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## Decision by Mail – January 2018

### Decision LDCF.SCCF 1/2018 PIF Approval: Lao PDR

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Lao PDR: Building the Capacity of the Lao PDR Government to Advance the National Adaptation Planning Process** (GEF ID: 8022) (LDCF Project Grant \$3,552,969) (Agency Fee \$337,532<sup>1</sup>), posted on November 14, 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 – March 2018

### Decision LDCF.SCCF 2/2018 PIF Approval: Myanmar

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the PIF entitled **Myanmar: Reducing Climate Vulnerability of Coastal Communities of Myanmar through an Ecosystem-based Approach** (GEF ID: 9131) (LDCF Project Grant \$7,031,010) (Agency Fee \$667,946<sup>2</sup>), 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

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<sup>1</sup> Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$135,013 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$202,519 will be committed at the time of CEO endorsement of the FSP.

<sup>2</sup> Out of the Agency Fee amount, Trustee will commit the first tranche (40%) of the Agency fee which is \$267,178 at the time of Council approval of the PIF. The second tranche (60%) of the Agency fee which is \$400,768 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.

## **24<sup>th</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – June 2018**

### **Decision LDCF.SCCF 3/2018 GEF 2018-2022 Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and Operational Improvements**

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.24/03, [GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and Operational Improvements](#), welcomed the Strategy and endorsed it as a basis for programming resources under the LDCF and the SCCF from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022.

### **Decision LDCF.SCCF 4/2018 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.24/04, [Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), welcomes the report and takes note with appreciation of the progress made under the LDCF and the SCCF.

### **Decision LDCF.SCCF 5/2018 FY17 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.24/05, [FY17 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 86 and 97 per cent of LDCF and SCCF projects under implementation respectively in FY17 were rated in the moderately satisfactory range and above for their progress towards development objectives.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 6/2018 FY19 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.24/06, [FY19 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) \$1,042,797 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$337,000 (Trustee), and \$26,000 (GEF IEO) from the Least Developed Countries Fund; and
  - (2) \$481,576 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$118,000 (Trustee), and \$26,000 (GEF IEO) from the Special Climate Change Fund.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 7/2018 FY19 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under the LDCF and the SCCF**

1. LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF/24/ME/02, [FY19 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under the LDCF and the SCCF](#), approved an annual budget of \$52,000 for the Independent Evaluation Office for fiscal year 2019 for the proposed work program:
  - (1) \$26,000 from the LDCF; and
  - (2) \$26,000 from the SCCF

**25<sup>th</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – December 2018**

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 8/2018 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.25/03, [Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), welcomes the report and takes note with appreciation of the progress made under the LDCF and the SCCF.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 9/2018 Least Developed Countries Fund Work Program**

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed the document, GEF/LDCF.SCCF.25/04, [Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund](#), approved the work program comprising 6 project concepts, subject to comments made during the Council meeting

and additional comments that were submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 7, 2019<sup>3</sup>. Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$45.85 million for the LDCF, including project grants and Agency fees.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. With respect to the following PIF approved in this work program, the final project document shall be circulated for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement:
  - (a) Sudan, Sustainable Natural Resource Management Project (World Bank, GEF ID 10083).
5. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 25<sup>th</sup> session of the Work Program is part of the associated [Annex 1](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

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<sup>3</sup> The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries which are state sponsors of terrorism opposes the following project and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support the following project, Sustainable Natural Resources Management in Sudan; The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons, opposes the following project and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support the following project in Mauritania, Climate Change Adaptation and Livelihoods in Three Arid Regions of Mauritania.