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1st meeting
GEF Programming Strategy on
Climate Change Strategy for LDCF and SCCF
And Operational Improvements
October 19, 2021
Unprecedented Scale of Climate Change

IPCC:
• **Changing Climate**: highest CO$_2$ concentrations, fastest sea level rise, lowest level of arctic sea ice, unprecedented glaciers retreat
• **Negative impacts**: extreme heat, heavy rainfall, drought, fire, and ocean warming/acidification

Unprecedented Climate Impact

- More severe and frequent negative impacts at higher temperature scenarios
- Serious intergenerational implications
- Heightened need for climate change adaptation

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W. Thiery et al., 2021, *Intergenerational Inequities in Exposure to Climate Extremes*

IPCC, 2021, *Working Group I Contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report*
GEF-8: Facilitating Transformational Climate Adaptation

**Science**
- Need for transformation
- Whole of society approach
- Urgent adaptation priorities

**Approaches**
- Ecosystems and nature-based climate adaptation solutions
- Regional approaches focusing on rural, urban and coastal areas for climate resilient infrastructure and services
- Landscape and value-chain based approaches for food and water security

**Context**
- Partnership and innovation
- Local-national-regional scope
- Resilient livelihoods, healthy ecosystems and people
Evolution of LDCF and SCCF

Strategic Shift towards:

- **Integration**
- **Innovation** and private sector engagement
- **Inclusion** and participatory approach

Uganda
### Value addition of LDCF and SCCF

1. **LDCF:** *only fund* focusing on LDCs
   - Embraced by LDCs
   - Implementation experience in all LDCs

2. **Opportunities for targeted support**
   - 100% of resources to climate adaptation benefits

3. **High relevance** to UNFCCC COP guidance
   - LDCF’s work inherently *aligned with the Paris Agreement*

4. **Agility – Enable quick action**

5. **Track record** of systemic, integrated support, *beyond sectors*

6. **Partnership** with GCF for complementarity and coordination

7. **High standards** of transparency and accountability
   - Subject to *independent evaluations*

8. **Very high performance** of the active SCCF portfolio
Long-term Vision on Complementarity

ELEMENTS FOR ADAPTATION

Collaborative and coordinated programming

Support major initiatives with GCF
Include LDCF/SCCF in national investment planning

Sharing information, lessons learned and knowledge

Lessons learned from LDCF/SCCF portfolio to strengthen implementation
Share experiences with AF, CIFs, and others

Communication and outreach

Communicate about LTV in programming
Enhance outreach and communications with donors, at COPs
GEF as a Leader to Global Goals

- A central player in the Healthy Planet, Healthy People approach towards a green, blue, and resilient recovery
- Uniquely placed to narrow the adaptation and finance gaps
- Committed to contribute to Paris Agreement and other international goals