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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Least Developed Countries Fund for Climate Change (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) were established by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in response to guidance from the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)¹. The operations and administrative costs incurred in connection with managing both the LDCF and the SCCF are kept separate from the GEF Trust Fund.

2. This paper reports on the current status and approved operations under the LDCF and the SCCF.

II. LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FUND (LDCF)

Report on NAPA Operations under the LDCF

3. Since the last Council meeting, eight additional National Adaptation Programme of Actions (NAPAs) have been completed (Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Maldives, Mozambique and Sierra Leone), bringing the total of completed NAPAs to 38.

4. To date, the countries that have completed their NAPAs are: Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu and Zambia.

5. In addition, six NAPAs are in the final stages of preparation and are expected to be completed before the Spring 2009 Council meeting. Finally, four NAPA proposals (Angola, Myanmar, Nepal and Timor-Leste) were approved during the second half of 2007 and first half of 2008, and are expected to be completed before the end of 2009. A complete list of NAPAs and their current status can be found in Table 1. Additionally, all completed NAPAs can be accessed through the UNFCCC website on the web links listed in Table 1. (Hard copies of any or all of them are also available at request from the GEF Information Desk.).

¹ UNFCCC Decisions 7/CP.7; 6/CP.9; and 5/CP.9 respectively.

Table 1. Status of preparation of NAPAs

Country	Implementing Agency	Current Status	Completion Date or Expected Completion Date	Web link for full NAPA document (completed projects only)
NAPA Completed				
Bangladesh	UNDP	Completed	November 2005	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/ban01.pdf
Benin	UNDP	Completed	January 2008	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/ben01f.pdf
Bhutan	UNDP	Completed	May 2006	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/btn01.pdf
Burkina Faso	UNDP	Completed	December 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/bfa01f.pdf
Burundi	UNDP	Completed	February 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/bdi01e.pdf
Cambodia	UNDP	Completed	March 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/khm01.pdf
Cape Verde	UNDP	Completed	December 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/cpv01.pdf
Central African Republic	UNEP	Completed	June 2008	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/caf01f.pdf
Comoros	UNEP	Completed	November 2006	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/com01e.pdf
Democratic Republic of the Congo	UNDP	Completed	September 2006	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/cod01.pdf
Djibouti	UNEP	Completed	October 2006	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/dji01f.pdf
Eritrea	UNDP	Completed	May 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/eri01.pdf
Ethiopia	UNDP	Completed	June 2008	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/eth01.pdf
Gambia	UNEP	Completed	January 2008	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/gmb01.pdf
Guinea	UNDP	Completed	July 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/gin01f.pdf
Guinea Bissau	UNDP	Completed	February 2008	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/gnb01.pdf
Haiti	UNEP	Completed	December 2006	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/hti01f.pdf
Kiribati	UNDP	Completed	January 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/kir01.pdf
Lesotho	UNEP	Completed	June 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/lso01.pdf
Liberia	UNEP	Completed	July 2008	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/lbr01.pdf
Madagascar	World Bank	Completed	December 2006	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/mdg01f.pdf
Malawi	UNDP	Completed	March 2006	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/mwi01.pdf
Maldives	UNDP	Completed	March 2008	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/mdv01.pdf
Mauritania	UNEP	Completed	November 2004	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/mau01e.pdf
Mozambique	UNDP	Completed	July 2008	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/moz01.pdf
Niger	UNDP	Completed	July 2006	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/ner01e.pdf
Rwanda	UNEP	Completed	May 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/rwa01e.pdf
Samoa	UNDP	Completed	December 2005	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/sam01.pdf
São Tomé and Príncipe	World Bank	Completed	November 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/stp01.pdf
Senegal	UNEP	Completed	November 2006	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/sen01f.pdf
Sierra Leone	UNDP	Completed	June 2008	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/sle01.pdf
Sudan	UNDP	Completed	July 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/sdn01.pdf
Tuvalu	UNDP	Completed	May 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/tuv01.pdf
Uganda	UNEP	Completed	December 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/uga01.pdf
United Republic of Tanzania	UNEP	Completed	September 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/tza01.pdf
Vanuatu	UNDP	Completed	December 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/vut01.pdf
Zambia	UNDP	Completed	October 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/zmb01.pdf

Country	Implementing Agency	Current Status	Completion Date or Expected Completion Date	Web link for full NAPA document (completed projects only)
NAPA in Preparatory Phase				
Afghanistan	UNEP	Draft NAPA Available	Q1 – 2009	
Angola	UNEP	On-going	Q4 – 2009	
Chad	UNDP	On-going	Q1 – 2009	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	UNDP	Draft NAPA available	Q1 – 2009	
Myanmar	UNEP	On-going	Q4 – 2009	
Nepal	UNDP	Process initiated	Q4 – 2009	
Solomon Islands	UNDP	On-going	Q1 – 2009	
Timor-Leste	UNDP	Process initiated	Q4 – 2009	
Togo	UNDP	On-going	Q1 – 2009	
Yemen	UNDP	Draft NAPA available	Q1 – 2009	
NAPA has not yet been initiated				
Equatorial Guinea		----	Not started*	-----
Somalia		----	Not party to the UNFCCC	-----

* Equatorial Guinea have not yet agreed to project proposal to finance the preparation of their NAPAs

Report on Project Operations and Submissions of Projects for NAPA Implementation under the LDCF

6. The Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) was established to finance the special needs of the LDCs under the Climate Convention. The LDCs gave priority to adaptation to climate change, and in particular to the preparation and implementation of the National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs).

7. As of October 16, 2008, twenty-four countries have officially submitted their NAPA implementation projects to the GEF through the Project Identification Form (PIF) for NAPA implementation under the LDCF. Among these PIFs, nineteen have already been approved as consistent with the LDCF eligibility criteria in the following countries: Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Gambia, Haiti, Malawi, Mauritania, Niger, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tuvalu, and Zambia.

Status of Donor Contributions to the LDCF

8. Resources provided by the donors to date amount to \$172 million. For more details on LDCF contributions, pledges and projections, see “Status Report on the Climate Change Fund” prepared by the Trustee (GEF/LDCF.SCCF.4/Inf.1).

Table 2. LDCF Adaptation Program (PIF approved and upcoming projects)

Country/ Region	Project Title	GEF Agency	Project Status	Expected LDCF/GEF grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total Amount (US\$M)
Bangladesh	Community based adaptation to climate change through coastal afforestation.	UNDP	Council Approved	3.74	7.15	10.89
Benin*	Integrated Adaptation Programme to Combat the Effects of Climate Change on Agricultural Production and Food Security in Benin	UNDP	Council Approved	3.498	7.6	11.098
Bhutan	Reduce climate change-induced risks and vulnerabilities from glacial lake outbursts in the Punakha-Wangdi and Chamkhar Valleys.	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	3.980555	3.496224	7.476779
Burkina Faso*	Strengthening Adaptation Capacities and Reducing the Vulnerability to Climate Change in Burkina Faso	UNDP	Council Approved	3.3	6.4	9.7
Cambodia	Building Capacities to Integrate Water Resources Planning in Agricultural Development.	UNDP	PIF Approved	2.135	1.95	4.085
Cape Verde	Building Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in the Water Sector in Cape Verde.	UNDP	Council Approved	3.41	13.68	17.09
Congo DR*	Building the Capacity of the Agriculture Sector in DR Congo to Plan for and Respond to the Additional Threats Posed by Climate Change on Food Production	UNDP	CEO Cleared for WPI	3.41	4.1	7.51
Djibouti*	Reducing impacts and vulnerability of coastal productive systems in Djibouti	UNEP	Council Approved	2.277	1.95	4.227
Eritrea	Integrating climate change risks into community based livestock management in the northwestern lowlands of Eritrea.	UNDP	Council Approved	3.41	3.46	6.87
Gambia*	Strengthening of The Gambia's Climate Change Early Warning Systems	UNEP	PIF Approved	1.056	2.015	3.071
Haiti*	Strengthening adaptive capacities to address climate change threats on sustainable development strategies for coastal communities in Haiti	UNDP	Council Approved	3.96	7.1	11.06
Malawi	Climate Adaptation for Rural Livelihoods and Agriculture (CARLA)	AfDB	Council Approved	3.62395	24.39375	28.0177

Mauritania	Reducing Vulnerability of Arid Oasian Zones to climate change and variability through Improved Watershed Management	UNEP	PIF Approved	1.8315	1.4	3.2315
Niger	Implementing NAPA priority interventions to build resilience and adaptive capacity of the agriculture sector to climate change in Niger	UNDP	PIF Approved	2.2	4.05	6.25
Samoa	Integrated Climate Change Adaptation in Samoa (ICCAS)	UNDP	PIF Approved	2.25	2	4.25
Sierra Leone*	Integrating Adaptation to Climate Change into Agricultural Production and Food Security in Sierra Leone	IFAD	Council Approved	3.07428	2.935	6.00928
Sudan	Implementing NAPA Priority Interventions to Build Resilience in the Agriculture and Water Sectors to the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change	UNDP	Council Approved	3.4	3	6.4
Tuvalu*	Increasing Resilience of Coastal Areas and Community Settlements to Climate Change	UNDP	Council Approved	3.366	3.14	6.506
Zambia*	Adaptation to the effects of drought and climate change in Agro-ecological Zone 1 and 2 in Zambia	UNDP	Council Approved	3.905	7.1	11.06
Sub total – approved projects				57.837285	106.919974	164.757259
Burundi	Enhancing Climate Risk Management and Adaptation in Burundi (ECRAMB)	AfDB/UNDP	PIF Submitted	3.498	15.76	19.258
Guinea	Increased Resilience and Adaptation to Adverse Impacts of Climate Change in Guinea's Vulnerable Coastal Zones	UNDP	PIF Submitted	3.377	5.25	8.627
Mali	Enhancing adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change in the agriculture sector in Mali	UNDP	PIF Submitted	3.41	6.865	10.275
Vanuatu	Increasing Resilience to Climate Change and Natural Hazards	World Bank	PIF Submitted	2.97	5.7	8.67
Yemen	Developing adaptive capacity of rain-fed farmers and rural communities in Yemen through implementation of NAPA priorities	UNDP	PIF Submitted	3.41	3	6.41
Yemen	Increasing selected Yemen's production landscapes resilience to climatic shocks and climate change	IFAD	PIF Submitted	3.19	11.11	14.3
Sub total - upcoming projects				19.855	47.685	67.54
Total – PIF approved and upcoming projects				77.692285	154.604974	232.297259

* Projects approved since the last LDCF/SCCF Council meeting in April 2008.

III. SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND (SCCF)

Update on COP guidance, Council Decisions

9. The Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) finances activities related to climate change that are complementary to those funded by the GEF, including:

- (a) adaptation to climate change;
- (b) technology transfer;
- (c) energy, transport, industry, agriculture, forestry and waste management; and
- (d) economic diversification.

10. Initially, the GEF received guidance from the COP to develop operational guidelines for items (a) and (b), only. At COP 12, the GEF received additional guidance on how to operationalize a program in the areas of (c) and (d). The subsequent results can be found in document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.2/4/Rev.1, Programming to Implement the Guidance for the Special Climate Change Fund adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at its Twelfth Session. The remainder of this document refers solely to the SCCF adaptation program.

Report on project operations and submissions of projects under the SCCF Adaptation Program

11. Six additional projects have entered into the SCCF work program since the last Council meeting in April 2008. The total number of work program (and PIF) approved SCCF Adaptation Program projects are thus fifteen (5 MSPs and 10 FSPs) totaling \$67.52 million. A complete list of approved projects under the SCCF Program for Adaptation can be found in Table 3.

12. The pipeline for the SCCF Program for Adaptation contains fourteen additional projects. Together, these projects are expected to request approximately \$46.46 million from the SCCF Program for Adaptation. A list of adaptation projects that the agencies have submitted or are planning to submit, should resources be available under the SCCF, can be found in Table 4.

13. Funding for the project proposals included in the current work program and the current pipeline would require \$113.98 million from the SCCF Program for Adaptation. As total pledges to the Adaptation Program of the SCCF are now \$91 million, programming under this program cannot continue beyond 2008. As a result, the GEF Secretariat in February 2007 decided to close the pipeline for new submissions under the SCCF Adaptation Program until new funding becomes available. The main criticism that agencies and vulnerable countries have made to the SCCF is the lack of predictability of resources. This program has served as a demonstration model for financing adaptation and is still the only active fund aimed at providing resources for all vulnerable developing countries. Donors are therefore urgently requested to make further contributions to the SCCF Program for Adaptation.

Table 3. SCCF Adaptation Program (approved projects)

Country/ Region	Project Title	IA/ EA	Expected SCCF Grant (US\$m)	Co-financing (US\$m)	Total financing (US\$m)
China	Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change Into Water Resources Management and Rural Development	World Bank	5.847	50	55.847
Egypt*	Adaptation to Climate Change in the Nile Delta	UNDP	4.5	5.2	9.7
Ecuador	Adaptation to Climate Change through Effective Water Governance	UNDP	3.6515	6	9.6515
Ethiopia	Coping with Drought and Climate Change	UNDP	1.08455	1.866667	2.951217
Global*	Economic Analysis of Adaptation Options in support of decision making	UNEP	1.1	2.475	3.575
Guyana	Conservancy Adaptation Project	World Bank	4.142	16.2	20.342
Kenya	Adaptation to Climate Change in Arid Lands (KACCAL)	World Bank/ UNDP	7.4011	44.844681	52.245781
Mexico*	Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts on the Coastal Wetlands in the Gulf of Mexico through Improved Water Resource Management	World Bank	5.28	21	26.28
Mongolia*	Mongolia Livestock Sector Adaptation Project	IFAD	1.815	3.64	5.455
Mozambique	Coping with Drought and Climate Change	UNDP	1.0464	0.92984	1.97624
Philippines	Climate Change Adaptation Project	World Bank	5.7827	25.43	31.2127
Regional (Bolivia, Peru, Venezuela)	Design and Implementation of Pilot Climate Change Adaptation Measures in the Andean Region	World Bank	8.888	21.75	30.638
Regional (Cook Islands, Micronesia, Fiji, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu)*	Pacific Islands Adaptation to Climate Change Project (PACC)	UNDP	14.823	39	53.823
Tanzania	Mainstreaming Climate Change in Integrated Water Resources Management in Pangani River Basin	UNDP	1.09	1.574875	2.664875
Zimbabwe	Coping with Drought and Climate Change	UNDP	1.07147	1.156	2.22747
TOTAL			67.52272	241.067063	308.589783

* Projects approved since the last LDCF/SCCF Council meeting in April 2008.

Table 4. SCCF Adaptation Program (pipeline projects)

Country/ Region	Project Title	IA/ EA	Expected SCCF Grant (US\$m)	Co-financing (US\$m)	Total financing (US\$m)	Status
Ghana	Climate Change and Human Health Programme	UNDP	5.75	15	20.75	PIF submitted
Global	Piloting Climate Change Adaptation to Protect Human Health	UNDP	7.069685	18	25.069685	PDF-B
Honduras	Adaptation to Climate Change	World Bank	8.05	33	41.05	PIF submitted
India	Climate-resilience Development and Adaptation	UNDP	5.749818	16	21.749818	PDF-B
Maldives	Implementing Tourism Adaptation to Climate Change	UNDP	1.13	1	2.13	PDF-A
Mali	Adaptation of the Agricultural Sector to Climate Change, Including Variability	UNDP	1.0975	1	2.0975	PIF submitted
Mauritania	Adaptation to Climate Change, Including Variability in Mauritania	UNDP	1.0975	1	2.0975	PIF submitted
Niger	Adaptation to Climate Change, Including Variability in Niger	UNDP	1.0975	1	2.0975	PIF submitted
Regional (India, Pakistan)	Information Sharing System (ISS) to Enhance Coping Capacities of Farming Communities in Dealing Effectively with Climate Variability and Climate Change	UNEP	0.55	0.5	1.05	PIF submitted
Regional (South Africa, Botswana, Mozambique, Zimbabwe)	Community Adaptation to Climate Change in the Limpopo Basin	UNDP	4.45	12	16.45	PIF submitted
Seychelles	Adaptation of the Water Sector to Climate Change	UNDP	4.7	8	12.7	PIF submitted
Thailand	Climate Change Disaster Risk Reduction: Strengthening Vulnerable People's Capacity to Address the Risk and Impacts of Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events	UNDP	0.575	0.01	0.576	PIF submitted
Tunisia	Adaptation to Climate Change and Coastal Changes in Tunisia	UNDP	1.14675	2	3.14675	PIF submitted
Vietnam	Climate-resilient Infrastructure Planning and Coastal Zone Development in Vietnam	ADB	4	180.095	184.095	PIF submitted
TOTAL			46.463753	288.605	335.068753	