



Global Environment Facility

Summary of Document GEF/C.28/18

Programming Paper for Funding the Implementation of NAPAs under the LDC Trust Fund

Recommended Council Decision

The Council reviewed and approves the *Programming Paper for Funding the Implementation of NAPAs under the LDC Trust Fund* (document GEF/C.28/18). The Council notes with appreciation the commitments that have been pledged to support the implementation of the National Adaptation Plans of Actions in the Least Developed Country parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Executive Summary

This paper presents a programming framework for guiding operations under the Least Developed Countries Fund for Climate Change (LDCF). The LDCF has supported 44 least developed country Parties to the UNFCCC in carrying out the preparation of National Adaptation Programs of Action (NAPA's). As three countries have already completed their NAPA's and another dozen are in the final stages of review, the NAPA preparatory phase is expected to conclude over the next two years. In anticipation of the NAPA implementation phase, COP9 (Decision 6/CP.9) and COP11 (Decision 3/CP.11) provided additional guidance to the GEF on the operation of the LDCF. This paper incorporates that guidance into the proposed programming framework for the LDCF.

The GEF will work with eligible Parties that have completed their NAPAs to finance each country's priority activities, taking into account the principle of balanced access to the LDCF. Based upon preliminary readings and presentations of the NAPA's, the priority sectors that are expected to receive the most attention under the NAPA's are water resources, food security and agriculture, health, disaster preparedness and risk management, infrastructure and natural resources management. Community-level adaptation may also be a cross-cutting area of concern. The proposed approach for effective implementation of NAPAs is to integrate urgent and immediate adaptation measures into the development activities of each LDC, taking into account national circumstances and economic and social priorities. To achieve the objective of climate-resilient development, climate change adaptation interventions should be integrated into national development policies, plans, programs, projects and actions.

Addressing the adverse impacts of climate change imposes an additional cost on vulnerable countries in their effort to achieve sustainable development goals. The LDCF will provide financing for the “additional costs” that pertain to meeting urgent and immediate adaptation needs, identified in their NAPAs. To simplify the calculation of additional costs, a sliding scale may be used. If the financing requested for a given project proposal meets the limits proposed in this sliding scale, a project will be approved without having to estimate additional costs.

In order to expedite and simplify project approval under the LDCF, an expedited approval process that applies only to projects submitted for funding under the LDCF is proposed. Under this process, projects will be reviewed and approved on a rolling basis throughout the year. In addition, all LDCF projects requesting up to \$2m of GEF resources can utilize the MSP approval process. For projects requesting more than \$2m of funding from the LDCF, the proposals will be web-posted and approved by mail on a rolling basis. Projects will be approved unless four or more Council members request that the project be discussed and approved at the next GEF Council meeting.

The contents of an earlier draft of this paper were presented at an LDC-GEF Consultation held in Dhaka, Bangladesh from April 4-6, 2006. The comments received from the participants were incorporated into a revised draft that was discussed at a donor’s meeting held in Copenhagen, Denmark on April 28, 2006. Further comments obtained from this meeting have been incorporated into the present paper.