



Global Environment Facility

Summary of Document GEF/C.25/4/Rev.1

Status Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund for Climate Change and the Special Climate Change Fund

Recommended Council Decision

The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.25/4/Rev.1, *Status Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund for Climate Change and the Special Climate Change Fund*, welcomes the first completed NAPA from the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the progress that has been made in financing the preparation of National Adaptation Programs of Action (NAPAs) by the LDC Parties to the UNFCCC. The Council also welcomes the formulation of policies and procedures for the support of projects under the SCCF, and the successful outcome of the meeting of donors for resource mobilization. The Council requests the Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies to expedite processing of projects under the fund. The Council approves an administrative budget of USD 466,400 and USD 538,200 respectively to cover the expenses of the GEF Secretariat and the Trustee in administering the LDCF and the SCCF for FY06 and FY07.

Executive Summary

1. The Least Developed Countries Fund for Climate Change (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) were both established by the GEF in accordance with the decisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Least Developed Country Fund (LDCF)

2. As of April 18, 2005, twelve donors have contributed to the LDCF. The total receipts to the Fund amount to USDeq. 32.9 million, which is comprised of cash contributions, promissory notes, and investment income. To date, the LDCF allocations in the amount of USD 11.0 million for projects, fees and administrative budgets have been approved. Consequently, net funds available for allocation from the LDCF amounts to USDeq. 21.9 million.

Report on NAPA Operations under the LDCF

3. The first completed National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPAs) was submitted to the UNFCCC Secretariat by the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on November 2004.

4. As of April 24, 2005, projects for the preparation of NAPAs in 43 countries have been approved (GEF/C.24/Inf.8/Rev.1). The total approved resources for 43 NAPAs and two global support projects is USD 9,415, 219.

Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)

5. At the pledging meeting in November 2004, nine donors (Denmark, Finland, Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom) pledged contributions to the SCCF. Since this meeting, five donors (Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland) have signed a contribution agreement with the Trustee. The Trustee is in communication with the remaining four donors (Denmark, Finland, Portugal, and the United Kingdom) to assist them in finalizing their contributions when all legislative steps have been completed by these donors. The total cash receipts to the SCCF amount to USD 6.7 million, comprised of donor contribution payments and investment income. Of this amount, USD 5.6 million is dedicated to the Program for Adaptation and USD 1.1 million is for the Program for Transfer of Technology.

6. At the Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, held in Buenos Aires in December 2004, the COP welcomed the outcome of the first pledging meeting of potential donors to the SCCF, and urged the GEF to continue its efforts to mobilize additional resources to support the implementation of eligible project activities under the Fund. It also noted the concerns of some Parties on the co-financing sliding proportional scale proposed for the SCCF.

7. The paper also requests approval by the Council of administrative costs to cover the expenses of the GEF Secretariat and the Trustee in administering the LDCF and the SCCF for FY06 and FY07.