



Global Environment Facility

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JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS GEF LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2006

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The first meeting of the LDCF/SCCF Council was convened on December 8, 2006. The meeting was opened by Ms. Monique Barbut, Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Facility.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

2. The LDCF/SCCF Council elected Ambassador Thomas Kolly, Council Member representing Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan as its elected Co-Chair.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The LDCF/SCCF Council approved the provisional agenda set forth in document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.1/1/Rev.1.

DECISIONS OF THE LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL

The LDCF/SCCF Council approved the following decisions with respect to the items on its agenda.

Decision on Agenda Item 4. Procedural Arrangements for the LDCF/SCCF Council

4. The LDCF/SCCF Council,

Recalling paragraph 21 of the Joint Summary of the Chairs, Special GEF Council meeting, August 28, 2006, whereby, with respect to decision making for the LDCF and SCCF, the Council will meet as the LDCF/SCCF Council, and

Taking note that, pursuant to paragraph 23 of the same Joint Summary, any decision or action directly affecting the LDCF and SCCF has been delegated to the LDCF/SCCF Council,

Hereby decides that the Rules of Procedures for the GEF Council (May 2004) shall be the Rules of Procedure for the LDCF/SCCF Council, subject to the following modifications:

(a) The “Introduction” is deleted.

(b) Paragraph 2(c) is replaced to read:

“Council” means the LDCF/SCCF Council which shall meet to make decisions on the LDCF and the SCCF (hereafter referred to as the LDCF/SCCF Council.) Any Council Member is eligible to take part in the LDCF/SCCF Council. Any Council Member may choose to participate in the LDCF/SCCF Council or to attend as an observer. A formal vote by the LDCF/SCCF Council will be taken where consensus cannot be achieved. Such vote will be conducted by a double weighted majority, that is, an affirmative vote representing both a 60 percent majority of GEF Participants represented on the LDCF/SCCF Council and a 60 percent majority of the total contributions to such fund. The total contributions will be calculated based on the actual cumulative payments made to the respective fund.

(c) Paragraph 2(k) is replaced to read:

“GEF Trust Fund” means either the LDCF or the SCCF, as the case may be.

(d) Two new paragraphs, 2(r) and 2(s), are added to read:

2(r) “LDCF” means the Least Developed Countries Fund for Climate Change.

2(s) “SCCF” means the Special Climate Change Fund.

(e) Paragraph 46 is replaced to read:

“After the end of each meeting, the Chairs shall prepare a joint summary of the decisions of the meeting. The Chairs’ joint summary shall be circulated among the Members participating in the LDCF/SCCF Council for comment before becoming a public document.”

(f) Paragraph 49 is replaced to read:

“The rules that are drawn from the Instrument, and are presented in the present rules in boxes with a reference to the appropriate paragraph of the Instrument, shall be read in light of the amendments set forth above. Any conflict between any provision of the present rules and any provision of the Instrument shall be brought to the attention of the Council for its decision.”

Decision on Agenda Item 5

SCCF Work Program

5. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the proposed work program to be financed from the SCCF in document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.1/4/Rev.1 and approves the following project proposals,

subject to comments made during the LDCF/SCCF Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted to the Secretariat by December 22, 2006:

Guyana: *Conservancy Adaptation Project* (World Bank) (SCCF Grant \$3.8 million), and

Kenya: *Adaptation to Climate Change in Arid Lands (KACCAL)* (World Bank/UNDP) (SCCF Grant: \$6.50 million)

6. The LDCF/SCCF Council agrees that the CEO should endorse the final draft project document for each of the above projects prior to final approval by the Implementing or Executing Agency, if the CEO concludes: (a) that the draft final project document satisfactorily responds to the LDCF/SCCF Council's comments on the work program; and (b) that the draft final project document continues to be consistent with the policies and procedures agreed for the SCCF. The CEO is requested to post endorsed draft final project documents on the GEF website.

Decision on Agenda Item 6 *Administrative Budget for Meetings of the LDCF/SCCF Council*

7. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.1/5, *Administrative Budget for Meetings of the LDCF/SCCF Fund*, is requested to approve an additional budget of US\$ 12,000 in FY07 to cover the cost of two one-hour meetings of the LDCF/SCCF Council. The budgetary costs will be split equally between the two funds: i.e., US\$ 6,000 will be charged to the LDCF and US\$ 6,000 will be charged to the SCCF.

Decision on Agenda Item 7 *Approach to Mobilization of Resources*

8. The LDCF/SCCF Council welcomes and endorses the proposed approach to mobilizing resources for the LDCF and SCCF outlined in document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.1/6 and requests the Secretariat to convene the next pledging meeting for the funds in June 2007.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

9. The following comments, understandings and clarifications are the Chairs' record of certain points made during Council's discussions of the agenda items and related decisions.

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10. Luxembourg announced a new pledge of 4.12 million dollars to the LDCF.

11. The meeting noted that the recent twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC approved guidance regarding decision7/CP.7, paragraphs 2(c) and (d), and requested the GEF to prepare a document presenting proposals to operationalize the new guidance for consideration at the next LDCF/SCCF Council and for purposes of mobilizing additional resources for the SCCF.

12. One Council Member requested that the programming documents prepared for the funds include a robust results framework. In reporting on activities financed by the funds, the Secretariat should also report on the results achieved.

13. One Council Member requested that the Secretariat prepare a simple matrix illustrating how the climate change funds complement each other.

Agenda Item 8 Other business

14. The CEO confirmed that consistent with the decision of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on the Adaptation Fund (COP/MOP), the Secretariat would be preparing a submission to the UNFCCC Secretariat expressing its views on how the GEF could operationalize the decision of the COP/MOP on the Adaptation Fund. The CEO confirmed her intention to circulate the proposed submission to the LDCF/SCCF Council for comment.

15. The LDCF/SCCF requested the Secretariat to provide separate pages on the climate change funds on the GEF website to facilitate easy access to relevant information.