (including finance, capacity-building and technology). It is therefore important for the workshop to emphasize the need to better understand and incorporate these essential linkages between action and support.