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Decision by Mail – January 2015

Decision LDCF.SCCF 1/2015 PIF Approval: Mali

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Mali: Flood Hazard and Climate Risk Management to Secure Lives and Assets in Mali** (GEF ID: 5855) (LDCF Project Grant \$8,925,000) (Agency Fee \$847,875¹), posted on December 11, 2014 and approves it on a no objection basis subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat.
2. The Council finds that the PIF (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project document fully incorporates and addresses the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the PIF, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures.
3. The final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there has been a major change to the present 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.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 2/2015 PIF Approval: Eritrea

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Eritrea: Mainstreaming Climate Risk Considerations in Food Security and IWRM in Tsilima Plain** (GEF ID: 6923) (LDCF Project Grant \$9,050,000) (Agency Fee \$855,475²), posted on December OJ, 2014 and approves it on a no objection basis³ subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat.
2. The Council finds that the PIF (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project document fully incorporates and addresses the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the PIF, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures.

¹ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$339,150 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$508,725 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

² Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$342,190 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$513,285 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

³ The LDCF /SCCF Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of United States policies for certain development projects, opposes the above-mentioned project and therefore does not join the LDCF/SCCF Council decision that would support this project.

3. The final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there has been a major change to the present 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.

Decision by Mail – February 2015

Decision LDCF.SCCF 3/2015 PIF Approval: Global

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Global: Expanding the Ongoing Support to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) with Country-driven Processes to Advance National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)** (GEF ID: 5868) (LDCF Project Grant \$6,200,000) (Agency Fee \$589, 000⁴), posted on December 11, 2014 and approves it on a no objection basis⁵ subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat.
2. The Council finds that the PIF (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project document fully incorporates and addresses the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the PIF, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures.
3. The final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there has been a major change to the present 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.

18th LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – June 2015

Decision LDCF.SCCF 4/2015 Progress Report for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.18/03, [Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#)*, welcomed the report and took note with appreciation of the progress made under the LDCF and the SCCF.

⁴ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$235,600 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$353,400 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

⁵ The LDCF/SCCF Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of United States policies for certain development projects, opposes the above-mentioned project and therefore does not join the LDCF/SCCF Council decision that would support this project.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 5/2015 FY 14 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.18/04, [FY14 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#)*, welcomed the review and appreciated the progress made in reporting portfolio-level performance, results and lessons learned under the LDCF and the SCCF. The Council welcomed the overall finding that 98 per cent of LDCF projects and 92 per cent of SCCF projects under implementation in FY14 were rated in the satisfactory range for their progress towards development objectives.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 6/2015 Work Program for the Special Climate Change Fund

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.18/05, [Work Program for the Special Climate Change Fund](#)*, approved the work program comprising three project concepts, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that would be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by June 18, 2015.
2. Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$15.537 million which include SCCF project grants and Agency fees. The work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs):

Two Stand-Alone SCCF-A projects

- **Regional (Tonga):** Pacific Resilience Program (World Bank) (SCCF-A Project Financing: \$5.479 million)
- **Sri Lanka:** Resilient and Integrated Urban Development for Greater Colombo (ADB) (SCCF-A Project Financing: \$4.110 million)

One Stand-Alone SCCF-B project

- **Cambodia:** Building Adaptive Capacity through the Scaling-up of Renewable Energy Technologies in Rural Cambodia (S-RET) (IFAD) (SCCF-B Project Financing: \$4.600 million)
3. 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 incorporate and 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/SCCF 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 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.
5. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 18th session of the Work Program is part of the associated [Annex I](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 7/2015 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.18/06, [FY16 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#)*, approved the proposed budget for the GEF Secretariat, STAP, the Trustee and the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), as follows:
 - (1) \$1,020,132 (GEF Secretariat), \$121,000 (STAP), \$334,000 (Trustee), and \$69,000 (GEF IEO) from the Least Developed Countries Fund; and
 - (2) \$508,923 (GEF Secretariat), \$121,000 (STAP), \$171,000 (Trustee), and \$14,000 (GEF IEO) from the Special Climate Change Fund.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 8/2015 Four-Year Work Program and Budget for the GEF Independent Evaluation Office under the LDCF and SCCF

1. The Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.18/ME/01, [Four-Year Work Program and Budget for the GEF Independent Evaluation Office under LDCF/SCCF](#)*, approves an annual budget of \$83,000 for the Independent Evaluation Office for fiscal year 2016 for the proposed work program:
 - (a) \$69,000 from the LDCF and
 - (b) \$14,000 from the SCCF.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 9/2015 LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report 2014 and Management Response

1. The Council, having considered document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF/18/ME/02, [LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report 2014](#)*, welcomes the report and notes the information on the progress

of the LDCF and SCCF. The Council requests the GEF Independent Evaluation Office to develop the AER as the portfolios mature to become a robust source of information and a tool for decision making.

9th LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – October 2015

Decision LDCF.SCCF 10/2015 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.19/03, [*Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*](#), welcomed the report and took note with appreciation of the progress made under the LDCF and the SCCF.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 11/2015 Joint Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.19/04, [*Joint Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*](#), approved the work program comprising two project concepts, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that would be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by November 5, 2015.
2. Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$5.475 million for the SCCF and \$11.445 million for the LDCF, including project grants and Agency fees. The work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs):

One Stand-Alone SCCF-A project

- **Kazakhstan:** Southeast Europe and Central Asia Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (World Bank) (SCCF-A Project Financing: \$5.000 million)

One Multi-Trust Fund LDCF project

- **Bhutan:** Enhancing Sustainability and Climate Resilience of Forest and Agricultural Landscapes and Community Livelihoods (UNDP) (LDCF Project Financing: \$10.500 million, GEF Trust Fund Project Financing: \$3.467 million)
3. 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 incorporate and 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/LDCF/SCCF 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 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.
5. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 19th session of the Work Program is part of the associated [Annex I](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

Decision by Mail – November 2015

Decision LDCF.SCCF 12/2015 PIF Approval: Sierra Leone

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Sierra Leone: Adapting to Climate Change Induced Coastal Risks Management in Sierra Leone** (GEF ID: 5902) (LDCF Project Grant \$9,975,000) (Agency Fee \$947,625⁶), posted on October 28, 2015 and approves it on a no objection basis subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat.
2. The Council finds that the PIF (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project document fully incorporates and addresses the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the PIF, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures.
3. The final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there has been a major change to the present 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.

⁶ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$379,050 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$568,575 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

Decision by Mail – December 2015

Decision LDCF.SCCF 13/2015 PIF Approval: Senegal

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Senegal: Promoting Innovative Finance and Community Based Adaptation in Communes Surrounding Community Natural Reserves (Ferlo, Niokolo Koba, Senegal River Bas Delta & Saloum Delta), Senegal** (GEF ID: 5867) (LDCF Project Grant \$5,460,000) (Agency Fee \$518,700⁷), posted on October 28, 2015 and approves it on a no objection basis subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat.
2. The Council finds that the PIF (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project document fully incorporates and addresses the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the PIF, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures.
3. The final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there has been a major change to the present 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.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 14/2015 PIF Approval: Afghanistan

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Afghanistan: Adapting Afghan Communities to Climate-Induced Disaster Risks** (GEF ID: 6914) (LDCF Project Grant \$5,600,000) (Agency Fee \$532,000⁸), posted on October 28, 2015 and approves it on a no objection basis subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat.
2. The Council finds that the PIF (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project document fully incorporates and addresses the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the PIF, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures.

⁷ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$207,480 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$311,220 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP

⁸ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$212,800 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$319,200 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

3. The final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there has been a major change to the present 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.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 15/2015 PIF Approval: Ethiopia

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Ethiopia: CCA Growth: Implementing Climate Resilient and Green Economy plans in highland areas in Ethiopia** (GEF ID: 6967) (LDCF Project Grant \$6,277,000) (Agency Fee \$596,315⁹), posted on October 28, 2015 and approves it on a no objection basis subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat.
2. The Council finds that the PIF (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project document fully incorporates and addresses the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the PIF, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF/LDCF/SCCF policies and procedures.
3. The final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there has been a major change to the present 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.

⁹ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$238,526 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$357,789 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.