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**Submission by Ethiopia on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group on the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change**

The Least Developed Countries Group (LDC Group) welcomes the invitation by SBSTA at its 47th session under the Nairobi Work Programme for parties to share views on the following areas in improving the relevance and effectiveness of the NWP:

- (a) How to enhance the engagement of partner organizations with the aim of improving the linkages of their workplans to the themes addressed under the NWP;
- (b) How to ensure that the NWP has delivered on its mandate, on the basis of Parties' submissions and experience;
- (c) How to enhance the role of the NWP to be more relevant to the work of the AC and the LEG as well as other constituted bodies and relevant workstreams in the light of the Paris Agreement.

In description, the LDCs represents countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America covering diverse geography and topography such as mountainous countries, small island developing states, landlocked countries, subtropical regions and the Sahel region. This diversity among the member countries have meant that, sharing information on activities is essential and important as this will assist countries to draw on successful practices in implementing adaptation initiatives.

As mostly vulnerable countries to climate change, the LDC Group acknowledged the importance of the NWP in providing the platform for sharing information and experiences that help in the better understanding the issues related to impacts, vulnerability and impact of climate change, particularly for developing countries.

With adaptation as priority for LDCs, most countries have been implementing adaptation projects accompanied by policies, plans and initiatives/strategies at the country level in their quest to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change, covering to a larger extend, sectors key in addressing vulnerability and building resilience at the national and community levels.

The LDC Group believes that the information derived from the submissions will contribute in improving the relevance and effectiveness of the NWP. This submission aims to reflect the views of the countries on how to improve the relevance and effectiveness of the NWP with regard to the following:

**(1) How to enhance the engagement of partner organizations with the aim of improving the linkages of their workplans to the themes addressed under the NWP;**

LDC is of the view that, the following will enhance the engagement of partner organization in improving linkages of their workplans to themes addressed under the NWP.

- Sharing information on activities at countries level on the themes addressed under the NWP;
- Enhancing cooperation between partner organizations, regional organizations and countries with the aim of fostering complementarity in implementing their various activities under theme addressed under the NWP;
- Increase their involvement with the countries in the planning process of activities within theme under the NWP,
- Continue to organize side events that include partner organizations on thematic issues under the NWP to help close knowledge gap.

**(2) How to ensure that the NWP has delivered on its mandate, on the basis of Parties' submissions and experience;**

The LDCs Group valued and give high regard to submissions from Parties, which it belief is an essential platform for providing views and inputs to move the UNFCCC processes forward. In the same vein, the LDCs Group belief that submission from Parties and experiences are instrumental in gauging the delivery of NWP on its mandate, hence the following are important on how ensure NWP has delivered on it mandate.

- Inviting submissions from Parties which will include the extent of the use of activities mandated under the NWP;
- Inviting partner organizations to provide information on their deliveries on the mandated activities of the NWP in their dealing with countries;

**(3) How to enhance the role of the NWP to be more relevant to the work of the AC and the LEG as well as other constituted bodies and relevant workstreams in the light of the Paris Agreement.**

The LDC Group considers NWP as an important component of the work on Adaptation and enhancing its role in the light of the Paris Agreement is essential as its inputs will inform concrete adaptation actions in moving the Adaptation under the Paris agreement.

The LDC Group is of the view that the NWP should continue to enhance the work areas on adaptation as defined by Adaptation Committee. This should also be extended and ensure relevance to the LEG as well as other constituted bodies and relevant workstreams in the light of the Paris Agreement which will facilitate the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation activities in a coherent manner under the Convention and under the Paris Agreement, particularly on the areas addressed under the NWP .

To enhance the role of the NWP to be more relevant to the work of the AC, the LEG and other constituted bodies, the LDC Group believe that the work of NWP should be linked to the progress made to-date by these bodies, Parties' experiences, needs and expectations in implementing activities under the areas addressed under the NWP.

LDC Group also believe seeking the views of the AC, LEG and other constituted bodies on discussion topics at NWP events organize under the Convention is important in enhancing synergies between the Bodies and activities of the NWP and thus improves its relevance.

In this context, the LDC Group believes that the Adaptation Committee and the LEG are the main modalities for ensuring effective synergies between the NWP activities and those of the Constituted Bodies under the convention in the light of the Paris Agreement.