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Decision by Mail – March 2017

Decision LDCF.SCCF 1/2017 PIF Approval: Uganda

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Uganda: Integrating Climate Resilience into Agricultural and Pastoral Production in Uganda, through a Farmer/Agro-Pastoralist Field School Approach** (GEF ID: 7997) (LDCF Project Grant \$6,886,838) (Agency Fee \$654,250), posted on February 03, 2017 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 2/2017 PIF Approval: Nepal

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Nepal: Ecosystem-Based Adaptation for Climate-resilient Development in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal** (GEF ID: 8009) (LDCF Project Grant \$6,242,700) (Agency Fee \$593,057¹), posted on February 03, 2017 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

¹ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$237,223 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$355,834 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

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Decision LDCF.SCCF 3/2017 PIF Approval: Burundi

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Burundi: Natural Landscapes Rehabilitation and Climate Change Adaptation in the Region of Mumirwa in Bujumbura and Mayor of Bujumbura through a Farmer Field School Approach** (GEF ID: 8010) (LDCF Project Grant \$5,877,397) (Agency Fee \$558,353²), posted on February 27, 2017 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 4/2017 PIF Approval: Niger

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Niger: Planning and Financing Adaptation in Niger** (GEF ID: 8020) (LDCF Project Grant \$8,925,000) (Agency Fee \$847,875³), posted on January 31, 2017 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.

² Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$223,341 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$335,012 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

³ 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.

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 5/2017 PIF Approval: Guinea

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Guinea: Strengthening Climate Information and Early Warning Systems for Climate Resilient Development and Adaptation to Climate Change in Guinea** (GEF ID: 8023) (LDCF Project Grant \$5,000,000) (Agency Fee \$475,000⁴), posted on January 31, 2017 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 6/2017 PIF Approval: Chad

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Chad: Community-based Climate Risks Management in Chad** (GEF ID: 8001) (LDCF Project Grant \$5,250,000) (Agency Fee \$498,750⁵), posted on January 31, 2017 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

⁴ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$190,000 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$285,000 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

⁵ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$199,500 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$299,250 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

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 7/2017 PIF Approval: Uganda

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Uganda: Reducing the Climate Change Vulnerability of Local Communities in Uganda through EbA in Forest and Wetland Ecosystems** (GEF ID: 8035) (LDCF Project Grant \$4,350,000) (Agency Fee \$413,250⁶), posted on January 31, 2017 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 8/2017 PIF Approval: Regional (Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu)

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Regional (Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu): Building Resilience of Health Systems in Pacific Island LDCs to Climate Change** (GEF ID: 8018) (LDCF Project Grant \$17,850,000) (Agency Fee \$1,606,500), posted on February 13, 2017 and approves it on a no objection basis subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat.

⁶ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$165,300 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$247,950 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

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 9/2017 PIF Approval: Kiribati

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Kiribati: Enhancing "Whole of Islands" Approach to Strengthen Community Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risks in Kiribati** (GEF ID: 9041) (LDCF Project Grant \$8,925,000) (Agency Fee \$847,875⁷), posted on January 31, 2017 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 10/2017 PIF Approval: Mauritania

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Mauritania: Continental Wetlands Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change** (GEF ID: 8033) (LDCF Project Grant

⁷ 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.

\$4,449,542) (Agency Fee \$400,458⁸), posted on January 31, 2017 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 by Mail – April 2017

Decision LDCF.SCCF 11/2017 PIF Approval: Nepal

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Nepal: Developing Climate Resilient Livelihoods in the Vulnerable Watershed in Nepal** (GEF ID: 6989) (LDCF Project Grant \$7,000,000) (Agency Fee \$665,000⁹), posted on March 06, 2017 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.
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⁸ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$160,183 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$240,275 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

⁹ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$266,000 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$399,000 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

22nd LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – May 2017

Decision LDCF.SCCF 12/2017 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.22/03/Rev.01, [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 13/2017 FY16 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.22/04, [FY16 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 95 and 94 per cent of LDCF and SCCF projects under implementation in FY16, respectively, were rated in the satisfactory range for their progress towards development objectives, respectively.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 14/2017 Program Evaluation of the Special Climate Change Fund and Management Response

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.22/ME/02, [Program Evaluation of the Special Climate Change Fund](#) and GEF/LDCF.SCCF.22/ME/03, [Management Response to the Program Evaluation of the Special Climate Change Fund](#), takes note of the conclusions of the evaluation and endorses the recommendations taking into account the Management Response.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 15/2017 FY18 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.22/05, [FY18 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), approved the proposed budget for the GEF Secretariat, STAP, and the Trustee, as follows:

(1) \$1,044,509 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$301,000 (Trustee), and \$34,000 (GEF IEO) from the Least Developed Countries Fund; and

(2) \$483,026 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$131,000 (Trustee), and \$39,000 (GEF IEO) from the Special Climate Change Fund.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 16/2017 FY18 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office under the LDCF and the SCCF

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.22/ME/04/Rev.01, [*FY18 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under LDCF/SCCF*](#), approves an annual budget of \$73,000 for the Independent Evaluation Office for fiscal year 2018 for the proposed work program:
 - a) \$34,000 from the LDCF; and
 - b) \$39,000 from the SCCF

Decision by Mail – October 2017

Decision LDCF.SCCF 17/2017 PIF Approval: Somalia

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Somalia: Support for Integrated Water Resources Management to Ensure Water Access and Disaster Reduction for Somalia's Pastoralists** (GEF ID: 8028) (LDCF Project Grant \$8,831,000) (Agency Fee \$838,945¹⁰), posted on September 7, 2017 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.
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¹⁰ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$335,578 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$503,367 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 18/2017 PIF Approval: Zambia

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Zambia: Building the Resilience of Local Communities in Zambia through the Introduction of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) into Priority Ecosystems, including Wetlands and Forests** (GEF ID: 8034) (LDCF Project Grant \$6,185,000) (Agency Fee \$587,575¹¹), posted on August 30, 2017 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.
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23rd LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – November 2017

Decision LDCF.SCCF 19/2017 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.23/03/Rev.01, [*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 by Mail – December 2017

Decision LDCF.SCCF 20/2017 PIF Approval: Sao Tome and Principe

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Sao Tome and Principe: Strengthening Resilience and Adaptive Capacity to Climate Change in Sao Tome and Principe's**

¹¹ Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$235,030 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$352,545 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

Agricultural and Fisheries Sectors (GEF ID: 9113) (LDCF Project Grant \$3,502,968) (Agency Fee \$332,782¹²), posted on November 08, 2017 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.

¹² Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$133,113 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$199,669 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.