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36<sup>th</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting  
June 19-20, 2024  
Washington D.C., USA

Agenda Item 09

**Joint Summary of the Co-Chairs**

## Opening of the Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez Chairperson/ Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environmental Facility (GEF). Mr. Evans Njewa, Chair of the Least Developed Countries Group and Alternate Council Member of the constituency consisting of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini, Zambia and Zimbabwe delivered his remarks.

## Adoption of the agenda

2. The LDCF/SCCF Council adopted the provisional agenda set forth in document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.36/01.

## Decisions Approved

### ***Decision LDCF.SCCF 4/2024***      *Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*

3. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.36/03/Rev.01, Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund, approved the Work Program comprising of 14 program and projects concepts, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 20, 2024. Total resources approved in this Work Program amount to \$203.02 million from the LDCF, inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Documents (PFD):
  - i. Angola: Strengthening climate resilience of communities in Angola through community-based adaptation action (GEF ID 11545); GEF Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420 (LDCF);
  - ii. Cambodia: Building resilient livelihoods through nature-based solutions in the Tonle Sap Basin and Siem Reap/Phnom Kulen landscape (GEF ID 11332); GEF Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$6,684,703 (LDCF);
  - iii. Chad: Strengthening the resilience of smallholder farmers and ecosystems to the effects of climate change” (STRADAP) Project (GEF ID 11550); GEF Agency: IFAD; GEF Project financing; \$7,105,936 (LDCF);
  - iv. Comoros: Increased access to water supply for resilience in Comoros (IAWASuR) (GEF ID 11522); GEF Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$8,019,178 (LDCF);
  - v. Gambia: Climate-resilient Banjul: Enhancing urban resilience in the Greater Banjul Area (CLIMB)” Project (GEF ID 11532); GEF Agency: UNEP; GEF Project financing: \$12,544,037 (LDCF);

- vi. Guinea: Guinea water and sanitation project (GEF ID 11575); GEF Agency: World Bank; GEF Project Financing: \$10,092,000 (LDCF);
  - vii. Lao PDR: Enhancing integrated watershed management and climate resilience for vulnerable communities in the Nam-Poui, Nam-Poun, Nam-Lay and Nam-Houng basins in Lao PDR (GEF ID 11573); GEF Agency: WWF-US; GEF project financing: \$6,772,477 (LDCF);
  - viii. Sao Tome and Principe: Enhance the adaptative capacity to floods and water security in Sao Tome and Principe (GEF ID 11544); GEF Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$5,329,452 (LDCF);
  - ix. Sao Tome and Principe: Development of the transport and coastal protection sector (GEF ID 11552); GEF Agency: World Bank; GEF project financing: \$12,844,037 (LDCF);
  - x. Sierra Leone: Third additional financing to the food systems resilience program (FSRP) (GEF ID 11576); GEF Agency: World Bank; GEF Program Financing: \$18,348,624 (LDCF);
  - xi. Somalia: Building urban resilience to climate change and transitioning to green economy in Somalia (GEF ID 11564); GEF Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$11,606,626 (LDCF);
  - xii. Tanzania: Sustainable land management and improved community resilience in dryland areas and livestock migratory hotspots of Tanzania (GEF ID 11489); GEF Agency: FAO; GEF Project financing: \$8,019,178 (LDCF);
  - xiii. Global: Lesotho, Malawi, Ethiopia, Somalia: Programme for innovation in climate adaptation and resilience building solutions (PARS) (GEF ID 11566); GEF Agency: UNIDO; GEF Program Financing: \$30,107,798 (LDCF);
  - xiv. Regional: Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal: Transformation approach to large-scale investment in support of the implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative (TALSISI-GGW) (GEF ID 11455); GEF Agency: UNEP, BOAD; GEF Program Financing: \$77,888,167 (LDCF: \$38,707,662; GEF TF: \$39,180,505);
4. With respect to the PIFs and PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs and PFDs (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.

***Decision LDCF.SCCF 5/2024***      *FY23 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund*

5. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.36/04, FY23 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.
6. The Council welcomes the overall finding that the LDCF and SCCF portfolio under implementation in FY23 performed satisfactorily.

***Decision LDCF.SCCF 6/2024***      *Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*

7. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.36/05, 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 7/2024***      *FY25 Administrative Budget and Business Plan for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*

8. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.36/06/Rev.01, FY25 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), and the Trustee as follows:
  - i. \$4,247,305 (GEF Secretariat), \$139,000 (STAP), and \$590,000 (Trustee) from the Least Developed Countries Fund; and
  - ii. \$1,341,899 (GEF Secretariat), \$139,000 (STAP), and \$130,000 (Trustee) from the Special Climate Change Fund.
9. The Council decides that, in the context of the Secretariat's analysis, the level of 11% indirect charge as set out in this document is the upper limit for the GEF, provided

sufficient justification is provided by the World Bank for this indirect charge. It is noted that the indirect charge for the GEF is expected to exclude the cost of certain administrative services to be provided directly by the GEF.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 8/2024**      *FY25 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under the LDCF and SCCF*

10. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.36/E/01, “FY25 Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under LDCF and SCCF,” approves the annual budget of \$347,788 to carry out the work program for fiscal year 2025. The budget is in line with the term of the evaluation work, which spans multiple years. The approved budget is being distributed as follows:
  - i. \$203,073 from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and
  - ii. \$144,715 from the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)

**Other Business**

11. There was no other business.

**Joint Summary of the LDCF/SCCF Council Co-Chairs**

12. The CEO presented a summary of the conclusions of the meeting, including decisions approved by the Council during the meeting.

**Closure of the Meeting**

13. The meeting closed on June 20, 2024.

**Global Environment Facility**  
**Table 1: Record of LDCF/SCCF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Administrative Budget, and Resulting Council Decisions**  
**LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting, June 19-20, 2024**

	Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$	Amounts Approved by Council in US\$
<b>LDCF - FY25 Administrative Budget</b>		
GEF Secretariat	4,247,305	4,247,305
STAP	139,000	139,000
Trustee	590,000	590,000
GEF IEO	203,073	203,073
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>5,179,378</b>	<b>5,179,378</b>
<b>SCCF - FY25 Administrative Budget</b>		
GEF Secretariat	1,341,899	1,341,899
STAP	139,000	139,000
Trustee	130,000	130,000
GEF IEO	144,715	144,715
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1,755,614</b>	<b>1,755,614</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6,934,992</b>	<b>6,934,992</b>

**Global Environment Facility**  
**Table 2: Record of LDCF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Projects/Programs and Resulting Council Decisions**  
**LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting, June 19-20, 2024**

	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Focal Area	Type	Project Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
							Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
<b>LDCF</b>													
<b>Other Programs</b>													
1	11566	UNIDO	Programme for innovation in climate adaptation and resilience building solutions (PARS)	Global (Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Somalia)	Climate Change	PFD	30,107,798	2,709,702	32,817,500	30,107,798	2,709,702	32,817,500	541,940
2	11455	UNEP,B OAD	Transformation Approach to Large Scale Investment in Support of the Implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative-TALSISI-GGWI	Regional (Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal)	Multi Focal Area	PFD	38,707,662	3,483,689	42,191,351	38,707,662	3,483,689	42,191,351	696,738
<b>Sub-total</b>							<b>68,815,460</b>	<b>6,193,391</b>	<b>75,008,851</b>	<b>68,815,460</b>	<b>6,193,391</b>	<b>75,008,851</b>	<b>1,238,678</b>
<b>Climate Change Adaptation</b>													
3	11576	World Bank	Third Additional Financing to the Food Systems Resilience Program (FSRP)	Sierra Leone	Climate Change	FSP	18,348,624	1,651,376	20,000,000	18,348,624	1,651,376	20,000,000	330,275

	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Focal Area	Type	Project Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
							Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
4	11575	World Bank	Guinea Water and Sanitation Project	Guinea	Climate Change	FSP	10,092,000	908,000	11,000,000	10,092,000	908,000	11,000,000	181,600
5	11573	WWF-US	Enhancing Integrated Watershed Management and Climate Resilience for Vulnerable Communities in the Nam-Pouei, Nam-Poun, Nam-Lay and Nam-Houng Basins in Lao PDR	Lao PDR	Climate Change	FSP	6,772,477	609,523	7,382,000	6,772,477	609,523	7,382,000	121,905
6	11564	UNDP	Building Urban Resilience to Climate Change and Transitioning to Green Economy in Somalia	Somalia	Climate Change	FSP	11,626,606	1,046,394	12,673,000	11,626,606	1,046,394	12,673,000	209,279
7	11552	World Bank	Sao Tome e Principe – Development of the Transport and Coastal Protection Sector	Sao Tome and Principe	Climate Change	FSP	12,844,037	1,155,963	14,000,000	12,844,037	1,155,963	14,000,000	231,193



	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Focal Area	Type	Project Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
							Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
8	11550	IFAD	Strengthening the resilience of smallholder farmers and ecosystems to the effects of climate change (STRADAP)	Chad	Climate Change	FSP	7,105,936	675,064	7,781,000	7,105,936	675,064	7,781,000	135,013
9	11545	FAO	Strengthening climate resilience of communities in Angola through community-based adaptation action	Angola	Climate Change	FSP	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716
10	11544	UNDP	Enhance the adaptative capacity to floods and water security in São Tomé and Príncipe	Sao Tome and Principe	Climate Change	FSP	5,329,452	506,298	5,835,750	5,329,452	506,298	5,835,750	101,260
11	11532	UNEP	Climate-resilient Banjul: Enhancing Urban Resilience in the Greater Banjul Area (CLIMB)	Gambia	Climate Change	FSP	12,544,037	1,128,963	13,673,000	12,544,037	1,128,963	13,673,000	225,793

	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Focal Area	Type	Project Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
							Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
12	11522	UNDP	Increased Access to Water Supply for Resilience in Comoros (IAWASuR)	Comoros	Climate Change	FSP	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716
13	11489	FAO	Sustainable Land Management and improved Community Resilience in Dryland areas and livestock migratory hotspots of Tanzania	Tanzania	Climate Change	FSP	8,019,178	761,822	8,781,000	8,019,178	761,822	8,781,000	152,364
14	11332	UNDP	Building resilient livelihoods through nature-based solutions in the Tonle Sap Basin and Siem Reap/Phnom Kulen landscape	Cambodia	Climate Change	FSP	6,684,703	635,047	7,319,750	6,684,703	635,047	7,319,750	127,009
<b>Sub-total</b>							<b>117,231,890</b>	<b>10,775,610</b>	<b>128,007,500</b>	<b>117,231,890</b>	<b>10,775,610</b>	<b>128,007,500</b>	<b>2,155,122</b>
<b>Grand Total LDCF</b>							<b>186,047,350</b>	<b>16,969,001</b>	<b>203,016,351</b>	<b>186,047,350</b>	<b>16,969,001</b>	<b>203,016,351</b>	<b>3,393,800</b>

**Global Environment Facility**  
**Table 3: Record of Multi Trust Fund Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions**  
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	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Trust Fund	Project Amounts Requested for Funding In US\$			Project Amounts Approved by Council In US\$			
						Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
1	11455	UNEP, BOAD	Transformation Approach to Large Scale Investment in Support of the Implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative- TALSISI-GGWI	Regional (Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal)	GEFTF	39,180,505	3,526,245	42,706,750	39,180,505	3,526,245	42,706,750	705,249
					LDCF	38,707,662	3,483,689	42,191,351	38,707,662	3,483,689	42,191,351	696,738
					Sub-total	77,888,167	7,009,934	84,898,101	77,888,167	7,009,934	84,898,101	1,401,987
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						<b>77,888,167</b>	<b>7,009,934</b>	<b>84,898,101</b>	<b>77,888,167</b>	<b>7,009,934</b>	<b>84,898,101</b>	<b>1,401,987</b>

**Global Environment Facility**  
**Table 4: Record of LDCF Trust Fund Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions**  
**Council Meeting, June 19-20, 2024**

**Summary of Council Decisions**

**LDCF**

Funding status as of 6/17/2024	\$	<b>220,259,287</b>
Approvals by Council	\$	<b>208,195,729</b>
Funding status after Council Meeting	\$	<b>12,063,558</b>

Agency	LDCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			LDCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
<b>Project/Programs funding</b>							
ADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AfDB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOAD	19,000,000	1,710,000	<b>20,710,000</b>	19,000,000	1,710,000	<b>20,710,000</b>	342,000
CAF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DBSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBRD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FAO	16,951,598	1,610,402	<b>18,562,000</b>	16,951,598	1,610,402	<b>18,562,000</b>	322,080
FECO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUNBIO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IFAD	7,105,936	675,064	<b>7,781,000</b>	7,105,936	675,064	<b>7,781,000</b>	135,013
IUCN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDP	32,573,181	3,036,319	<b>35,609,500</b>	32,573,181	3,036,319	<b>35,609,500</b>	607,264

Agency	LDCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			LDCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
UNEP	32,251,699	2,902,652	<b>35,154,351</b>	32,251,699	2,902,652	<b>35,154,351</b>	580,530
UNIDO	30,107,798	2,709,702	<b>32,817,500</b>	30,107,798	2,709,702	<b>32,817,500</b>	541,940
World Bank	41,284,661	3,715,339	<b>45,000,000</b>	41,284,661	3,715,339	<b>45,000,000</b>	743,068
WWF-US	6,772,477	609,523	<b>7,382,000</b>	6,772,477	609,523	<b>7,382,000</b>	121,905
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>186,047,350</b>	<b>16,969,001</b>	<b>203,016,351</b>	<b>186,047,350</b>	<b>16,969,001</b>	<b>203,016,351</b>	<b>3,393,800</b>
	<b>Administrative Budget</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Administrative Budget</b>		<b>Total</b>	
<b>LDCF - FY25 Administrative Budget</b>							
GEF Secretariat	4,247,305		<b>4,247,305</b>	4,247,305		<b>4,247,305</b>	
STAP	139,000		<b>139,000</b>	139,000		<b>139,000</b>	
Trustee	590,000		<b>590,000</b>	590,000		<b>590,000</b>	
GEF IEO	203,073		<b>203,073</b>	203,073		<b>203,073</b>	
<b>Sub-total LDCF - FY25 Administrative Budget</b>	<b>5,179,378</b>		<b>5,179,378</b>	<b>5,179,378</b>		<b>5,179,378</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>191,226,728</b>	<b>16,969,001</b>	<b>208,195,729</b>	<b>191,226,728</b>	<b>16,969,001</b>	<b>208,195,729</b>	<b>3,393,800</b>

**Global Environment Facility**  
**Table 5: Record of SCCF Trust Fund Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions**  
**Council Meeting, June 19-20, 2024**

**Summary of Council Decisions**

**SCCF**

Funding status as of 6/17/2024      \$ 39,953,632  
 Approvals by Council                    \$ 1,755,614  
 Funding status after Council Meeting   \$ 38,198,018

Agency	SCCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			SCCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
<b>Project/Programs funding</b>							
ADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AfDB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DBSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBRD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FAO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FECO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUNBIO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IFAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IUCN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Agency	SCCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			SCCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
UNEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNIDO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WWF-US	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Administrative Budget		Total	Administrative Budget		Total	
<b>SCCF - FY25 Administrative Budget</b>							
GEF Secretariat	1,341,899		1,341,899	1,341,899		1,341,899	
STAP	139,000		139,000	139,000		139,000	
Trustee	130,000		130,000	130,000		130,000	
GEF IEO	144,715		144,715	144,715		144,715	
<b>Sub-total SCCF - FY25 Administrative Budget</b>	<b>1,755,614</b>		<b>1,755,614</b>	<b>1,755,614</b>		<b>1,755,614</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,755,614</b>	-	<b>1,755,614</b>	<b>1,755,614</b>	-	<b>1,755,614</b>	-