



# Global Environment Facility

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## JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS GEF LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL MEETING June 15, 2007

### OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting of the LDCF/SCCF Council was convened on June 15, 2007. 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 Corrado Clini, the Council Member representing Italy, 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.2/1.

### 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.2/3 and approves the following project proposals, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted to the Secretariat by June 29, 2007:

Regional (Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador): *Design and Implementation of Pilot Climate Change Adaptation Measures in the Andean Region* (World Bank) (SCCF Grant: \$7.574 million)

Ecuador: *Adaptation to Climate Change through Effective Water Governance* (UNDP) (SCCF Grant: \$3.302 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 5*                      *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*

7. The LDCF/SCCF Council reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.2/4, *Programming to Implement the Guidance of the SCCF adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at its Twelfth Session*, and recognizes that the programming document is a useful start to developing an operational basis for funding activities under the SCCF consistent with the guidance of the UNFCCC.

8. The LDCF/SCCF Council invites Council Members to submit comments to the Secretariat on the programming document by July 15, 2007. The Secretariat is requested to revise the programming document, taking into account the comments of Council Members, for approval by mail before September 30, 2007.

*Decision on Agenda Item 6*                      *Administrative Budget*

9. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.2/5, *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) for the Secretariat, a budget of USD 331,625 from the LDCF and a budget of USD 321,625 from the SCCF;
- (b) for the Trustee, a budget of USD 101,000 from the LDCF and a budget of USD 146,000 from the SCCF; and
- (c) an external audit fee for the SCCF of USD 30,000.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS**

10. 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 4*                                      *Work Program*

11. Council Members called for ensuring regional balance in programming under the SCCF while recognizing that the achievement of such balance should be monitored from the perspective of several work programs and a larger number of approved projects.

12. The LDCE/SCCF Council noted the need for more outreach, communication and training regarding the purpose and use of the LDCE and the SCCF. The Secretariat agreed to produce and widely disseminate a publication explaining the funds and agreed to convene two workshops to provide more information on the funds and procedures for accessing the funds: one in conjunction with a meeting of the GEF Council and another in conjunction with a meeting of the UNFCCC/COP.

*Agenda Item 7*

*Other business*

13. In response to a query from one Council Member as to whether the fiduciary standards applicable to the operations of the GEF Trust Fund would apply to the operations of the SCCF and the LDCE, the Secretariat confirmed that the standards would apply. The Secretariat recalled that the Council agreed when deciding on the establishment of the new funds that the operational policies and procedures of the GEF would apply to the operation of all the funds, unless the Council approved different policies or procedures to comply with the guidance of the Conference of the Parties. The Council also agreed that future Council decisions related to operational policies, procedures and the governance structure of the GEF, where appropriate, would be extended to the management of the new funds. (See document GEF/C.19/6, *Arrangements for the Establishment of the New Climate Change Funds.*)

14. The LDCE/SCCF Council requested the Secretariat to include on the agenda of the next Council meeting a discussion of the management of the Adaptation Fund to be established under the Kyoto Protocol in order to provide guidance to the CEO prior to the thirteenth session of the UNFCCC/COP. The Secretariat was also requested to prepare a short note to assist the Council in its discussion.