

30th LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting
June 18, 2021
Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item 11

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was opened by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Facility. Ms. Mette Møglestue, Council Member for Denmark, Norway, Latvia and Lithuania was appointed as elected Co-chair for the year 2021 in a decision by mail adopted by Decision 3/2021 of the GEF Trust Fund.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The LDCF/SCCF Council adopted the provisional agenda set forth in document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/01*.

OPENING REMARKS BY THE LDC CHAIR

3. The Chair of the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group under the UNFCCC, HE Sonam Phuntsho Wangdi, made opening remarks.

DECISIONS APPROVED

Decision 1/2021 *Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*

4. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/03, 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 SCCF.

Decision 2/2021 *FY20 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*

5. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/04, FY20 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*, welcomes the review and appreciates the progress made in reporting portfolio-level performance, results and lessons learned under the LDCF and the SCCF.
6. The Council welcomes the overall finding that the LDCF and SCCF portfolio under implementation in FY20 performed satisfactorily.

Decision 3/2021 *Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund*

7. The Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/05, Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund*, approves the Work Program comprising of seven projects subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 15, 2021.¹

¹ The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons; (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; and (iii) do not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security, opposes the following project and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF project 10789 in Eritrea.

8. Total resources approved in this Work Program amount to \$60.73 million from the LDCF, inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs):

- i. Bhutan: Advancing Climate Resilience of Water Sector (ACREWAS), UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420; GEF ID 10779);
- ii. Central African Republic: Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity of Communities by Up-Scaling Integrated Landscape Management and Restoration in South-West Region, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420; GEF ID 10771);
- iii. Eritrea: Building Community Based Integrated and Climate Resilient Natural Resources Management and Enhancing Sustainable Livelihood in the South-Eastern Escarpments and Adjacent Coastal Areas, FAO (GEF Project financing: \$9,002,082; GEF ID: 10789);
- iv. Kiribati: Securing Kiribati's Natural Heritage: Protected Areas for Community, Atoll, and Island Climate Resilience, IUCN (GEF Project financing: \$4,497,354; GEF ID: 10775);
- v. Lesotho: Building Climate Resilient Livelihoods and Food Systems, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420; GEF ID 10793);
- vi. Somalia: Adaptive Agriculture and Rangeland Rehabilitation Project (A2Rs), IFAD, (GEF Project Financing: \$8,995,905; GEF ID 10792); and
- vii. Timor-Leste: Adapting to Climate Change and Enabling Sustainable Land Management through Productive Rural Communities, UNEP (GEF Project Financing \$6,267,126; GEF ID 10713).

9. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds 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 the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (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 policies and procedures.

10. 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 objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

11. In light of the recent audit report by the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) of UNDP GEF Management, all projects included in the Work Program implemented by UNDP shall be circulated by email for Council review at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval. This shall take place as actions of the Management Action Plan that address the OAI recommendations are being implemented, and as the independent, risk-based third-party

review of compliance by UNDP with the GEF Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards is being completed. Project reviews will take into consideration the relevant findings of the external audit and the UNDP management responses and note them in the endorsement review sheet that will be made available to the Council during the 4-week review period.

Decision 4/2021

Planning Note for the Development of the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund and Operational Improvements: July 2022 to June 2026

12. The Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF/SCCF/C.30/07, Planning Note for the Development of the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and Operational Improvements: July 2022 to June 2026*, requests the Secretariat to initiate the development process of the Programming Strategy.

Decision 5/2021

FY22 Administrative Budget and Business Plan for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

13. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/06, FY22 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*, approves the proposed budget for the GEF Secretariat, Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP), the Trustee and the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), as follows:

- 1) \$1,251,037 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$420,000 (Trustee), and \$37,000 (GEF IEO) from the Least Developed Countries Fund; and
- 2) \$583,275 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$109,000 (Trustee), and \$47,000 (GEF IEO) from the Special Climate Change Fund.

Decision 6/2021

FY22 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under LDCF and SCCF

14. The Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/E/01, FY22 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under LDCF/SCCF*, approves the annual budget of \$84,000 to carry out the work program of fiscal year 2022. The budget is in line with the term of the evaluation work that spans over multiple years. The approved budget is being distributed as follows:

- 1) \$37,000 from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and
- 2) \$47,000 from the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)

OTHER BUSINESS

Contribution Announcements

15. Germany and the Netherlands reiterated their pledge announcements made previously of providing EUR 100 million and EUR 20 million, respectively, to the LDCF.
16. Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland indicated that additional contributions will be made to the LDCF. Switzerland announced it will also contribute to the SCCF.

Visibility of the LDCF

17. Council members commented that they encourage efforts to raise the profile of the LDCF and the progress it is making for climate change adaptation and resilience in Least Developed Countries.

SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS

18. The CEO presented a summary of the conclusions of the meeting, including decisions approved by the Council during the meeting.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

19. The meeting closed on June 18, 2021.

Global Environment Facility
Table 1: Record of LDCF/SCCF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Administrative Budget, and Resulting Council Decisions
LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting, June 17-18, 2021

	Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$	Amounts Approved by Council in US\$
LDCF - FY22 Administrative Budget		
GEF Secretariat	1,251,037	1,251,037
STAP	128,000	128,000
Trustee	420,000	420,000
GEF IEO	37,000	37,000
Sub-total	1,836,037	1,836,037
SCCF - FY22 Administrative Budget		
GEF Secretariat	583,275	583,275
STAP	128,000	128,000
Trustee	109,000	109,000
GEF IEO	47,000	47,000
Sub-total	867,275	867,275
Grand Total	2,703,312	2,703,312

Global Environment Facility
Table 2: Record of LDCF/SCCF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Projects/Programs and Resulting Council Decisions
LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting, June 17-18, 2021

	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Focal Area	Type	Project Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
							Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
LDCF													
Climate Change Adaptation													
1	10771	FAO	Strengthening the adaptive capacity of communities by up-scaling integrated landscape management and restoration in south-west region of Central African Republic	Central African Republic	Climate Change Adaptation	FSP	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716
2	10793	FAO	Building climate-resilient livelihoods and food systems	Lesotho	Climate Change Adaptation	FSP	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716
3	10779	UNDP	Advancing Climate Resilience of Water Sector in Bhutan (ACREWAS)	Bhutan	Climate Change Adaptation	FSP	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716
Sub-total Climate Change Adaptation							26,797,260	2,545,740	29,343,000	26,797,260	2,545,740	29,343,000	509,148
Multi-Trust Fund²													
4	10792	IFAD	Adaptive Agriculture and Rangeland Rehabilitation Project (A2R2) - Somalia	Somalia	Climate Change Adaptation	FSP	8,995,905	809,631	9,805,536	8,995,905	809,631	9,805,536	161,926

² For multi-trust fund projects, only the LDCF component is included in this Work Program. The GEFTF component is presented separately in the GEFTF Work Program.

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							Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
5	10789	FAO	Building Community Based Integrated and Climate Resilient Natural Resources Management and Enhancing Sustainable Livelihood in the South-Eastern Escarpments and Adjacent Coastal Areas of Eritrea	Eritrea	Climate Change Adaptation	FSP	9,002,082	810,187	9,812,269	9,002,082	810,187	9,812,269	162,037
6	10775	IUCN	Securing Kiribati's Natural Heritage: Protected areas for community, atoll, and island climate resilience (Securing Kiribati)	Kiribati	Climate Change Adaptation	FSP	4,497,354	404,762	4,902,116	4,497,354	404,762	4,902,116	80,952
7	10713	UNEP	Adapting to climate change and enabling sustainable land management through productive rural communities in Timor-Leste	Timor Leste	Climate Change Adaptation	FSP	6,267,126	595,377	6,862,503	6,267,126	595,377	6,862,503	119,075
Sub-total Multi-Trust Fund							28,762,467	2,619,957	31,382,424	28,762,467	2,619,957	31,382,424	523,991
Grand Total LDCF							55,559,727	5,165,697	60,725,424	55,559,727	5,165,697	60,725,424	1,033,139

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**Table 3: Record of Multi Trust Fund Programs/Projects submitted under the GEF and LDCF/SCCF Trust Funds and Resulting Council Decisions
Council Meeting, June 17-18, 2021**

	GEF_ID	Agency	Title	Country	Trust Fund	Project Type	Project Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
							Project Grant Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Grant Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
1	10792	IFAD	Adaptive Agriculture and Rangeland Rehabilitation Project (A2R2) - Somalia	Somalia	GEFTF	FSP	8,043,545	723,919	8,767,464	8,043,545	723,919	8,767,464	144,784
					LDCF		8,995,905	809,631	9,805,536	8,995,905	809,631	9,805,536	161,926
					Sub-total		17,039,450	1,533,550	18,573,000	17,039,450	1,533,550	18,573,000	306,710
2	10789	FAO	Building Community Based Integrated and Climate Resilient Natural Resources Management and Enhancing Sustainable Livelihood in the South-Eastern Escarpments and Adjacent Coastal Areas of Eritrea	Eritrea	GEFTF	FSP	6,678,226	601,041	7,279,267	6,678,226	601,041	7,279,267	120,208
					LDCF		9,002,082	810,187	9,812,269	9,002,082	810,187	9,812,269	162,037
					Sub-total		15,680,308	1,411,228	17,091,536	15,680,308	1,411,228	17,091,536	282,247
3	10775	IUCN	Securing Kiribati's Natural Heritage: Protected areas for community, atoll, and island climate resilience (Securing Kiribati)	Kiribati	GEFTF	FSP	5,518,841	496,696	6,015,537	5,518,841	496,696	6,015,537	99,339
					LDCF		4,497,354	404,762	4,902,116	4,497,354	404,762	4,902,116	80,952
					Sub-total		10,016,195	901,458	10,917,653	10,016,195	901,458	10,917,653	180,292
4		UNEP			GEFTF	FSP	3,578,536	339,961	3,918,497	3,578,536	339,961	3,918,497	67,992

	10713		Adapting to climate change and enabling sustainable land management through productive rural communities in Timor-Leste	Timor Leste	LDCF		6,267,126	595,377	6,862,503	6,267,126	595,377	6,862,503	119,075
					Sub-total		9,845,662	935,338	10,781,000	9,845,662	935,338	10,781,000	187,068
GRAND TOTAL							52,581,615	4,781,574	57,363,189	52,581,615	4,781,574	57,363,189	956,316

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Table 4: Record of LDCF Trust Fund Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions
Council Meeting, June 17-18, 2021

Summary of Council Decisions

LDCF

Funding status as of 6/15/2021	\$	83,837,997
Approvals by Council	\$	<u>62,561,461</u>
Funding status after Council Meeting	\$	21,276,536

Agency	LDCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			LDCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
Project/Programs funding							
ADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AfDB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DBSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBRD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FAO	26,866,922	2,507,347	29,374,269	26,866,922	2,507,347	29,374,269	501,469
FECO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUNBIO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IFAD	8,995,905	809,631	9,805,536	8,995,905	809,631	9,805,536	161,926
IUCN	4,497,354	404,762	4,902,116	4,497,354	404,762	4,902,116	80,952
UNDP	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716
UNEP	6,267,126	595,377	6,862,503	6,267,126	595,377	6,862,503	119,075

Agency	LDCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			LDCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
UNIDO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WWF-US	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	55,559,727	5,165,697	60,725,424	55,559,727	5,165,697	60,725,424	1,033,139
	Administrative Budget		Total	Administrative Budget		Total	
LDCF - FY22 Administrative Budget							
GEF Secretariat	1,251,037		1,251,037	1,251,037		1,251,037	
STAP	128,000		128,000	128,000		128,000	
Trustee	420,000		420,000	420,000		420,000	
GEF IEO	37,000		37,000	37,000		37,000	
Sub-total LDCF - FY22 Administrative Budget	1,836,037		1,836,037	1,836,037		1,836,037	
GRAND TOTAL	57,395,764	5,165,697	62,561,461	57,395,764	5,165,697	62,561,461	1,033,139

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Table 5: Record of SCCF Trust Fund Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions
Council Meeting, June 17-18, 2021

Summary of Council Decisions

SCCF

Funding status as of 6/16/2021	\$	10,648,100
Approvals by Council	\$	<u>867,275</u>
Funding status after Council Meeting	\$	9,780,825

	SCCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$	SCCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$
	Administrative Budget	Administrative Budget
SCCF - FY22 Administrative Budget		
GEF Secretariat	583,275	583,275
STAP	128,000	128,000
Trustee	109,000	109,000
GEF IEO	47,000	47,000
TOTAL	867,275	867,275