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I. Introduction

1. The Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) for Climate Change and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) are managed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) under the mandate of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)¹. The operations and administrative costs incurred in management of both the LDCF and the SCCF are independent from the GEF Trust Fund.

2. This report shows the progress in the status of LDCF and SCCF operations since the last report in November, 2011.

Table 1: LDCF/SCCF at a glance

Cumulative LDCF/SCCF Project Approvals (as of 1 May 2012)	LDCF	SCCF	SCCF-A	SCCF-B
Number of approvals, including Enabling Activities (EAs)	112=48(NAPA*)+64 ²	41 ³	39	2
Value of EAs (NAPAs)	\$10,615,316			
Co-financing for EAs	\$738,600			
Value of Approvals for projects	\$244,306,097	\$159,221,188	\$147,856,168	\$11,365,020
Indicative Co-financing for projects	\$1,209,491,458	\$1,237,038,550	\$1,228,667,550	\$8,371,000
New Project Approvals (November 2011-May 2012)				
Number of Approvals	10	8	8	0
Value of Approvals	\$50,213,500	\$22,992,075	\$22,992,075	\$0
Co-financing	\$252,551,359	\$190,978,000	\$190,978,000	\$0
New Project CEO Endorsement or CEO Approvals				
Number of Endorsement or Approvals	6	6	6	0
Value of Endorsement or Approvals	\$26,728,353	\$22,873,424	\$22,873,424	\$0
Co-financing	\$185,212,242	\$503,930,930	\$503,930,930	\$0
Projects Under Implementation				
Number of projects	43	27	25	2
Value of Projects	\$146,750,601	\$119,840,113	\$108,475,093	\$11,365,020
Co-financing	\$647,943,226	\$939,685,675	\$931,314,675	\$8,371,000

¹ UNFCCC Decisions 7/CP.7; 6/CP9; and 5/CP.9 respectively.

² Includes 4 projects under the *Sahel and West Africa Program in Support of the Great Green Wall Initiative*

³ Includes 1 project under the *Sahel and West Africa Program in Support of the Great Green Wall Initiative*

II. Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)

Report on NAPA Preparations under the LDCF

3. As of May 01, 2012, a total of 47 NAPAs have been completed. Angola submitted its NAPA in December 2011. The countries that have completed their NAPAs are: Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen and Zambia.

4. In addition, the one remaining NAPA is in the process of preparation and it is expected to be completed by the end of 2012 (Myanmar). A complete list of NAPAs and their current status can be found in Table 2. Additionally, all completed NAPAs can be accessed through the UNFCCC website on the web links listed in Table 2.

Table 2: Status of preparation of NAPAs

Country	Implementing Agency	Current Status	Completion Date	Web link for full NAPA document (completed projects only)
NAPA Completed				
Afghanistan	UNEP	Completed	September 2009	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/afg01.pdf
Angola	UNEP	Completed	December 2011	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/ago01.pdf
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
Chad	UNDP	Completed	February 2010	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/tcd01.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
Lao People's Democratic Republic	UNDP	Completed	May 2009	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/laos01.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
Mali	UNDP	Completed	December 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/mli01f.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
Nepal	UNDP	Completed	November 2010	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/npl01.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
Solomon Islands	UNDP	Completed	December 2008	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/slb01.pdf
Sudan	UNDP	Completed	July 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/sdn01.pdf
Timor-Leste	UNDP	Completed	September 2011	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/tls01.pdf
Togo	UNDP	Completed	September 2009	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/tog01f.pdf

Country	Implementing Agency	Current Status	Completion Date	Web link for full NAPA document (completed projects only)
NAPA Completed				
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
Yemen	UNDP	Completed	April 2009	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/yem01.pdf
Zambia	UNDP	Completed	October 2007	http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/napa/zmb01.pdf
Country	Implementing Agency	Current Status	Expected Completion Date	
NAPA in Preparatory Phase				
Myanmar	UNEP	On-going	Q4 – 2012	
NAPA has not yet been initiated				
Equatorial Guinea		----	Not started*	-----
Somalia		----	Not started*	-----

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

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

5. Since the last LDCF/SCCF Council meeting in November 2011, and as of May 01, 2012 additional six countries, Ethiopia, Haiti [2nd submission], Mozambique, Tanzania, Togo and Chad, have completed the project preparation phase, submitted finalized project documents and received CEO endorsement or approval depending on the size of the project. The endorsed projects in Togo and Chad are parts of the *Sahel and West Africa Program in Support of the Great Green Wall Initiative*. This brings the number of CEO endorsed/approved LDCF projects to forty-three. All these projects are now starting implementation and will generate adaptation benefits for some of the most vulnerable people in the world.

6. Ten new Project Identification Forms (PIFs) for FSPs have been Council Approved since November 2011. The approved PIFs include the first submission from Timor-Leste and second submissions from Bangladesh, Gambia, Guinea, Lesotho, Niger, Sierra Leone, Togo and Tuvalu. A multi-trust fund project in Malawi is also included in the new approvals.

7. To sum up, as of May 01, 2012 forty-two countries have received approval for the LDCF financing for their NAPA implementation projects. As a result, sixty-four projects have already been approved as consistent with the LDCF eligibility criteria in the

following countries⁴: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Yemen and Zambia.

8. In addition, 3 LDCF projects amounting to \$20.86 M have been PIF cleared (Table 5) and are scheduled to be Council Approved within 4 weeks of their PIF clearance date. LDCF currently has an active pipeline of projects seeking in total \$81.95 M (Table 6).

LDCF Meetings and Outreach

COP 17

9. The COP, at its seventeenth session in Durban, South Africa, requested the GEF to

(i) continue to provide information to the LDCs to further clarify project baselines and the application for accessing funding from the LDCF in order to develop and implement projects under NAPAs;

(ii) to support the development of programmatic approaches for the implementation of NAPAs;

(iii) to further explore opportunities to streamline the LDCF project cycle, particularly during the project preparation stage; and

(iv) to further improve the provision of information to LDCs on the project development process for projects being considered under the LDCF.

10. The COP also requested the LEG to further specify each of the elements of the least developed countries work programme other than NAPAs, in consultation with the GEF, and report to the SBI at its thirty-sixth session, with a view to informing the COP on guidance to be provided to the GEF on support for the implementation of the elements of the least developed countries work programme other than NAPAs. (Decision 9/CP.17)

11. Moreover, the COP requested the GEF to clarify the concept of additional costs as applied to different types of adaptation projects under the LDCF and the SCCF, and, furthermore, to continue to provide financial resources to developing countries for strengthening existing and, where needed, establishing national and regional systematic observation and monitoring networks under the LDCF and the SCCF. (Decision 11/CP.17).

⁴ Sixteen countries, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Haiti, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Maldives, Malawi, Niger, Samoa, Sao Tome, Sierra Leon, Togo and Tuvalu, have PIFs for two separate projects approved under the LDCF. Please refer to table 3 for details.

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12. In response to the COP decision on National adaptation plans (5/CP.17), the GEF submitted information to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation in Feb 2012, for consideration at its thirty-sixth session, outlining how the GEF, through the LDCF, could enable activities as part of the NAP process in least developed countries (LDCs).

13. The GEF Secretariat participated in twenty-first meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG), held in Thimphu, Bhutan, in March 2012. At the meeting the GEF Secretariat had the opportunity to present the progress on NAPA implementation, including the positive news on the rapid rate at which the LDCs are now accessing LDCF resources and on raising the ceiling for equitable access per LDC to \$15M.

14. The GEF Secretariat also had the opportunity to visit one of the first NAPA implementation projects, “Reducing Climate Change-induced Risks and Vulnerabilities from Glacial Lake Outbursts in the Punakha-Wangdi and Chamkhar Valleys in Bhutan.” In addition to supporting the government to integrate the risk of climate-change induced GLOFs into the existing disaster risk management framework, the project financed measures to artificially lower water level in Lake Thorthormi, which was at risk of an outburst. During the visit the communities expressed relief at not being under constant threat of a flood due to the outburst.

Country relations meetings

15. Since the last GEF Council meeting in November 2011, there have been six Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECWs) in which Least Developed Countries have participated. The workshops took place in South Africa (November 1-3, 2011), Burundi (February 8-10, 2012), Jordan (February 15-17, 2012), Costa Rica (March 6-8, 2012), Albania (March 27-29, 2012), and Burkina Faso (April 17-19, 2012). At these meetings the publication ‘Accessing Resources under the Least Developed Country Fund’ was distributed, and a specific presentation was given on the LDCF strategy. Members of the Adaptation Cluster of the GEF were present in three out of these six workshops (South Africa, Burundi and Burkina Faso). A member from the Adaptation Cluster will also be attending the ECW in Antigua and Barbuda on May 8-10, 2012.

Table 3: LDCF Adaptation Program: complete list of CEO endorsed or approved projects as of May 01, 2012.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	LDCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
1	Bangladesh	Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change through Coastal Afforestation	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	3.74	7.10	10.84
2	Benin	Integrated Adaptation Programme to Combat the Effects of Climate Change on Agricultural Production and Food Security	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	3.84	7.88	11.72
3	Cambodia	Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Programme for Climate Change in the Coastal Zone of Cambodia Considering Livelihood Improvement and Ecosystems	UNEP	CEO Approved	1.85	4.20	6.05
4	Chad*	GGW – Agriculture production support project (with Sustainable Land and Water Management)	World Bank	CEO Endorsed	5.00	47.81	52.81
5	Comoros	Adapting Water Resource Management in Comoros to Increase Capacity to Cope with Climate Change	UNDP/ UNEP	CEO Endorsed	4.22	9.32	13.54
6	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 and Security	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	3.41	4.05	7.46
7	Djibouti	Implementing NAPA Priority Interventions to Build Resilience in the most Vulnerable Coastal Zones in Djibouti	UNEP	CEO Endorsed	2.36	2.41	4.76
8	Ethiopia*	Promoting Autonomous Adaptation at the community level in Ethiopia	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	5.95	24.72	30.67
9	Gambia	Strengthening of The Gambia's Climate Change Early Warning Systems	UNEP	CEO Approved	1.16	1.56	2.72
10	Global	Technical Assistance to Francophone LDCs to Implement the UNFCCC/CP8 Decision	UNDP	CEO Approved	0.23	0.04	0.27
11	Guinea	Increased Resilience and Adaptation to Adverse Impacts of Climate Change in Guinea's Vulnerable Coastal Zones	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	3.38	162.89	166.26
12	Guinea-Bissau	Strengthening Resilience and Adaptive Capacity to Climate Change in Guinea-Bissau's Agrarian and Water Sectors	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	4.54	19.95	24.50

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	LDCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
13	Haiti	Strengthening Adaptive Capacities to Address Climate Change Threats on Sustainable Development Strategies for Coastal Communities in Haiti	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	3.96	9.78	13.74
14	Haiti*	Strengthening climate resilience and reducing disaster risk in agriculture to improve food security in Haiti post earthquake	FAO	CEO Endorsed	3.00	9.33	12.33
15	Kiribati	Increasing Resilience to Climate Variability and Hazards	World Bank	CEO Endorsed	3.30	7.80	11.10
16	Lao PDR	Improving the Resilience of the Agriculture Sector in Lao PDR to Climate Change Impacts	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	5.00	7.72	12.72
17	Lesotho	Improvement of Early Warning System to Reduce Impacts of Climate Change and Capacity Building to Integrate Climate Change into Development Plans	UNEP	CEO Endorsed	1.96	2.72	4.69
18	Liberia	Enhancing Resilience of Vulnerable Coastal Areas to Climate Change Risks	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	3.30	4.65	7.95
19	Liberia	Enhancing Resilience to Climate Change by Mainstreaming Adaption Concerns into Agricultural Sector Development in Liberia	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	2.70	6.35	9.05
20	Malawi	Climate Adaptation for Rural Livelihoods and Agriculture (CARLA)	AfDB	CEO Endorsed	3.60	6.29	9.89
21	Maldives	Increasing Climate Change Resilience of Maldives through Adaptation in the Tourism Sector	UNDP	CEO Approved	1.82	1.65	3.47
22	Mali	Enhancing Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in the Agriculture Sector in Mali	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	2.68	8.48	11.16
23	Mali	Integrating Climate Resilience into Agricultural Production for Food Security in Rural Areas	FAO	CEO Endorsed	2.40	4.50	6.90
24	Mauritania	Support to the Adaptation of Vulnerable Agricultural Production Systems	IFAD	CEO Endorsed	3.96	10.47	14.43
25	Mozambique *	Adaptation in the coastal zones of Mozambique	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	4.98	9.68	14.65

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	LDCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
26	Rwanda	Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change by Establishing Early Warning and Disaster Preparedness Systems and Support for Integrated Watershed Management in Flood Prone Areas	UNEP	CEO Endorsed	4.00	12.43	16.43
27	Samoa	Integration of Climate Change Risk and Resilience into Forestry Management (ICCRIFS)	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	2.70	2.53	5.23
28	Samoa	Integrating Climate Change Risks into the Agriculture and Health Sectors in Samoa	UNDP	CEO Approved	2.26	2.10	4.36
29	Sao Tome and Principe	Sao Tome and Principe Adaptation to Climate Change	World Bank	CEO Endorsed	4.87	13.17	18.05
30	Senegal	Climate Change adaptation project in the areas of watershed management and water retention	IFAD	CEO Endorsed	5.63	10.18	15.81
31	Sierra Leone	Integrating Adaptation to Climate Change into Agricultural Production and Food Security in Sierra Leone	IFAD	CEO Endorsed	3.02	8.63	11.65
32	Tanzania*	Developing Core Capacity to Address Adaptation to Climate Change in Productive Coastal Zones	UNEP	CEO Endorsed	3.80	67.83	71.63
33	Togo*	GGW - Integrated Disaster and Land Management (IDL M) Project	World Bank	CEO Endorsed	4.00	25.85	29.85
34	Zambia	Adaptation to the effects of drought and climate change in Agro-ecological Zone 1 and 2 in Zambia	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	4.28	9.80	14.09

Table 4: LDCF Adaptation Program: complete list of Council approved projects as of May 01, 2012.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	LDCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
1	Afghanistan	Building Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in Afghanistan.	UNEP	Council Approved	5.50	16.00	21.50
2	Bangladesh*	Integrating Community-based Adaptation into Afforestation and Reforestation Programmes in Bangladesh	UNDP	Council Approved	6.27	41.62	47.89
3	Burundi	Enhancing Climate Risk Management and Adaptation in Burundi (ECRAMB)	AfDB	Council Approved	3.53	15.66	19.19
4	Cambodia	Strengthening the adaptive capacity and resilience of rural communities using micro watershed approaches to climate change and variability to attain sustainable food security	FAO	Council Approved	5.61	18.81	24.41
5	Central African Republic	Integrated Adaptation Programme to Combat the Effects of Climate Change on Agricultural Production and Food Security in CAR	UNDP	Council Approved	3.14	5.56	8.70
6	Gambia*	Enhancing Resilience of Vulnerable Coastal Areas and Communities to Climate Change in the Republic of Gambia	UNDP	Council Approved	9.96	41.39	51.34
7	Guinea*	Strengthening farmers communities livelihoods resilience against climate changes in the Guinean Prefectures of Gaoual, Koundara and Mali	UNDP	Council Approved	4.19	50.63	54.82
8	Lao PDR	Effective Governance for Small Scale Rural Infrastructure and Disaster Preparedness in a Changing Climate	UNDP	Council Approved	5.30	25.93	31.23
9	Lesotho*	Adaptation of Small-scale Agriculture Production (ASAP)	IFAD	Council Approved	4.76	13.00	17.76
10	Malawi*	Shire Natural Ecosystems Management Project	World Bank	Council Approved	1.65	9.94	11.59
11	Nepal	Community Based Flood and Glacial Lake Outburst Risk Reduction	UNDP	Council Approved	7.00	18.90	25.90
12	Niger*	Scaling up Community-Based Adaptation (CBA) in Niger	UNDP	Council Approved	4.13	13.25	17.38
13	Regional	Sahel and West Africa Program in Support of the Great Green Wall Initiative	World Bank	Council Approved	16.00	261.00	277.00

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	LDCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
14	Sao Tome and Principe	Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity of Most Vulnerable Sao Tomean's Livestock-keeping Households	AfDB	Council Approved	2.32	7.65	9.97
15	Sierra Leone*	Building adaptive capacity to catalyze active public and private sector participation to manage the exposure and sensitivity of water supply services to climate change in Sierra Leone	UNDP	Council Approved	3.31	25.60	28.91
16	Timor-Leste*	Strengthening the Resilience of Small Scale Rural Infrastructure and Local Government Systems to Climatic Variability and Risk	UNDP	Council Approved	5.19	24.53	29.72
17	Togo*	Adapting Agriculture Production in Togo (ADAPT)	IFAD	Council Approved	6.00	13.00	19.00
18	Tuvalu*	Effective and Responsive Island-level Governance to Secure and Diversify Climate Resilient Marine-based Coastal Livelihoods and Enhance Climate Hazard Response Capacity	UNDP	Council Approved	4.76	19.60	24.36
19	Vanuatu	Increasing Resilience to Climate Change and Natural Hazards	World Bank	Council Approved	3.00	3.15	6.15
20	Yemen	Integrated Coastal Zone Management	World Bank	Council Approved	4.95	10.00	14.95
Total LDCF Approvals and Endorsement and associated co-financing in projects					228.31	948.49	1,176.8
Total LDCF Approvals and Endorsement and associated co-financing in projects and programs					244.31	1,209.49	1,453.80

* Project which has progressed in terms of its status since November 2011.

Note: Information on LDCF Programs can be found in Section IV. Information on LDCF projects under implementation can be found in Annex I.

Table 5: LDCF PIF Cleared Projects awaiting Council Approval as of May 01, 2012.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	LDCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
1	Bhutan	Addressing the risk of climate-induced disasters through enhanced national and local capacity for effective actions	UNDP	PIF Approved	12.64	45.80	58.44
2	Malawi	Climate Proofing Local Development Gains in Rural and Urban Areas of Machinga and Mangochi Districts	UNDP	PIF Approved	6.02	36.00	42.02
3	Samoa	Enhancing the resilience of tourism-reliant communities to climate change risks	UNDP	PIF Approved	2.20	7.10	9.30
Total					20.86	88.90	109.76

Table 6: LDCF Projects in pipeline as of May 01, 2012.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	LDCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
1	Burkina Faso	Reducing vulnerability of natural resource dependent livelihoods in two landscapes at risk of the effects of climate change in Burkina Faso: Boucles du Mouhoun Forest Corridor and Mare d'Oursi Wetlands Basin	UNDP	Pipeline	7.70	15.05	22.75
2	Comoros	Enhancing adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change in the agriculture sector in Comoros	UNDP	Pipeline	9.89	35.00	44.89
3	Liberia	Strengthening Liberia's Capability to Provide Climate Information and Services to Enhance Climate Resilient Development and Adaptation to Climate Change.	UNDP	Pipeline	7.43	11.84	19.27
4	Regional	Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Eastern and Southern Africa for climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change	UNDP	Pipeline	22.99	126.12	149.11
5	Regional	Strengthening climate information and early warning systems in Western and Central Africa for climate resilient development and adaptation to climate change	UNDP	Pipeline	26.40	96.12	122.52
6	Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands Water Sector Adaptation Project (SIWSAP)	UNDP	Pipeline	7.54	40.25	47.79
Total					81.95	324.38	406.33

III. Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)

15. 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.

16. Initially, the GEF received guidance from the COP to devise funding guidelines for items (a) and (b), only. At COP 12, the GEF Secretariat received additional guidance on how to operationalize a program in areas (c) and (d). The programming principles have been elaborated accordingly 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*.

Report on project operations and submissions of projects under the Adaptation Program (SCCF-A)

17. The current number of work program approved projects in the SCCF adaptation program is thirty-nine (6 MSPs, 30 FSPs and 3 Programmatic Approach) totaling \$ 147.85 million.

18. Among the approved SCCF-A projects, so far two projects have been completed (Global project titled “Piloting Climate Change Adaptation to Protect Human Health” and “Mainstreaming Climate Change in Integrated Water Resourced Management in Pangani River Basin” in Tanzania).

19. Recent encashments of previous pledges to the SCCF-A have made \$22.14 million available for new project allocations for the June 2012 Work Program. Project concepts amounting to \$60 million were received seeking approval for formal PIF submission. Based on the available resources, a work program has been constituted for approval by the LDCF/SCCF Council at its meeting in June 2012 (please refer to GEF/LDCF.SCCF.12/03).

20. The demand for SCCF adaptation resources continues to remain high and significantly exceeds current supply in the SCCF. A significant increase in donor contributions is therefore urgently needed.

21. During this period a previously approved full-sized project in Pakistan has been cancelled (Annex III).

Report on project operations and submissions of projects under the Technology Transfer Program (SCCF-B)

22. The current number of work program approved projects under the Technology Transfer (TT) program is two totaling \$11.36 million.

23. Due to recent significant contributions to SCCF-B, a sizeable Work Program has been constituted for approval by the LDCF/SCCF Council at its meeting in June 2012. (please refer to GEF/LDCF.SCCF.12/03)

24. Two of previously approved projects, in Brazil and in Jamaica have been cancelled during this period. Both projects had been approved in 2009. Please refer to Annex III for details.

SCCF Meetings, Evaluation and Outreach

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25. The COP requested the GEF to clarify the concept of additional costs as applied to different types of adaptation projects under the LDCF and the SCCF, and, furthermore, to continue to provide financial resources to developing countries for strengthening existing and, where needed, establishing national and regional systematic observation and monitoring networks under the LDCF and the SCCF. (Decision 11/CP.17).

26. The GEF Evaluation office completed and presented the findings and recommendations of the SCCF evaluation to the LDCF/SCCF council in November 2011 (GEF/LDCF.SCCF.11/ME/02).

27. Following one of the recommendations in the SCCF evaluation, the SCCF updated the fund website with further information regarding SCCF project pre-selection process and criteria (<http://www.thegef.org/gef/https%3A/%252Fwww.thegef.org/gef/sccf/criteria>).

Country relations meetings

28. Since the last GEF Council meeting in November 2011, there have been six Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECWs), in which least developed countries and developing countries have participated. The workshops took place in South Africa (November 1-3, 2011), Burundi (February 8-10, 2012), Jordan (February 15-17, 2012), Costa Rica (March 6-8, 2012), Albania (March 27-29, 2012), and Burkina Faso (April 17-19, 2012). At these meetings the publication 'Accessing Resources under the Special Climate Change Fund' was distributed, and a specific presentation was given on the SCCF strategy. Members of the Adaptation Cluster of the GEF were present in three out of these six workshops (South Africa, Burundi and Burkina Faso). A member from the Adaptation Cluster will also be attending the ECW in Antigua and Barbuda on May 8-10, 2012.

Table 7: SCCF Adaptation Program complete list of CEO endorsed or approved projects as of May 01, 2012.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	SCCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
1	Azerbaijan	Integrating climate change risks into water and flood management by vulnerable mountainous communities in the Greater Caucasus region of Azerbaijan	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	3.08	7.26	10.34
2	Egypt	Adaptation to Climate Change in the Nile Delta Through Integrated Coastal Zone Management	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	4.51	12.84	17.35
3	Ghana	Integrating Climate Change into the Management of Priority Health Risks	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	2.00	55.68	57.68
4	Ghana*	Promoting Value Chain Approach to Adaptation in Agriculture	IFAD	CEO Approved	2.86	8.99	11.85
5	Global	Piloting Climate Change Adaptation to Protect Human Health	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	5.47	15.96	21.43
6	Mexico	Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts on the Coastal Wetlands	World Bank	CEO Endorsed	5.28	19.00	24.28
7	Mongolia	Mongolia Livestock Sector Adaptation Project	IFAD	CEO Endorsed	1.79	11.48	13.27
8	Morocco	Integrating Climate Change in Development Planning and Disaster Prevention to Increase Resilience of Agricultural and Water Sectors	World Bank	CEO Endorsed	4.78	26.95	31.73
9	Nigeria*	GGW - Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP)	World Bank	CEO Endorsed	5.00	293.93	298.93
10	Philippines	Climate Change Adaptation Project, Phase I	World Bank	CEO Endorsed	5.78	50.45	56.23
11	Regional*	Southeastern Europe and Caucasus Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (SEEC CRIF)	World Bank	CEO Endorsed	6.05	21.50	27.55
12	South Africa	Reducing Disaster Risks from Wildfire Hazards Associated with Climate Change	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	4.00	30.94	34.94
13	Swaziland*	To promote the implementation of national and transboundary integrated water resource management that is sustainable and equitable given expected climate change.	UNDP	CEO Endorsed	1.89	5.82	7.72
14	Tajikistan*	Increasing Climate Resilience through Drinking Water Rehabilitation in North Tajikistan	EBRD	CEO Endorsed	3.22	23.90	27.12

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	SCCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
15	Thailand	Strengthening the Capacity of Vulnerable Coastal Communities to Address the Risk of Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events	UNDP	CEO Approved	1.00	2.70	3.70
16	Vietnam*	Climate-resilient Infrastructure Planning and Coastal Zone Development	ADB/UNDP	CEO Endorsed	3.85	145.17	149.02

Table 8: SCCF Adaptation Program complete list of Council approved projects as of May 01, 2012.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	SCCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
1	Colombia*	Adaptation to Climate Impacts in Water Regulation and Supply for Bogota's Metropolitan Area	IADB	Council Approved	4.64	23.30	27.94
2	El Salvador*	Climate Change Adaptation to Reduce Land Degradation in Fragile Micro-Watersheds located in the municipalities of Texistepeque and Candelaria de la Frontera	FAO	Council Approved	1.14	3.30	4.44
3	Honduras*	Competitiveness and Sustainable Rural Development Project in the Northern Zone	IFAD	Council Approved	3.41	21.00	24.41
4	India*	Climate Resilient Coastal Protection and Management	ADB	Council Approved	2.00	54.68	56.68
5	Indonesia	Strategic Planning and Action to Strengthen Climate Resilience of Rural Communities in Nusa Tenggara Timor province (SPARC)	UNDP	Council Approved	5.60	54.80	60.40
6	Moldova*	CLIMATE RESILIENCE THROUGH CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE	IFAD	Council Approved	4.81	13.80	18.61
7	Nicaragua	Adaptation of Nicaragua's Water Supplies to Climate Change	World Bank	Council Approved	6.60	31.50	38.10
8	Regional	Sahel and West Africa Program in Support of the Great Green Wall Initiative	World Bank	Council Approved	5.00	14.00	19.00
9	Regional*	Greater Mekong Subregion Forests and Biodiversity Program (GMS-FBP)	ADB/World Bank	Council Approved	0.50	5.63	6.13
10	Regional	Pilot Asia-Pacific Climate Technology Network and Finance Center	ADB/UNEP	Council Approved	2.00	15.00	17.00
11	Regional*	MENA- Desert Ecosystems and Livelihoods Program (MENA-DELP)	World Bank	Council Approved	3.00	12.00	15.00
12	Sri Lanka*	Strengthening the Resilience of Post Conflict Reconstruction to Climate Risks in Coastal Communities in North and East Sri Lanka	UNDP	Council Approved	3.50	57.27	60.77
Total SCCF-A Approvals and Endorsement and associated co-financing in projects					139.36	1,197.04	1,336.40
Total SCCF-A Approvals and Endorsement and associated co-financing in projects and programs					147.86	1,228.67	1,376.53

* Project which has progressed in terms of its status since November 2011.

Note: Information on SCCF Programs can be found in Section IV. Information on SCCF projects under implementation can be found in Annex II.

Table 9: SCCF Technology Transfer Program complete list of approved projects as of May 01, 2012.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	SCCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
1	Global	Technology Needs Assessments(TNA)	UNEP	Under Implementation	9.00	2.86	11.86
2	Jordan	TT-Pilot (GEF-4) DHRS: Irrigation Technology Pilot Project to face Climate Change Impact	IFAD	CEO Endorsed	2.37	5.52	7.88
Total SCCF-B Approvals and Endorsement and associated co-financing in projects					11.37	8.37	19.74

* Project which has progressed in terms of its status since November 2011.

IV. Multi-Trust Fund Projects and Programmatic Initiatives under the LDCF and the SCCF

29. At its November 2011 meeting, the LDCF/SCCF Council approved one multi-trust fund initiative, “Shire Natural Ecosystems Management Project”, which mobilizes resources from the GEF Trust Fund and the LDCF. In the same Council meeting a multi-trust fund project in El Salvador and two regional programmatic approaches, “Desert Ecosystems and Livelihoods Program (MENA-DELP)” and “Greater Mekong Subregion Forests and Biodiversity Program (GMS-FBP)”, were approved, drawing resources from the GEF Trust Fund and SCCF-A.

30. In total one programmatic approach and one multi-trust fund project have been approved for LDCF funding. Two multi-trust fund projects and three programmatic approaches have been approved for funding under the SCCF.

Table 10: Multi-Trust Fund Projects and Programmatic Initiatives under the LDCF as of May 01, 2012.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	LDCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount(US\$M)
1	Regional	Sahel and West Africa Program in Support of the Great Green Wall Initiative	World Bank	Council Approved	16.00	261.00	277.00
2	Malawi*	Shire Natural Ecosystems Management Project	World Bank	Council Approved	1.65	9.94	11.59
Total Multi-Focal and Programmatic Approach Approvals					17.65	270.94	288.59

* Project which has progressed in terms of its status since November 2011.

Table 11: Multi-Trust Fund Projects and Programmatic Approaches Programs under the SCCF as of May 01, 2012.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	SCCF Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount(US\$M)
1	Regional	Sahel and West Africa Program in Support of the Great Green Wall Initiative	World Bank	Council Approved	5.00	14.00	19.00
2	Regional*	MENA- Desert Ecosystems and Livelihoods Program (MENA-DELP)	World Bank	Council Approved	3.00	12.00	15.00
3	Regional*	Greater Mekong Subregion Forests and Biodiversity Program (GMS-FBP)	ADB/World Bank	Council Approved	0.50	5.63	6.13
4	El Salvador*	Climate Change Adaptation to Reduce Land Degradation in Fragile Micro-Watersheds located in the municipalities of Texistepeque and Candelaria de la Frontera	FAO	Council Approved	1.10	3.80	4.90
5	Regional	Pilot Asia-Pacific Climate Technology Network and Finance Center	ADB/UNEP	Council Approved	2.00	15.00	17.00
Total Multi-Focal and Programmatic Approach Approvals					11.60	50.43	62.03

* Project which has progressed in terms of its status since November 2011.

Annex I.

Table 12: Projects Under Implementation under the LDCF as of May 01, 2012.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
1	Bhutan	Reducing Climate Change-induced Risks and Vulnerabilities from Glacial Lake Outbursts in the Punakha-Wangdi and Chamkhar Valleys	UNDP	Under Implementation	3.99	4.04	8.02
2	Burkina Faso	Strengthening Adaptation Capacities and Reducing the Vulnerability to Climate Change in Burkina Faso	UNDP	Under Implementation	3.30	20.09	23.39
3	Cambodia	Promoting Climate-Resilient Water Management and Agricultural Practices	UNDP	Under Implementation	2.15	2.24	4.39
4	Cape Verde	Building Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in the Water Sector in Cape Verde	UNDP	Under Implementation	3.41	63.70	67.11
5	Global	Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to Implement the UNFCCC/CP8 Decision	UNDP	Under Implementation	0.69	0.24	0.93
6	Maldives	Integrating Climate Change Risks into Resilient Island Planning	UNDP	Under Implementation	5.00	4.85	9.85
7	Niger	Implementing NAPA Priority Interventions to Build Resilience and Adaptive Capacity of the Agriculture Sector to Climate Change	UNDP	Under Implementation	3.86	10.95	14.81
8	Sudan	Implementing NAPA Priority Interventions to Build Resilience in the Agriculture and Water Sectors to the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change	UNDP	Under Implementation	3.74	3.50	7.24
9	Tuvalu	Increasing Resilience of Coastal Areas and Community Settlements to Climate Change	UNDP	Under Implementation	3.70	4.50	8.20

Annex II.

Table 13: Projects Under Implementation under the SCCF-A as of May 01, 2012.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
1	China	Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change Into Water Resources Management and Rural Development	World Bank	Under Implementation	5.85	50.50	56.35
2	Ecuador	Adaptation to Climate Change through Effective Water Governance	UNDP	Under Implementation	3.65	16.19	19.84
3	Ethiopia	Coping with Drought and Climate Change	UNDP	Under Implementation	1.08	1.87	2.95
4	Guyana	Conservancy Adaptation Project	World Bank	Under Implementation	4.14	16.20	20.34
5	Kenya	Adaptation to Climate Change in Arid Lands (KACCAL)	World Bank/UNDP	Under Implementation	7.40	42.17	49.57
6	Mozambique	Coping with Drought and Climate Change	UNDP	Under Implementation	1.05	0.93	1.98
7	Regional	Design and Implementation of Pilot Climate Change Adaptation Measures in the Andean Region	World Bank	Under Implementation	8.85	25.23	34.08
8	Regional	Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change Project (PACC)	UNDP	Under Implementation	14.82	44.50	59.33
9	Zimbabwe	Coping with Drought and Climate Change	UNDP	Under Implementation	1.07	1.16	2.23

Annex III.

Table 14: Projects Cancelled during this period under the SCCF-A and SCCF-B.

	Country	Project name	GEF Agency	Project Status	Grant (including fees and PPG) (US\$M)	Co-financing (US\$M)	Total amount (US\$M)
SCCF-A							
1	Pakistan	Rural Livelihoods Climate Change Adaptation Support Programme	IFAD	Cancelled	3.00	13.35	16.35
SCCF-B							
1	Brazil	TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Renewable CO2 Capture and Storage from Sugar Fermentation Industry in Sao Paulo State	UNDP	Cancelled	2.97	7.72	10.69
2	Jamaica	TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Introduction of Renewable Wave Energy Technologies for the Generation of Electric Power in Small Coastal Communities in Jamaica	UNDP	Cancelled	0.82	1.42	2.24