



## **LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL DECISIONS 2020**

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## 28<sup>th</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – June 2020

### Decision LDCF.SCCF 1/2020 Work Program of the Least Developed Countries Fund

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.28/03, [Work Program for Least Developed Countries Fund](#), approves the Work Program comprising eight projects, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 3, 2020<sup>1</sup>. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$59.59 million for the LDCF, inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees.
2. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the work program, the Council found that each of these PIFs (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF Policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully address the Council's and STAP reviewer's comments on the work program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.
3. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project scope and approach since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
4. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 28th session is part of the associated [Annex I](#) appended to this Summary of the Chair.

### Decision LDCF.SCCF 2/2020 FY21 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.28/04 [FY21 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), approves the proposed budget for the GEF Secretariat, Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP), the Trustee and the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), as follows:
  - 1) \$1,046,674 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$384,000 (Trustee), and \$41,000 (GEF IEO) from the Least Developed Countries Fund; and

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<sup>1</sup> The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons, opposes the following project and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF project 10176.

- 2) \$478,924 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$115,000 (Trustee), and \$76,000 (GEF IEO) from the Special Climate Change Fund.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 3/2020 FY21 Work Program and budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under the LDCF and the SCCF**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.28/E/01/Rev.01, [FY21 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under LDCF/SCCF](#), approves the annual budget of \$117,000 to carry out the work program of fiscal year 2021. The budget is in line with the term of the evaluation work that spans over multiple years. The approved budget is being distributed as follows:
  - 1) \$41,000 from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and
  - 2) \$76,000 from the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF).

**29<sup>th</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – December 2020**

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 4/2020 Work Program of the Least Developed Countries Fund**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.29/03/Rev.01, [Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund](#), approves the Work Program comprising of nine projects subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 11, 2021<sup>2</sup>.
2. Total resources approved in this Work Program amount to \$63.87 million from the LDCF, inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees.
3. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) reviewer's comments on the Work Program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.
4. With respect to any PIF approved in this Work Program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project

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<sup>2</sup> The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons, opposes the following project and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF project 10099 in Burundi.

document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

5. In light of the recent audit report by the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) of UNDP GEF Management, all projects included in the Work Program implemented by UNDP shall be circulated by email for Council review at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval. This shall take place as actions of the Management Action Plan that address the OAI recommendations are being implemented, and as the independent, risk-based third-party review of compliance by UNDP with the GEF Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards is being completed. Project reviews will take into consideration the relevant findings of the external audit and the UNDP management responses and note them in the endorsement review sheet that will be made available to the Council during the 4-week review period.
6. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 29th session is part of the associated [Annex II](#) appended to this Summary of the Chair.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 5/2020 FY19 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund**

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.29/04/Rev.01, [FY19 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), welcomes the review and appreciates the progress made in reporting portfolio-level performance, results and lessons learned under the LDCF and the SCCF.
2. The Council welcomes the overall finding that the LDCF and SCCF portfolio under implementation in FY19 performed satisfactorily.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 6/2020 Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund**

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.29/05, [Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), welcomes the report and takes note with appreciation of the progress made under the LDCF and SCCF.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 7/2020 2020 Program Evaluation of the Least Developed Countries Fund**

1. The Council, having reviewed documents GEF/LDCF.SCCF.29/E/01, [2020 Program Evaluation of the Least Developed Countries Fund](#) and the [Management Response](#), endorses the following recommendations:

- i. Build on progress made on mainstreaming gender in the LDCF portfolio and aim to decrease the knowledge gap about gender-related results.
- ii. Continue to enhance the likelihood of the sustainability of outcomes.