

Highlights of the LDCF/SCCF Council's Decisions
12TH LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting
June 7th, 2011

1. The following is a record prepared by the GEF Secretariat of comments, understandings, and clarifications of certain points made by 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 agreed by the Council. These points are supplemental to the joint summary.

Agenda Item 2 Adoption of the Agenda

2. The Secretariat distributed a document to all Council members reflecting LDCF disbursements, approvals, and pledges, since inception.

Agenda Item 3 Joint Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

3. One Council Member requested to include UNEP project in China, in the list of regional Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) projects added to the recommended Council Decision, in order to ensure that this project too, will complement the work of the UNFCCC on CTCNs.

4. Council Members inquired about the rationale behind approving 11 national projects on early warning systems and climate information under LDCF funding, in Africa, as opposed to a regional project. In this regard, the Secretariat and UNDP responded that both the regional and national approaches were considered. One benefit of approving individual national projects facilitates addressing specific country needs in line with its NAPAs and one benefit of the regional approach is cost effectiveness through economies of scale. The regional approach will be therefore considered, as appropriate, at a later stage and before CEO endorsement.

5. Other Council Members commented on the regional technology transfer centers and requested that further explanation and clarification of the additional adaptation benefits and adaptation-specific activities.

6. To this effect, the Secretariat proposed that further documentation highlighting the progress of the three regional projects, namely:
 - Regional (Africa) : Pilot African Climate Technology Finance Center and Network
 - Regional (Europe and Central Asia) : Regional Climate Technology Transfer Center
 - Regional (Latin America and Caribbean) : Climate Technology Transfer Mechanisms and Networks in Latin America and the Caribbean

will be made available to the Council before CEO endorsement by the agencies.
7. Other Council Members requested further clarification regarding the ways in which communities in Rwanda will be made resilient, through the project put forward in the Work Program, requesting LDCF funding, namely “Landscape Approach to Forest Restoration and Conservation (LAFRC)”, (World Bank). To this effect, the Secretariat responded that such an issue was brought forward in the project review sheet, to which the agency responded that this will be clarified in the project full proposal. It is therefore expected that before CEO endorsement the issue of adaptation benefits and additional costs is fully clarified.
8. The CSO network highlighted a lack of CSO involvement in the 11 national LDCF projects on early warning systems and climate information. To this effect, UNDP responded that CSO’s will be consulted during project preparation phase and this will be reflected in the projects’ full proposal.

Agenda Item 4 FY11 Annual Monitoring Report for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

9. Council Members expressed concern on the relatively low rating of most LDCF projects and requested the Secretariat to provide, in writing, during the next Council meeting, more information and/or additional analysis on such ratings.
10. The Secretariat explained that the low ratings are resulting, in part, from the fact that all the projects are in the early stages of implementation, when the ratings tend to be lower, and often because of delays in the start of implementation, before eventually improving. In addition, the Secretariat explained that the lower ratings are not related to project design and relevance to development goals, but rather to procurement delays due to national circumstances.

Agenda Item 6 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund for Fiscal Year 2013

11. An increase of \$50,000 from LDCF for the Trustee Special Initiative was approved during the 42nd GEF Council, on June 6th, 2012. This modification was reflected in the adopted Council decision for document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.12/05/Rev.01, as follows:

The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed the proposed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.11/05

Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF), approves the proposed budgets for the GEF Secretariat, the Trustee and the GEF Evaluation Office, as follows:

*(1) USD 660,531 (GEF Secretariat), USD 78,000 (STAP), USD 254,800 (Trustee), **USD 100,000 (Trustee Special Initiative)** and USD 33,000 (GEF Evaluation Office) from the LDCF; and*

(2) USD 421,119 (GEF Secretariat), USD 78,000 (STAP), USD 158,000 (Trustee), USD 50,000 (Trustee Special Initiative) and USD 30,000 (GEF Evaluation Office) from the SCCF.

Agenda Item 7 Other Business

12. The following pledges to the LDCF were announced:

Australia: AUS \$15 Million

Finland: USD \$5 Million

13. The Council Member of Australia briefly reported on the assessment of the LDCF in the Australia Multilateral Assessment of 2012, stating that LDCF was rated positively in the assessment.

Closure of the Meeting

14. The meeting closed on June 7, 2012.