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32<sup>nd</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting  
June 23, 2022  
Washington D.C.

Agenda Item 02

## **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Agenda Item 01.****Opening of the Meeting**

1. The meeting will be opened by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO/Chairperson of the Facility
2. The LDCF/SCCF Council will recall that Ambassador Aliioiga Feturi Elisaia, Council member for the Constituency of Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, had been designated as Elected Chairperson for the calendar year 2022 by decision 37/2021 adopted on December 10, 2021.
3. The CEO will chair the LDCF/SCCF Council meeting during agenda item 3, "Opening Remarks", agenda item 4, "GEF 2022-2026 Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund and Operational Improvements", agenda item 5, "Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund", agenda item 6, "Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund", agenda item 7, "FY21 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund" and agenda item 8 "FY 23 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund".
4. Elected Chairperson will chair the LDCF/SCCF Council meeting during agenda item 2, "Adoption of the Agenda", agenda item 9, "LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report 2022, agenda item 10, "Other Business", and agenda item 11, "Joint Summary of the Co-Chairs".

**Agenda Item 02.****Adoption of the Agenda**

5. A Provisional Agenda for consideration by the LDCF/SCCF Council has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/01/Rev.01.
6. The LDCF/SCCF Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

**Agenda Item 03.****Opening Remarks by the LDC Chair Ms. Madeleine Dioff SARR**

7. The CEO will welcome and invite the Chair of the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group: Ms. Madeleine Diouf SARR to deliver the opening remarks.

**Agenda Item 04.****GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund for the GEF-8 Period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2026 and Operational Improvements**

8. "GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund for the GEF-8 Period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2026 and Operational Improvements" has been

circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/04/Rev.01, and will be presented to the Council Members for approval.

9. Draft Decision: *The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/04/Rev.01 GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund for the GEF-8 period of July 2022 to June 2026 and Operational Improvements, welcomed the Strategy and endorsed it as a basis for programming resources under the LDCF and SCCF from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2026.*

#### **Agenda Item 05.**

#### **Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund**

10. *Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund* has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/03. The document outlines key aspects of the proposed Work Program, including programming trends in the LDCF resources relative to the strategic objectives, distribution by countries, regions, and GEF Agencies, and presents observations and outlook. The Council is requested to approve the LDCF Work Program for the total resources requested.
11. Draft Decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/03, Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund, approves the Work Program comprising of eight projects, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 21, 2022.*

*Total resources approved in this Work Program amount to \$72.44 million from the LDCF, inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs):*

*[See Annex A]*

*With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) reviewer's comments on the Work Program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.*

*With respect to any PIF approved in this Work Program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.*

*In light of the recent audit report by the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) of UNDP GEF Management, all projects included in the Work Program implemented by UNDP shall be circulated by email for Council review at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval. This shall take place as actions of the Management Action Plan that address the OAI recommendations are being implemented, and as the independent, risk based third-party review of compliance by UNDP with the GEF Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards is being completed. Project reviews will take into consideration the relevant findings of the external audit and the UNDP management responses and note them in the endorsement review sheet that will be made available to the Council during the four-week review period.*

**Agenda Item 06.**

**FY21 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund**

12. The FY21 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/05 and will be presented to Council for approval.
13. *Draft Decision: The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/05, FY20 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, welcomes the review and appreciates the progress made in reporting portfolio-level performance, results and lessons learned under the LDCF and the SCCF. The Council welcomes the overall finding that the LDCF and SCCF portfolio under implementation in FY21 performed satisfactorily.*

**Agenda Item 07.**

**Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund**

14. The Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/04 and will be presented to Council for approval.
15. *Draft Decision: The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/04, Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, welcomes the report and takes note with appreciation the progress made under the LDCF and the SCCF.*

**Agenda Item 08.**

**FY 23 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund**

16. FY 23 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund has been circulated to Council members as document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/06, and will be presented to Council for approval.

17. *Draft Decision: The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/07 FY23 Administrative Budget and Business Plan for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, approves the proposed budget for the GEF Secretariat, Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP), the Trustee and the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), as follows:*
1. *\$2,502,196 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$427,000 (Trustee), and \$23,000 (GEF IEO) from the Least Developed Countries Fund; and*
  2. *\$941,037 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$110,000 (Trustee), and \$23,000 (GEF IEO) from the Special Climate Change Fund.*

**Agenda Item 09.**

**FY23 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office under the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund**

18. FY 23 Work Program and Budget for the IEO under the LDCF and SCCF will be presented to Council for approval.
19. *Draft Decision: The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/E/01, "FY23 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under LDCF and SCCF," approves the annual budget of \$46,000 to carry out the work program for fiscal year 2023. The budget is in line with the term of the evaluation work that spans over multiple years. The approved budget is being distributed as follows:*
1. *\$23,000 from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and*
  2. *\$23,000 from the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)*

**Agenda Item 10.**

**Other business**

20. Council Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda items.

**Agenda Item 11.**

**Joint Summary of the Co-Chairs**

21. The Elected Chair will present a joint summary of the decisions approved during the meeting.