THE PARTNERSHIP COMPACT FOR THE LDC 2050 VISION

Declaration of support to the LDC 2050 Vision and Principles for strengthened Climate Action and Development Cooperation between the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and the International Community

Image displays signing ceremony of LIFE-AR Compact at COP25, Madrid, 11 December 2019. (Photo: Jérémy Davis/IIED)
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The climate emergency calls for a historic shift in the way we are responding to climate change. This Compact is our invitation as the LDC Group to development partners to work together in a strengthened partnership for a more effective and more ambitious response to the triple crises of climate change, nature degradation and poverty.

This Partnership Compact is a non-legally binding declaration that reflects a shared commitment to align global, national and local strategies behind the LDC 2050 Vision and principles of: working together on a shared and equal platform; investing behind integrated, holistic and ambitious climate planning; commitment to a shared goal of 70% finance flows supporting action on the ground in LDCs by 2030; working at the pace of individual LDCs and leaving no country and no one behind. We must take joint responsibility to advance the emergence of climate resilient people, economies, and landscapes, for the attainment of a climate resilient future. The principles set out in this Partnership Compact will ensure increased effectiveness of climate action and development cooperation through aligning support to deliver coherently the SDGs, the Paris Agreement, the Sendai and Aichi commitments and the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, to ensure real action across the whole of society in the most vulnerable countries and communities.

The Partnership Compact reflects a commitment to ensure that LDCs receive the support they need to develop and test mechanisms that reach the local level, enabling climate informed investment in enterprise, in landscapes and in the poorest households. Currently only 10% of climate finance reaches the community level where it is needed most. For the first “frontrunner” LDCs, who are those that are ready to make swift progress, this support is estimated to require $520 million over 10 years. LDC governments are committing to use whatever resources, capabilities and institutions at their disposal to fulfil the LDC Vision commitments. The frontrunners will learn together and with other LDCs, ensuring that over time all LDCs develop their own vertically and horizontally integrated architecture for climate action. Development partners are invited to work together and use a single conduit for finance for improved harmonisation, collaborative working and to ensure finance is available to LDCs, especially those often left behind. As systems develop, this will transition over time to accessing global climate funds directly complementing bilateral contributions to national development goals.

The LDC Vision: For all Least Developed Countries to deliver climate-resilient development pathways by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050 to ensure our societies and ecosystems thrive.

To achieve this Vision, we will focus on deepening our climate knowledge, technology, capabilities and finance to support the emergence of:

1. Climate resilient people living in just, inclusive, happy and poverty-free societies
2. Climate resilient economies that are net-zero and prosperous, with vibrant and sustainable growth within ecological limits, and
3. Climate resilient landscapes and ecosystems that are sustainably managed, less vulnerable to climate shocks and stresses and that use nature-based solutions

Our Vision is defined, driven and led by ourselves. It charts out our journey towards a climate-resilient future by 2050, in line with our own needs and priorities.

The Principles

These principles underpin the core elements of our LDC Vision, what we the LDCs are committing to do, ‘Our Offer’ and what we are asking of our development partners, ‘Our Ask’, and represent joint principles for both LDCs and the international community to aspire to achieve:

1. **Work together jointly on a shared and equal platform.** LDCs and the international community to come together as equals through a platform to openly discuss, co-create and share solutions to address the climate challenges that we face across our respective countries. This platform aims to build trust, transparency and mutual accountability, and present the opportunity to outline joint solutions to some of our greatest challenges, including the transaction costs of accessing support and the need to develop the climate capabilities of LDC institutions.

2. **Invest behind integrated, holistic and ambitious climate planning across whole of society.** We will work with the whole of society to integrate climate (adaptation, mitigation and resilience) into national and local development objectives and plans. We have initiated work on long term strategies under the Paris Agreement in a number of LDCs, and we ask the international community to do the same, to ensure a collective response that puts the world on a pathway towards a 1.5°C world, along a climate resilient pathway, by 2020.

3. **Commit to supporting the LDCs intention of 70% finance flows supporting action on the ground in LDCs by 2030.** We will work jointly together to strengthen LDC delivery mechanisms to ensure that climate finance is committed with the principle purpose of at least 70% of the funds reaching the communities where climate impacts are most felt. These delivery mechanisms will enable vertical integration with government systems from national to local level and horizontal collaboration across different sectors, enabling devolved community-led decision-making that integrates community knowledge with the best technical advice.

4. **Work at the pace of individual LDCs, aiming to build long term national and local institutions, systems, structures and capabilities.** We will work jointly together at the pace and direction set by individual LDCs under this shared 2050 Vision, seeking to move away from a pace that is determined and set externally, achieving greater national ownership. This will enhance in-country expertise, build
strong local institutions, and stimulate whole-of-society responses, with a special focus on women, youth and other marginalized groups. We will also work closely with Least Developed Countries Universities Consortium on Climate Change (LUCCC), and other LDC institutions in country, to develop tomorrow’s leaders and national experts, investing in capabilities, curricula, training, research and knowledge.

5. **Leave no country and no one behind.** At LDC level, we commit to work together to find solutions for the most fragile states and countries that are often left behind in the fight against climate change, seeking ways to overcome challenges, learning together and building capabilities to deliver the SDGs, and Paris, Sendai and Aichi commitments, to ensure that LDC Governments continue to show leadership. At individual level, ‘leaving no one behind’ will mean that we create more inclusive governance policies and institutions with principles that put the furthest behind first and sustainably address the underlying causes of poverty and vulnerability. We shall challenge social barriers that exclude and limit people’s potentials as we focus on gender transformation and social justice. We will work with women and the youth, who comprise the highest population in most developing countries and yet are the poorest. We will engage national ministries and local governments, private sector, non-governmental organisations, cities and communities, to improve climate decision-making, build a strong foundation of trust, break down silos and encourage collaboration. We call on other development partners to do the same.

**The change we need**

The signatories of this Partnership Compact reflect our high-level commitment to work together across the LDC countries and development partners to achieve the goals of the LDC Vision and Principles listed here. And we commit in our working together to share our progress and learning on how we are supporting the achievement of the LDC Vision.

Front runner LDC countries are stepping forward with commitments to take our Vision forward at national and local levels through the development and alignment of national adaptation and mitigation priorities in NDCs, national development plans and long-term low carbon climate resilient development strategies, as well as developing and strengthening delivery mechanisms to channel support to the local level. Development partners are invited to provide technical and financial support ($520m over 10 years) behind the LDC Vision and Principles and work together with LDCs in a strengthened partnership, to achieve a historic shift towards a more effective and more ambitious global climate response.
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In our respective capacities on behalf of our countries and organisations, we express our commitment to stand together alongside all members of this Partnership Compact, to support the achievement of the goals of the LDC Vision and Principles outlined above, for the attainment of a climate resilient future. We are launching this Partnership at the 25th Conference of Parties (COP25) in December 2019 to set out a new way of working together to deliver climate ambition at an accelerated pace. The signatories of this Compact are expressing commitment to stand together - across the LDC Group and development partners - in a strengthened alliance to tackle the triple crises of climate change, nature degradation and poverty.

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