

**Submission of the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC)  
On the Work of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) under APA  
Agenda Item 4**

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on behalf of the Like-Minded Developing Countries in the UNFCCC (LMDC)

The Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) Group in the UNFCCC makes this submission<sup>1</sup> containing the Group's initial views in relation to APA Agenda Item 4, pursuant to paragraph 8 of the conclusions of the APA at its first session in Bonn in May 2016.<sup>2</sup>

**ITEM 4, "FURTHER GUIDANCE IN RELATION TO THE ADAPTATION COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, AS A COMPONENT OF NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS, REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 7, PARAGRAPHS 10 AND 11, OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT"**

1. The development of guidance in relation to the communication of the adaptation component of NDCs should seek to achieve the effective implementation of the adaptation provisions of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.
2. In this context, a differentiated approach to the adaptation communications must be reflected in which the undertaking of adaptation plans and actions, and the communication of such adaptation plans and actions, are essentially discretionary under the Paris Agreement, while the provision of adaptation-related support to developing countries continues to be an differentiated obligation of developed country Parties under Article 7.13 of the Paris Agreement, when read in the context of Article 4.4 of the Convention.
3. The balance between the need for guidance for adaptation communications with the need for flexibility can be achieved by having guidance that:
  - (a) Reflects and respects the discretionary and voluntary nature of Parties undertaking national adaptation plans and programmes and of the voluntary modality by which they may communicate such adaptation actions – e.g. whether through inclusion as the adaptation component of their NDCs; through submission as a national action plan (NAP), or as part of their national communications;
  - (b) Enhancing the required provision and communication of adaptation-related support from developed country Parties to developing country Parties under Article 7.13 of the Paris Agreement, consistent with the obligations of developed country Parties under Article 4.4 of the Convention, including modalities to facilitate the mobilization and provision of support for adaptation in developing countries, and modalities to review the adequacy and effectiveness of adaptation-related support provided by developed country Parties;
  - (c) Modalities and procedures for assessing the adaptation needs of developing country Parties for which support under Article 7.13 of the Paris Agreement and Article 4.4 of the Convention would be provided by developed country Parties.

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<sup>1</sup> This submission is without prejudice to additional submissions that the Group, or individual Party members of the Group, may make; and may also be further revised or supplemented.

<sup>2</sup> See FCCC/APA/2016/L.3, at <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2016/apa/eng/l03.pdf>