

Submission by Bhutan on behalf of Least Developed Countries Group on Capacity building to implement Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

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The LDCs welcome the opportunity to provide to share views in response to the invitation extended by the Chair of the SBSTA, relating to **Capacity building to implement Article 6** and to the guiding questions presented as follows:

There are three key steps that are required in the context of capacity building under Article 6.

1. Recognising and addressing the special circumstance of LDCs and SIDS with respect to meeting participation requirements under Article 6
2. Providing capacity building for all developing countries, if required, to participate in Article 6 activities
3. Developing training programs to recruit people to participate in the Article 6 technical expert review teams

With respect to the special circumstances of LDCs and SIDS we need a dedicated program of work for LDCs and SIDS to meet the participation requirements under Article 6. This is referred to in paragraph 2 of the Decision to Article 6.2.

Such a work program should have the following elements:

Establishment of a dedicated section of the Secretariat to facilitate, coordinate and encourage support for the LDC and SIDS work program

Seek financial support from donor organisations to develop on-line training tools to assist LDCs and SIDS meeting their participation requirements

Develop on-line training tools to implement the program

Establish a timeframe for in person regional and national training programs to assist LDCs and SIDS. To meet the urgent needs of LDCs and SIDS, this timeframe should be established no later than the SB session in June 2022

Call on various UN agencies, development assistance organisations and non-government organisations to assist in implementing the LDC and SIDS work program

With respect to the capacity building for all developing countries, if needed, we should strongly encourage the Paris Committee on Capacity Building to develop a dedicated work stream for developing countries on capacity building to meeting participation requirements under Article 6

With respect to developing training programs to recruit people to participate in the Article 6 technical expert review teams, we need to encourage the Secretariat to establish a training program for Article 6 technical expert teams

We should encourage donors to assist the Secretariat to sponsor consultancies that could development the necessary training tools for Article 6 expert review teams