



Regional Programming and Strategy Workshop for Pacific Least Developed Countries

September 26-29, 2023, Honiara, Solomon Islands

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

(as of September 14, 2023)

Overview and objectives

The GEF regional programming and strategy workshops and associated technical clinic series are designed to address some of the key challenges faced by the 46 least developed countries (LDCs) in accessing finance for climate change adaptation. The regional workshops are part of a new corporate dedicated program under the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) for the GEF-8 Period of July 2022 to June 2026¹ to ensure that all 46 LDCs have access to enhanced support during the GEF-8 period. The GEF manages a fund dedicated to supporting climate adaptation priorities of 46 LDCs, as part of the financial mechanism for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The initial country allocation for the GEF-8 period has doubled to \$20 million per LDC from the GEF-7 period.

In this context, the GEF secretariat is collaborating with the LDC Group for the UNFCCC process under the auspices of the Senegal Chairmanship, to organize these workshops in Francophone Africa, Anglophone Africa, Asia, Pacific and Caribbean LDCs. Dedicated regional workshops will also be held for non-LDC SIDS, to enhance access to the SCCF.

Hosted by the Government of Solomon Islands, the regional workshop for Pacific LDCs is organized by the GEF secretariat for Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste and Tuvalu.

The objective of the regional workshops is to create awareness and develop enhanced skills and knowledge for preparing and supervising the implementation of projects/programs to address priority adaptation needs. In particular, the regional workshops aim to strengthen capacity and skills of the participants by providing information and tools that will assist them in articulating their priority adaptation needs in line with the GEF programming priorities and requirements, as well to facilitate access to suitable climate finance from other, complementary sources. The workshops will provide insights on the entire project development process through various interactive sessions and exercises. Participants will have an opportunity to brainstorm project concept ideas that may be funded by the LDCF in GEF-8 period.

¹ GEF, 2023, [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](#), GEF/LDCF.SCCF.32/04/Rev.01.

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
DAY 1 September 26, 2023	
8:30 am	Registration
	<i>Opening Segment</i>
9:00 am	Welcome remarks by Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO, GEF Secretariat (video)
9:10 am	Opening remarks by His Excellency Mr. Stanley Sofu, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, Solomon Islands (TBC)
9:20 am	Opening remarks by Mr. Daniele Violetti, Senior Director, Programmes Coordination, Means of Implementation Division, UNFCCC Secretariat (virtual)
9:40 am	<i>Photo session</i>
10:00 am	Around-the-Room Introductions Facilitator: Mr. Tshering Dorji, GEF Secretariat
10:10 am	Pre-Workshop Participant Survey Facilitator: Mr. Miguel A. Rozo, GEF Secretariat
10:30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 am	Overview of the GEF & LDCF Portfolio in Pacific LDCs Mr. Yuki Shiga, GEF Secretariat
11:30 am	Sharing Lessons, Experiences, and Good Practice in Accessing LDCF <i>This open discussion will feature panelists from participating countries (Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tuvalu) to share knowledge, experience, and good practice in accessing LDCF to address adaptation priorities.</i> <i>All participants will be encouraged to compliment the panelists and share their experiences and lessons learned in accessing LDCF and suggestions on addressing any challenges.</i> Facilitator: Solomon Islands GEF Operational Focal Point (TBC)
12:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 pm	Overview of the GEF Climate Adaptation Strategy for 2022-26 <i>A short video will introduce the Strategy, followed by an in-depth presentation on the strategy elements, as well as its results framework and project cycle. A Q & A session will follow.</i>

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	Mr. Yuki Shiga, GEF Secretariat
2:30 pm	Insights from the GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) Mr. Mark Stafford Smith, Senior Advisor to the Chair, GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) (virtual)
2:45 pm	Coffee Break
3:15 pm	Complementary Programming with GCF and GEF <i>This panel discussion session will be an opportunity to discuss the GEF-GCF long term vision on coordinated programming, and to hear from countries on their experiences with joint or complementary GEF-GCF programming.</i> Moderator: Mr. Yuki Shiga, GEF Secretariat Panelists: Mr. Tshering Dorji, GEF Secretariat Mr. Fumihiko Tominaga, GCF Secretariat Mr. Augusto Pinto, National Directorate of Climate Change, Timor Leste (TBC)
4:15 pm	Informal Bilateral Meetings between Countries and GEF Secretariat <i>This space will provide opportunities for countries to discuss their GEF-8 LDCF project ideas and concepts on the priority adaptation action. For those countries whose concepts are already approved by LDCF/SCCF Council, the informal bilateral will explore ways to provide input for formulation of CEO Endorsement package</i>
	Per Diem disbursement
6:00 pm	End of Day 1
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Reception

DAY 2 September 27, 2023	
9:00 am	Overview of Day 2 Agenda and Reflection from Day 1 Mr. Tshering Dorji, GEF Secretariat
9:10 am	Enhancing Climate Adaptation Impact: Project Design and Results Framework This session will explore how sound project design can enhance climate adaptation impact of LDCF project concepts, as well as present a brief overview of the core indicators used for LDCF portfolio monitoring. Panelists:

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10:00 am	Morning coffee break
Closed session for country participants 10:30 am – 3:00 pm	
10:30 am	<p>Brainstorming of Country Project Concept or Full Proposals</p> <p>This segment will comprise breakout sessions by country, to discuss formulation of LDCF project concepts. GEF Secretariat staff will circulate among the country tables and respond to questions or requests for clarification.</p>
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Brainstorming of Country Project Concept or Full Proposals (continued)
3:00 pm	Coffee Break
3:30 pm	<p>Learning Stations</p> <p><i>Learning stations feature recently completed or ongoing LDCF projects in the region, presented by local/national stakeholders and the GEF Agencies. Participants have an occasion to visit one or multiple learning stations to discuss and learn from project representatives. The learning stations are interactive and informal, and questions and sharing of experiences are encouraged.</i></p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Mr. Yuki Shiga, GEF Secretariat</p> <p>Mr. Miguel A. Rozo, GEF Secretariat</p>
5:00 pm	<p>Information on Field Trip</p> <p><i>Information on the field trip to an LDCF project site will be provided by the host country and the GEF Agency.</i></p>
5:30 pm	End of Day 2

DAY 3 September 28, 2023	
FIELD TRIP	
7:00 am	Departure from the Hotel to the Project Site
12:30 pm	Lunch
4:00 pm	Return to the Hotel

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DAY 4 September 29, 2023	
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9:00 am	Debrief Session on the Field Trip Mr. Miguel A. Rozo, GEF Secretariat
9:30 am	Around the Table: Presentation on Priority Concepts and Projects <i>Each country will briefly share the main elements of the concepts developed in the breakout sessions on day 2. The GEF Secretariat representatives will offer feedback.</i>
10:30 am	Looking to Next Year of the Dedicated Program: Sectoral and Thematic Deep Dives <i>The GEF Secretariat will run an interactive poll with all participants on sectors and themes that participants may find useful for additional “deep-dive” technical workshops and clinics in the next fiscal year, as a follow-up to the regional workshops.</i> Mr. Yuki Shiga, GEF Secretariat
11:00 am	Coffee Break
11:30 am	Post-Workshop Survey and Feedback Mr. Miguel A. Rozo, GEF Secretariat
12:00 pm	Workshop Closing Closing remarks by representative of host country/Operational Focal Point (tbc) Reflections by Mr. Tshering Dorji, GEF Secretariat
12:30 pm	Lunch
<i>End of Workshop for participants from Kiribati, Timor Leste and Tuvalu</i>	
2:30 pm	In-depth discussions on LDCF programming for Solomon Islands
6:00 pm	End of workshop