



GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/02  
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30<sup>th</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting  
June 17, 2021  
Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item 02

## **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

## **Agenda Item 1.**

### **Opening of the Meeting**

(CEO chairs)

1. The meeting will be opened by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson.
2. The LDCF/ SCCF Council will recall that Mette Møglestue, Council member for the Constituency of Norway, Denmark, Latvia and Lithuania, has been designated as Elected Chairperson for the year 2021 by a decision adopted on April 22, 2021.
3. The CEO will chair the LDCF/SCCF Council meeting during agenda item 3, *“Opening Remarks”*, agenda item 4, *“Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund”*, agenda item 5, *“FY20 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund”* agenda item 6, *“Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund”*, agenda item 7, *“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 – June 2026”*, and agenda item 8 *“FY22 Administrative Budget and Business Plan for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund”*.
4. The Elected Chairperson will chair the LDCF/SCCF Council meeting during agenda item 2, *“Adoption of the Agenda”*, and agenda item 9, *FY22 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under the LDCF and SCCF*.
5. The Elected Chairperson will chair the LDCF/SCCF Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 10, *“Other Business”*, and agenda item 11, *“Joint Summary of the Chairs”*.

## **Agenda Item 2.**

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

6. *A Provisional Agenda* for consideration by the LDCF/SCCF Council has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/01.
7. The LDCF/SCCF Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

**Agenda Item 3. Opening Remarks by the LDC Chair**

8. The CEO will welcome and invite the Chair of the Least Developed Countries (LDCF) Group: His Excellency Sonam Phuntsho Wangdi, Secretary to the National Environment Commission, Kingdom of Bhutan to deliver the opening remarks.

**Agenda Item 4. Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund**

*The Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund* has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/03 and will be presented to Council for approval.

9. Draft Decision: *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 the progress made under the LDCF and the SCCF.*

**Agenda Item 5. FY20 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund**

10. The *Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund* has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/04 for approval.
11. The AMR describes the performance and results of, and the lessons learned from the portfolio of projects and programs financed under the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) that had begun implementation on or before June 30, 2019 and that were under implementation during at least part of the fiscal year 2020 (FY20).
12. Draft Decision: *The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/04, Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, welcomes the report and took note with appreciation the progress made in reporting portfolio-level performance, results and lessons learned under the LDCF and the SCCF.*

*The Council welcomes the overall finding that the LDCF and SCCF portfolio under implementation in FY20 performed satisfactorily.*

**Agenda Item 6. Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund**

*Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/05. The document outlines key aspects of the proposed Work Program, including programming trends in the LDCF resources relative to the strategic objectives, distribution by countries, regions, and GEF Agencies, and presents observations and outlook. The Council is requested to approve the LDCF Work Program for the total resources requested.*

13. *Draft Decision: The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/05, Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund, approves the Work Program comprising of 7 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.*

*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):*

*(See Annex A)*

*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.*

*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.*

*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 four-week review period.*

**Agenda Item 7.**

**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**

14. *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, has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/07 and will be presented to Council for approval.*
15. *Draft Decision: The Council, having reviewed document 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.*

**Agenda Item 8.**

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

16. *FY22 Administrative Budget and Business Plan for the Least Developed Countries and the Special Climate Change Fund has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/06 and will be presented to Council Members for approval.*
17. *The document reviews the outcome of the fiscal year 2021 (FY21) LDCF/SCCF Council-approved business plan and budget, and proposes*

a business plan and an administrative budget to cover the cost of the GEF Secretariat, the Trustee, and Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) for the services to the LDCF and the SCCF for FY22.

18. Draft Decision: *The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/06 FY22 Administrative Budget and Business Plan 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.*

**Agenda Item 9.                    FY22 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under the LDCF and SCCF**

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

19. *The Work Program and Budget for the IEO has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/E/01 and will be presented to Council for approval. It proposes a budget to cover the costs of implementing the evaluation work program for the LDCF and the SCCF in FY22.*
20. Draft Decision: *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 for the fiscal year FY2022. 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).*

**Agenda Item 10.                Other Business**

21. Council Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 11.**

**Joint Summary of the LDCF/SCCF Co-Chairs**

22. The Elected Chair will present a joint summary of the decisions approved during the meeting.