

November 7th, 2013

Highlights of the LDCF/SCCF Council's Decisions
15th LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting
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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.

2. Before the start of the meeting, the CEO and several Council members expressed their deep appreciation for Bonizella Biagini's passion and commitment in furthering the adaptation agenda over the past several years. Hailed as an adaptation champion, her valuable contributions and efforts were recognized, and as well as her role in building a strong and dedicated team.

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3. Several Council Members showed appreciation for the Progress Report, particularly the continued progress made in allowing least developed countries (LDC) to access and effectively use resources from the LDCF; the presentation of expected, portfolio-level results; the progress made in supporting the national adaptation plan process (NAP); and the progress made in supporting adaptation in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Council Members also thanked the efforts made to raise the profile of adaptation and of the urgent need to reduce vulnerability in LDCs.

4. Council Members sought further information regarding the demand for SCCF resources; the drivers behind the rapid progress made in programming LDCF resources; the reasons for the different shares of LDCF and SCCF financing directed towards SIDS; and the status and progress of the LDCF-financed Global Support Program (GSP) for the NAP process in LDCs. A request was also made to clarify how the projects financed through the SCCF Program for Technology Transfer (SCCF-B) are coordinated with the activities of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN).

5. A representative of UNEP provided an update on the NAP GSP, noting that the project has been launched and that a growing number of LDCs are receiving concrete assistance to advance their NAP processes.

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Draft programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

6. The CSO representative recommended that support for community-based adaptation should be highlighted in the Programming Strategy; and that greater attention should be paid to gender-sensitive approaches and civil society engagement. The CSO representative also called for significantly scaled up contributions to the LDCF and the SCCF.

7. Several Council Members welcomed the Strategy's emphasis on integrating climate change adaptation across development policies, plans and investments; the proposed, enhanced focus on ecosystems-based adaptation and private sector engagement; and the focus on continuous, progressive and iterative, medium- and long-term adaptation processes.

8. A Council Member questioned the need for a stand-alone objective and pillar on long-term adaptation, and recommended that the concept instead be reflected in the two other objectives of the Strategy. The Council Member also pointed out that climate information services are not necessarily a prerequisite for adaptation; that the Strategy would benefit from a further analysis of the effectiveness of multi-trust fund projects and programs; and that an increasing emphasis on risk transfer and insurance should not be pursued through subsidies. Some Council Members further suggested that the proposed funding target and scenarios may not be realistic and could be revisited; and that gender dimensions could be better reflected throughout the Strategy document. A Council Member also requested that an added-value analysis of the LDCF and the SCCF be carried out vis-à-vis the evolving architecture of adaptation finance, particularly the Green Climate Fund.

9. The GEF Secretariat took note of the comments provided and requested that Council Members provide their comments in writing by January 15, 2013.

Closure of the meeting

10. The meeting closed on November 7th, 2013.