

December 20, 2018

**JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS
25TH LDCF/SCCF MEETING
DECEMBER 20TH, 2018**

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was opened by Dr. Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Facility.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

2. The LDCF/SCCF Council elected the GEF Council Member from Sierra Leone, Mr. Abdul Bakkar Salim, to act as Co-Chairperson of the LDCF/SCCF Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The LDCF/SCCF Council then adopted the provisional agenda set forth in document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.25/02/Rev.02*.

PROJECT SHOWCASE

4. Mr. Moise Jean-Pierre, the GEF Operational Focal Point from Haiti, presented achievements of LDCF-supported initiatives.

DECISIONS APPROVED

Decision on Agenda Item 4

Progress Report for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

5. 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 on Agenda Item 5

Least Developed Countries Fund Work Program

6. 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, 2019.¹ Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$45.85 million for the LDCF, including project grants and Agency fees.

¹ 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,

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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).

10. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 25th session of the Work Program is part of the associated Annex I appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

UPDATE ON CHALLENGE PROGRAM FOR ADAPTATION INNOVATION UNDER THE SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

11. The LDCF/SCCF Council considered the document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.25/Inf.04, Update on Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation under the Special Climate Change Fund*.

PLEDGING SESSION FOR THE LDCF AND THE SCCF

12. The members of the LDCF/SCCF Council presented the following pledges and contributions to the LDCF/SCCF on behalf of their governments (please refer to Annex II):

- Belgium, Walloon Region of: EUR 2.9 million to the LDCF
- Denmark: DKK 150 million to the LDCF
- Finland: EUR 2 million to the LDCF
- France: EUR 20 million to the LDCF
- The Netherlands: USD 9.1 million to the LDCF in 2018
- Sweden: SEK 135 million to the LDCF in 2018
- Switzerland: USD 9.9 million to the LDCF and USD 3.3 million to the SCCF²

13. Germany reiterated that they will finalize their contribution payment of EUR 25 million before the end of the year.

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.

²Total pledge of USD 13.25 million with 75 percent to the LDCF and 25 percent to the SCCF, to be paid over four years. This pledge is subject to parliamentary approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

14. There was no other business.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

15. The meeting closed on December 20, 2018.

ANNEX 1.

Table 1

**Record of LDCF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Projects/Programs and Resulting Council Decisions
LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting, December 20, 2018**

	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
					Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	40% of Agency Fee to be Committed by Trustee
Climate Change Projects											
1	10089	AfDB	Strengthening Rural and Urban Resilience to Climate Change and Variability by the Provision of Water Supply and Sanitation in Chad	Chad	8,700,000	826,500	9,526,500	8,700,000	826,500	9,526,500	330,600
2	10105	UNDP	Strengthening Climate Information and Early Warning Systems for Climate Resilient Development and Adaptation to Climate Change in Guinea Bissau	Guinea-Bissau	6,000,000	570,000	6,570,000	6,000,000	570,000	6,570,000	228,000

	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
					Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	40% of Agency Fee to be Committed by Trustee
3	10103	UNEP	Climate Change Adaptation and Livelihoods in Three Arid Regions of Mauritania	Mauritania	4,416,210	419,540	4,835,750	4,416,210	419,540	4,835,750	167,816
4	10100	UNDP	Scaling up Local Adaptation and Climate-risk Informed Planning for Resilient Livelihoods	Mozambique	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	339,432
5	10096	UNDP	Ecosystems/Landscape Approach to Climate Proof the Rural Settlement Program of Rwanda	Rwanda	8,355,638	793,786	9,149,424	8,355,638	793,786	9,149,424	317,514
6	10083	World Bank	Sustainable Natural Resources Management Project*	Sudan	4,566,210	433,790	5,000,000	4,566,210	433,790	5,000,000	173,516
TOTAL					40,970,478	3,892,196	44,862,674	40,970,478	3,892,196	44,862,674	1,556,878

* This is a Multi-Trust Fund Project consisting of GEFTF and LDCF. The LDCF component is included in this Work Program while the GEFTF component can be found separately in the GEFTF Work Program.

<u>Agency</u>	LDCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			LDCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	40% of Agency Fee to be Committed by Trustee
FUNBIO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IFAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IUCN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDP	23,288,058	2,212,366	25,500,424	23,288,058	2,212,366	25,500,424	884,946
UNEP	4,416,210	419,540	4,835,750	4,416,210	419,540	4,835,750	167,816
UNIDO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Bank	4,566,210	433,790	5,000,000	4,566,210	433,790	5,000,000	173,516
WWF-US	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	40,970,478	3,892,196	44,862,674	40,970,478	3,892,196	44,862,674	1,556,878

ANNEX 2.

Table 1

Pledging Meeting for Climate Change Funds - December 20, 2018

Least Developed Countries Fund

Donor	Currency	Total Pledged Amount in Currency	US\$ eq. <i>a/</i>
Belgium – Walloon Region	EUR	2,900,000 <i>b/</i>	3,307,293
Denmark	DKK	150,000,000	22,904,960
Finland	EUR	2,000,000	2,280,892
France	EUR	20,000,000	22,808,918
Netherlands	USD	9,100,000	9,100,000
Switzerland	USD	9,937,500 <i>c/</i>	9,937,500
Total Pledges			70,339,563

a/ Valued based on exchange rates as of December 20, 2018.

b/ Contribution from the Walloon Region of Belgium.

c/ Switzerland's pledge is subject to parliamentary approval.

Table 2

Pledging Meeting for Climate Change Funds - December 20, 2018

Special Climate Change Fund

Donor	Cur	Total Pledged Amount in Currency	Program		Total US\$ eq.	
			Adaptation			Technology Transfer
			Currency	US\$ eq.		US\$ eq.
Switzerland	USD	3,312,500	3,312,500	<i>a/</i> 3,312,500	-	3,312,500
Total Pledges				3,312,500	-	3,312,500

a/ Switzerland's pledge is subject to parliamentary approval.