
**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL'S DECISIONS
17TH LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 30TH, 2014**

1. The following is a record prepared by the GEF Secretariat of comments, understandings, and clarifications of certain points made by the LDCF/SCCF Council Members during discussions of the agenda items and related decisions. The Joint Summary of the LDCF/SCCF Council meeting records the decisions by the Council. These points are supplemental to the Joint Summary.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

2. The 17th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund Council was opened by Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer of the Facility. In her opening remarks, the CEO reaffirmed the GEF's strong commitment to support climate adaptation interventions in most vulnerable countries. Concurrent with the GEF 2020 strategy, she noted that the GEF would promote more integrated approaches that advance resilience and adaptation. She also thanked Council Members for their continued support to the funds, making the GEF a valued and relevant partner for adaptation financing.

3. Naoko welcomed and invited Mr. Rishi Ghimire, representative from the Embassy of Nepal in Washington, DC, who spoke on behalf of the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group. In his remarks, Mr. Ghimire urged Council Members to continue to support the GEF Adaptation funds; and particularly for the LDCF, to enable the full and effective implementation of National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) in LDCs.

***Agenda item 3 Progress Report for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the
Special Climate Change Fund***

4. Council Members welcomed the Progress Report, and expressed appreciation for the progress made under the LDCF and SCCF. Members expressed the need for increased donor support as to address the growing pipeline of projects. In line with the new Strategy to promote gender mainstreaming in adaptation projects, one Member also requested that future Progress Reports include a section on gender.

Agenda item 4 Work Program for the Special Climate Change Fund

6. Council Members expressed appreciation to the Secretariat and its Implementing Agencies for the Work Program. One Member requested that the final project proposal for the IFAD project in Egypt, “*Integrated Management and Innovation in Rural Settlements¹*” be circulated to the Council before CEO endorsement. And finally, a representative from the CSO Network highlighted the importance of active CSO engagement in adaptation projects, given their unique understanding and expertise of local community contexts.

Agenda item 5 Updated Results Based Management for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

8. Council Members expressed appreciation of the overall improvement to the RBM framework and the inclusion of sex-disaggregated indicators. The Secretariat noted that the completed document and tracking tool will be shared with Agencies and Countries in upcoming coming weeks.

Agenda item 6 Other Business

9. One Council Member brought to the attention of the LDCF/SCCF Council the recent Anti-Corruption Assessment report provided by Transparency International. To this, the Secretariat expressed that a closer study of the report would be conducted, and an adequate response would be shared with Transparency International. In addition, any relevant issues or items for discussion would be shared with the Council.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

10. The meeting closed on October 30th, 2014.

¹ SCCF-A Project Financing: \$7.812 million