



Regional Programming and Strategy Workshop for Least Developed Countries – Francophone Africa

**April 24-27, 2023
Dakar, Senegal**

DRAFT PROGRAM

Overview and Objectives

The GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) for the GEF-8 Period of July 2022 to June 2026 presents a vision for transformational impacts and higher ambition for climate adaptation, and wider engagement with partners based on the whole-of-society approach. The strategy rollout and implementation are supported by three Dedicated Programs that address (i) Communications and visibility enhancement; (ii) Outreach and capacity support; and (iii) Organizational learning and coordination to enhance the impact and effectiveness of the LDCF and SCCF.

The Dedicated Program on ‘Outreach and capacity support’ aims at ensuring that all 46 LDCs have enhanced support to access LDCF during the GEF-8 period, given that the initial country allocation has doubled to \$20 million per LDC relative to the GEF-7 period.

In this context, the GEF Secretariat, in collaboration with the LDC Group under the auspices of the Senegal Chairpersonship, is organizing a series of regional programming and strategy workshops in Francophone Africa, Anglophone Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Caribbean to address some of the key challenges faced by LDCs and small island developing States (SIDS) in accessing finance for their national climate change adaptation programs. The objective of the workshops is to develop enhanced skills and knowledge for preparing and supervising the implementation of priority adaptation needs of these countries. In particular, the workshops aim to strengthen capacity and skills of the participants by providing them with information and tools that will assist them in translating their priority adaptation needs to the GEF concept note templates as well as to facilitate access to suitable climate finance from other sources.

The workshop to be convened in Senegal for francophone African LDCs is a key step in delivering outreach and capacity support for planning and programming. The workshop will provide insights on the entire project development process through various interactive sessions and exercises. Participants will have an opportunity to brainstorm project concept ideas as well as identify issues that will be explored through deep dive thematic and technical clinics.

Provisional Agenda

DAY 1	
8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am	Welcome remarks by Ms. Chizuru Aoki, Lead Environmental Specialist/Manager, LDCF/SCCF, GEF Secretariat
9:10 am	Remarks by UNFCCC Secretariat, Mr. Daniele Violetti, Senior Director, Programmes Coordination, Means of Implementation Division, UNFCCC Secretariat (Virtual)
9:20 am	Opening remarks by H.E. Alioune Ndoye Minister, Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development and Ecological Transition Republic of Senegal
9:30 am	Photo session <i>Followed by Media/Press briefing by high-level opening panelists</i>
9:50 am	Around-the-room introductions <i>Mr. Remy Ruat, GEF Secretariat</i>
10:00 am	Pre-workshop participant survey <i>Mr. Remy Ruat, GEF Secretariat</i>
10:10 am	Coffee break
10:40 am	Overview of the GEF <i>Ms. Susan W. Matindi Waithaka, GEF Secretariat</i> Overview of LDCF-SCCF portfolio in the region <i>Mr. Ladu David Morris Lemi, GEF Secretariat</i>
11:00 am	Sharing lessons, experience and good practice in accessing LDCF/SCCF <i>This session will allow participants to share knowledge, experience, and good practice in accessing LDCF/SCCF to address adaptation priorities. The participants will also share any challenges in accessing LDCF/SCCF and suggestions on overcoming these.</i> <i>Senegal will deliver ice-breaker interventions. Other participating countries and participants will provide their respective interventions (Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo)</i> <i>Facilitator: Ms. Madeleine Diouf Sarr, Chair, LDC Group</i>
12:20 pm	Lunch
1:20 pm	Overview of the Adaptation Strategy for 2022-26 <i>Video will be played covering the main elements of the Strategy, followed by Q&A</i> <i>Mr. Jason Spensley and Ms. Fareeha Iqbal, GEF Secretariat</i>
2:45 pm	Accessing the LDCF/SCCF and overview of the project cycle <i>Ms. Susan W. Matindi Waithaka, GEF Secretariat</i>
3:15 pm	Coffee break
3:45 pm	Insights and activities of the LDC Expert Group <i>Chair, Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)</i>
4:00 pm	Complementary programming with GCF <i>This panel discussion session will be an opportunity to discuss the GEF-GCF long term vision on coordinated programming, and to hear from countries on their experiences with joint or complementary GEF-GCF programming</i>

	<i>Panelist: GEF, GCF (virtual), IFAD and OFPs from Niger(tbc) and Mauritania (tbc)</i> <i>Mr. Jason Spensley, GEF Secretariat</i>
4:50 pm	Learning Stations: Reflection and experience sharing from countries and GEF Agencies <i>Participants will have the opportunity to learn from Agencies about LDCF or SCCF projects in the region that have been under implementation for some time.</i> <i>Ms. Ikuko Matsumoto, GEF Secretariat</i>
5:50 pm	<i>End of Day 1</i>
6:15 pm	DSA Disbursement <i>Ms. Michaelle Keza Wane, GEF Secretariat</i>
7:00-9:00 pm	Reception

DAY 2	
9:00 am	Overview of Day 2 agenda and reflection from Day 1 <i>Mr. Remy Ruat, GEF Secretariat</i>
9:10 am	Enhancing climate adaptation impact in project design (climate adaptation by design) <i>Mr. Jason Spensley, GEF Secretariat</i>
9:50 am	LDCF/SCCF results framework <i>Mr. Yuki Shiga, GEF Secretariat</i>
10:30 am	Coffee break
11:00 am	Insights from the GEF Scientific Technical and Advisory Panel (STAP) and discussion Professor <i>Rosina M. Bierbaum, Chair, STAP (Virtual)</i>
Closed session for country participants 11:30 am – 3:15 pm	
11:30 am	Brainstorming of project concept ideas (Breakout sessions)
12:45 pm	Lunch
1:45 pm	Brainstorming of project concept ideas (continued)
3:15 pm	Coffee break
3:45 pm	Around the table: countries to share their concepts with the room <i>Participants will briefly share the main elements of the concepts they have developed.</i> <i>GEF Secretariat to offer quick feedback</i> Facilitators: <i>Mr. Jason Spensley and Mr. Remy Ruat, GEF Secretariat</i>
5:30 pm	Information on Day 3 field trip: Logistical information provided to the participants <i>Host Country and FAO</i>
	DSA disbursement to be continued for remaining participants <i>Ms. Michaelle Keza Wane, GEF Secretariat</i>
<i>End of Day 2</i>	

DAY 3 (FIELD TRIP TO THE PROJECT SITE)	
7:00 am	Depart to the project site
12:30 pm	Lunch
4:00 pm	Participants taken back to the hotel
<i>End of Day 3</i>	

DAY 4	
9:00 am	Debrief session on the field trip <i>Mr. Remy Ruat, GEF Secretariat</i>
10:00 am	Looking to next year for the Dedicated Program: Sectoral and thematic deep dives <i>Poll on which topics participants would find useful for “deep-dive” technical workshops on in the next fiscal year</i> <i>Ms. Olusola Uchenna Ikuforiji, GEF Secretariat</i>
10:30 am	Post-workshop survey and feedback <i>Mr. Remy Ruat, GEF Secretariat</i>
11:00 am	End of the Workshop Closing remark by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Representative of Honorable Minister, Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development and Ecological Transition, Senegal (tbc)</i> • <i>Ms. Chizuru Aoki, Lead Environmental Specialist/Manager, LDCF/SCCF, GEF Secretariat</i>
11:30 am onwards	Bilateral meetings
1:00 pm	Lunch
<i>End of workshop</i>	