

**JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS  
GEF LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL MEETING  
April 24, 2008**

**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. The meeting of the LDCF/SCCF Council was convened on April 24, 2008. 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 Ms. Mawaheb Aboul Azm, the Council Member representing Egypt, Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, 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.4/1.

**DECISIONS OF THE LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL**

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

*Decision on Agenda Item 4. Work Program*

5. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the proposed work program to be financed from the SCCF submitted to the Council in document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.4/3 and approves the following project proposal, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted to the Secretariat by May 8, 2008:

Regional (Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Marshall Islands, Palau): *Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change* (PACC) (UNDP) SCCF Grant: \$14.473 million.

6. The LDCF/SCCF Council agrees that the CEO should endorse the final draft project document for the above project prior to final approval by the GEF 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 the endorsed draft final project documents on the GEF website.

*Decision on Agenda Item 6 Administrative Budget*

7. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.4/4, *Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)*, approves the following budgets for the Secretariat and the Trustee:

- (a) a budget of \$ 526,823 for the LDCF; and
- (b) a budget of \$ 506,523 for the SCCF.

*Decision on Agenda Item 6. Technology Transfer under the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF).*

8. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed the paper, GEF/LDCF.SCCF.4/5 *Elaborating a Strategic program to Scale-up the Level of investment in the Transfer of Environmentally-sound Technologies (ESTs)*, and agreed that the Secretariat should make arrangements for the following immediate actions to be taken under the SCCF Program B on Technology Transfer:

9. Work with UNDP and UNEP to present a report by the end of May 2008 on past experience of all technology needs assessments (TNAs) supported through funding from the GEF Trust Fund, including a full accounting of all resources committed, allocated, and disbursed; a description of all results achieved; publication of all completed TNAs; and a summary of all of the lessons learned through the initial round of TNAs.

10. Prepare guidelines for future support to another round of TNAs, including technology market assessments (TMAs), to be funded as independent projects from the SCCF Program B on Technology Transfer. These guidelines will ensure that the projects to be funded will be separate from other support to countries and that they will be carried out in a manner ensuring accountability, proper reporting, and proper methodological rigor.

*Decision on Agenda Item 7. Other Business*

11. The LDCF/SCCF Council considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF/Inf.4 *Background and Elements for a GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Framework on Adaptation, Lessons from GEF Climate Change Adaptation Projects*, and appreciated the progress achieved by the GEF Secretariat, Agencies and Office of Evaluation in discussing a monitoring and evaluation framework for adaptation projects and programs.

12. The LDCF/SCCF Council requests the GEF Secretariat to further develop a Results Based Management (RBM) framework and a monitoring and evaluation policy for its adaptation portfolio of projects and programs to be submitted at the next LDCF/SCCF Council meeting in November 2008.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS**

13. 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.

### *Agenda Item 6. Administrative Budget*

14. One Council Member expressed its concern for the lack of resources to finance projects under the Special Climate Change Fund. This issue would not justify an increase in administrative expenses in managing the SCCF fund in the long term.

### *Agenda Item 7. Technology Transfer under the SCCF*

15. As this agenda item had been discussed in parallel at the GEF Council, several Council members questioned the ability to reach a consensus within the scope of the SCCF/LDCF Council. However, as the SCCF has a specific mandate under program (b) on technology transfer, a decision with specific reference to this SCCF program was agreed.

### *Decision on Agenda Item 7. Other Business*

16. The government of Canada, supported by other Council members, commented positively on an information paper presented by the GEF Secretariat on a monitoring and evaluation framework on adaptation and requested to the GEF Secretariat to further elaborate on that issue and to report again and more formally to the Council at the next session.

