
33rd LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSIONS
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The following is a record prepared by the GEF Secretariat of comments and clarifications of key points made by Council Members. This record is supplemental to the Summary of the Co-Chairs, which records the decisions agreed upon by the Council.

Agenda Item 1 Opening of the Meeting

1. The 33rd meeting of the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) Council was opened by Carlos Manuel Rodríguez, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/Chairperson and 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, who acted as Elected Chairperson, as per decision 37/2021 adopted on December 10, 2021.
2. The CEO thanked the Council members for their continued support for the LDCF and renewed support for the SCCF at the recently held pledging session at the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 27) in Sharm El-Sheikh. He also underscored the important role of the two funds in meeting the adaptation needs of the least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS). Finally, he reiterated GEF's strong commitment towards adaptation support, in terms of impact, country engagement, innovation, inclusion, and effectiveness.
3. His Excellency Ambassador Conrod Hunte, Deputy Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations and Chair of the Alliance for Small Islands Developing States (AOSIS) also provided opening remarks.
4. As a SIDS resident and as Chair of AOSIS, he welcomed the GEF-8 LDCF/SCCF programming strategy, which has made it possible to earmark adaptation support to SIDS through the SCCF's Window A. He highlighted the fact that the majority of SIDS are not LDCs and cannot access the LDCF.
5. He thanked the donors who made statements of political support for the LDCF and SCCF, as well as those donors that made pledges to both funds at the pledging event at COP27 in Egypt. He urged other donors to contribute to the SCCF as well as the LDCF, and offered assurance that SIDS would

utilize the SCCF support fully, quickly, and effectively, developing innovative proposals that will deliver climate finance to communities on the frontlines.

Agenda Item 3 *Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*

6. Council members welcomed the Work Program for the LDCF and SCCF. Council Members expressed their appreciations by highlighting several aspects of the Work Program, including locally led adaptation, gender considerations, enhanced access to finance, support towards SIDS, and the alignment with loss and damage under the Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan, within the mandate of LDCF and SCCF.

7. One Council member appreciated the donors that are stepping up to support LDCF and SCCF, and also expressed gratitude towards other members that conveyed political support towards the two funds.

Agenda Item 4 *Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*

8. Council members welcomed the progress being made by the LDCF and SCCF. In particular, Council members expressed their appreciation on the Inclusive Assembly Challenge Program, especially inclusion of women and girls, youth and civil society, and the support towards grassroots actions. Several Council members also expressed their appreciation for the on-going collaboration with Green Climate Fund (GCF).

9. One Council member highlighted the importance of LDCF support as it is the only financial mechanism for LDCs, which are among the most vulnerable countries to climate change. The Council member emphasized the needs for strengthened support to LDCs for developing adaptation plans at the national level, and appreciated the pledges made for LDCF during the COP27.

10. One Council member inquired about the collaboration with GCF regarding the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) preparation and implementation. The GEF Secretariat responded that this has been done since GEF-7 particularly with regards to the NAP preparations in light of GCF's readiness support to NAPs. GCF and GEF communicate and discuss the implementation of the NAPs to avoid any overlaps or gaps for more efficient and timely support to the countries.

11. One Council member asked about the Impact Programs, to which GEF Secretariat responded that although Impact Programs will be carried out by the GEF Trust Fund, complementary support from the LDCF/SCCF can be considered as appropriate.

Agenda Item 5 *Other Business*

12. There was no other business.