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## 26<sup>th</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – June 2019

### Decision LDCF.SCCF 1/2019 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.26/03, [Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), welcomed the report and takes note with appreciation of the progress made under the LDCF and the SCCF.

### Decision LDCF.SCCF 2/2019 FY18 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.26/04, [FY18 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 87 and 94 percent of LDCF and SCCF projects under implementation in FY18 were rated in the moderately satisfactory and above range for their progress towards development objectives, respectively.

### Decision LDCF.SCCF 3/2019 Joint Work Program of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.26/05/Rev.01, [Joint Work Program for Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund](#), approves the Work Program comprising twelve projects, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by June 27, 2019<sup>1</sup>. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$101.57 million for the LDCF and SCCF, inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees. Of this amount, \$100.61 million is approved from the LDCF for eleven projects, and \$967,150 is from the SCCF for one project.
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

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<sup>1</sup> 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 *Climate Smart Agriculture alternatives for upland production systems* in Lao PDR.

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 2 projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:
  - **Zambia:** Climate Change Adaptation in Forest and Agricultural Mosaic Landscapes in Zambia;
  - **Timor Leste:** IKAN Adapt: Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity, Resilience and Biodiversity Conservation Ability of Fisheries and Aquaculture-dependent Livelihoods in Timor-Leste
5. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Work Program is part of the associated [Annex I](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 4/2019 FY20 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.26/06, [FY20 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) \$1,047,030 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$385,000 (Trustee), and \$69,000 (GEF IEO) from the Least Developed Countries Fund; and
  - (2) \$480,640 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$112,000 (Trustee), and \$24,000 (GEF IEO) from the Special Climate Change Fund.

## **Decision LDCF.SCCF 5/2019 LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report and Annual Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.26/ME/01, [LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report: June 2019](#), approves the annual budget of \$93,000 for the Independent Evaluation Office for fiscal year 2020 for the proposed work program:
  - (1) \$69,000 from the LDCF; and
  - (2) \$24,000 from the SCCF.

## **27<sup>th</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – December 2019**

### **Decision LDCF.SCCF 6/2019 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.27/03, [Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), welcomed the report and takes note with appreciation of the progress made under the LDCF and the SCCF.

### **Decision LDCF.SCCF 7/2019 Work Program of the Least Developed Countries Fund**

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.27/04, [Work Program for Least Developed Countries Fund](#), approves the Work Program comprising nine projects, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 16, 2020<sup>2</sup>. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$59.95 million for the LDCF, inclusive of GEF project financing 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 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.

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<sup>2</sup> The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons and whose governments do not have in place a functioning and transparent military audit or which have violated human rights, and in light of its policies on international terrorism, opposes the following projects and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF projects 10159 and 10178.

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 projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:
5. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** *Reducing Vulnerability and Increasing Resilience to Climate Change through Promoting Innovation, Transfer and Large-Scale Deployment of Adaptation-Oriented Technologies in Priority Agriculture Value-Chains and Creating Jobs* (GEF ID 10377).
6. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 27th session of the Work Program is part of the associated [Annex I](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.