Synergies: Land Degradation and Climate Adaptation
GEF Side Event at UNCCD COP 15
Present and Future of GEF Support to UNCCD

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GEF’s Climate Adaptation Support

- Two funds established in 2001
  - **LDCF**: fund for 46 LDCs
  - **SCCF**: fund for all
- UNFCCC Financial Mechanism
- Serve Paris Agreement
- Over $2 billion in grants for 450 projects in 100+ countries (as of May 2022)
- Voluntary funds
GEF-7 LDCF/SCCF Programming and Synergy with Land Degradation
(July 2018 - April 2022)

71 Adaptation projects
$505 M

19 multi trust fund projects

12 Adaptation + LD projects
$137 M

Key Adaptation – LD Synergy Themes

Sustainable land management
Agriculture
Ecosystem restoration
Community level interventions
LDCF/SCCF Priority Themes for GEF-8

1. Agriculture, food security and health
   Heightened focus on community wellbeing

2. Water
   Continued support to capture, store, conserve and enable easier and more reliable access to water

3. Early warning and climate information systems
   Expand access and strive for greater user uptake

4. Nature-based solutions
   High potential to deliver adaptation
GEF-8 Synergy and Collaboration Opportunities

LDCF/SCCF PROGRAMMING STRATEGY

- LDCF & SCCF Priority Themes aligned with LD priorities
- Ecosystem-based, landscape-based, value-chain based, and regional, rural, urban and coastal scale
- Predictable adaptation support
  - LDC cap to increase to $20 million in LDCF
  - SIDS cap to be introduced in SCCF
- Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation
  - Open call for proposals

WORKING WITH OTHER FUNDS

- Close alignment with projects and programs with GCF and others to mobilize finance at scale
- LDCF & SCCF are developing major initiatives with GCF, such as GGW, and will support joint national investment planning
- Collaboration opportunities with other funds, such as AF, CIFs, etc.
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