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Decision LDCF.SCCF 1/2022

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

1. 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.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 2/2022

Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund

1. 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, 2022¹.
2. 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):
 - i. Comoros: Strengthening the Resilience of Climate-Smart Agricultural Systems and Value Chains (GEF ID 10997, UNDP, GEF project financing: \$8,932,420);
 - ii. Global: Accelerating investment in nature-based solutions (NBS) to help address climate adaptation in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) (GEFID: 10961, World Bank; GEF Project financing: \$10,000,000);
 - iii. Madagascar: Upscaling Ecosystem-Based Adaptation for Madagascar's Coastal Zones (GEF ID: 10939, UNEP, GEF project financing: \$7,105,936);
 - iv. Niger: Strengthening the Resilience of Small Farmers through Climate Smart Agriculture Techniques in Tahoua Region (GEF ID: 11004, UNDP, GEF project financing: \$8,932,420 LDCF);
 - v. Regional (Africa - Burkina Faso, Chad, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sudan): Great Green Wall Climate Change Adaptation

¹ The decision with respect to project review for UNDP projects (Decision GEF/C.61/04) will apply to all UNDP projects in this Work Program.

Regional Support Project (GEF ID 11000, IFAD, GEF Project Financing: \$ 8,932,420);

- vi. Regional: Africa African Climate Risk Insurance Facility-Derisking Adaptation to Climate Change in Africa (GEF ID 11008, AfDB, GEF Project Financing: \$8,940,768);
 - vii. Regional (Pacific - Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tuvalu): Blue Pacific Finance Hub: Investing in Resilient Pacific SIDS Ecosystems and Economies (GEF ID 10986, ADB, GEF project financing: \$8,990,830);
 - viii. Tuvalu: Ecosystem Based Adaptation for Improved Livelihood in Tuvalu (GEF ID: 10926, UNEP, GEF project financing: \$4,416,210)
3. 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.
 4. 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.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 3/2022

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

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/05, [FY21 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.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 4/2022

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

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/06, [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.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 5/2022

FY23 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. 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.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 6/2022

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

1. 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)

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Decision LDCF.SCCF 7/2022

Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.33/03, [Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), approves the Work Program comprising of two projects, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 6, 2023².
2. Total resources approved in this Work Program amount to \$10.13 million from the LDCF and \$0.50 million from the SCCF, both inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs):
 - i. Cambodia: Climate Resilience Enhancement for Building Adaptive Capacity in AgriValue Chains in Cambodia (GEF ID 11051, IFAD, GEF project financing: \$4,860,000); and
 - ii. Global: Vulnerable Twenty Group Funding to Leverage Adaptation by Averting and Minimizing Impacts of Climate Change (GEFID: 11055, UNIDO; GEF Project financing: \$4,416,210 (LDCF) and \$456,621 (SCCF)).
3. 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.

² The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons; or (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights opposes the following project and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: LDCF project 11055 in Ethiopia, Nicaragua, and South Sudan.

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.33/04, [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.