



December 19, 2025

39th LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting
December 17-19, 2025
Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item 07

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was opened by Richard Bontjer, Co-Chair and Council Member for the Constituency of Australia, New Zealand, and Republic of Korea. Mr. Evans Njewa, outgoing Chair of the Least Developed Countries Group and Council Member of the constituency consisting of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini, Zambia and Zimbabwe delivered his remarks. The incoming Chair of the Least Developed Countries Group, Mr. Adrão Soares Barbosa of Timor-Leste, delivered his remarks.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The LDCF/SCCF Council adopted the provisional agenda set forth in document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.39/01.
3. Council members requested to include announcements of new pledges under the agenda item of Other Business.
4. The GEF Independent Evaluation Office requested to present their ongoing evaluation program for the LDCF and SCCF under the agenda item of Other Business.
5. The GEF Secretariat made a presentation to the Council about progress on the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the LDCF and the SCCF and Operational Improvements July 2026 to June 2030, based on document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.39/Inf.04.

DECISIONS APPROVED

Decision LDCF.SCCF 7/2025 *Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*

6. The Council, having considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.39/02, Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund, approves the Work Program comprising of four projects for the LDCF, and one project for the SCCF, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 17, 2026.
7. Total resources approved in this Work Program amount to \$49.33 million from the LDCF and \$2.93 million from the SCCF, inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs):
 - i. Eritrea: *Community Based Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Restoration* (GEF ID: 11886); GEF Agency: IFAD; GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420 (LDCF);

- ii. Haiti: *Additional Financing for the Resilient Productive Landscapes II* (GEF ID: 11891); GEF Agency: World Bank; GEF Project Financing: \$9,175,000 (LDCF);
 - iii. Kiribati: *Enhancing & Sustaining Kiribati's Resilient Future: Integrating Green Economy Transformations to strengthen Atolls Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Land Use Management* (GEF ID: 11759); GEF Agency: IFAD; GEF Project Financing: \$25,922,298 (LDCF: \$18,138,704; GEF TF: \$7,505,000);
 - iv. Republic of the Marshall Islands: *Blue-Green Atolls: Addressing Land Degradation, Groundwater Salinization & Coastal Erosion in RMI via Climate Resilient Strategies* (GEF ID: 12087); GEF Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$8,537,093 (SCCF-A: \$2,677,011; GEF TF: \$5,860,082); and
 - v. Senegal: *Enhanced Climate Resilience for Coastal Communities and Marine Ecosystems: Strengthening Adaptation Capacities to Climate Change and Variability Through Sustainable Management of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Natural Habitats* (GEF ID: 11887); GEF Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420 (LDCF).
8. 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.
9. 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 8/2025 *Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*

10. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.39/03, Progress Report on the LDCF and the SCCF, welcomes the report and takes note with appreciation the progress made under the LDCF and the SCCF.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 9/2025 *FY25 Annual Monitoring of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund*

11. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.39/04 FY25 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 made in reporting portfolio-level performance, results, and lessons learned under the LDCF and the SCCF.

12. The Council welcomes the overall finding that the LDCF and SCCF portfolio under implementation in FY25 performed satisfactorily.

OTHER BUSINESS

Contribution Announcements

13. Belgium pledged to contribute an additional EUR 5.952 million to the LDCF for the year 2025.
14. Germany pledged to contribute an additional EUR 10.00 million to the LDCF from its federal budget for the year 2025.
15. Ireland pledged it will contribute an additional EUR 3.00 million to the LDCF and an additional EUR 2.00 million to the SCCF window A for non-LDC SIDS for the year 2026.
16. Sweden pledged to contribute 130.00 million Swedish kronor to the LDCF for the year 2025.

Independent Evaluation Office

17. The GEF Independent Evaluation Office shared their ongoing evaluation program for the LDCF and SCCF that will be presented to the 40th meeting of the LDCF/SCCF Council.

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE LDCF/SCCF COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS

18. The Co-Chair presented a summary of the conclusions of the meeting, including decisions approved by the Council during the meeting.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

19. The meeting closed on December 19, 2025.

Global Environment Facility
Table 1: Record of LDCF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Projects/Programs and Resulting Council Decisions
LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting, December 15-19, 2025

	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
LDCF													
<i>Stand-alone Full-sized Projects</i>													
<i>Climate Change Adaptation</i>													
1	11891	World Bank	Additional Financing for the Resilient Productive Landscapes II	Haiti	Climate Change	FSP	9,175,000	825,000	10,000,000	9,175,000	825,000	10,000,000	165,000
2	11887	FAO	Enhanced climate resilience for coastal communities and marine ecosystems: Strengthening adaptation capacities to climate change and variability through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and natural habitats	Senegal	Climate Change	FSP	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716
3	11886	IFAD	Community Based Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Restoration	Eritrea	Climate Change	FSP	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716
Sub-total							27,039,840	2,522,160	29,562,000	27,039,840	2,522,160	29,562,000	504,432
<i>Multi-Trust Fund¹</i>													
4	11759	IFAD	Enhancing & Sustaining Kiribati's Resilient Future: Integrating Green Economy Transformations to strengthen Atolls Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Land Use Management	Kiribati	Multi Focal Area	FSP	18,138,704	1,632,483	19,771,187	18,138,704	1,632,483	19,771,187	326,497
Sub-total							18,138,704	1,632,483	19,771,187	18,138,704	1,632,483	19,771,187	326,497

¹ For Multi-Trust Fund projects/programs, only LDCF allocation is included in this Annex, the SCCF and GEFTF allocation is included in the SCCF and GEFTF Annex A accordingly.

	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
Grand Total LDCF							45,178,544	4,154,643	49,333,187	45,178,544	4,154,643	49,333,187	830,929

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Table 2: Record of SCCF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Projects/Programs and Resulting Council Decisions
LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting, December 15-19, 2025

	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Funding Source	Focal Area	Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding 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
SCCF													
Multi-Trust Fund²													
1	12087	UNDP	Blue-Green Atolls: Addressing Land Degradation, Groundwater Salinization & Coastal Erosion in RMI via climate resilient strategies	Marshall Islands	MTF (GET, SCCF-A)	Multi Focal Area	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	50,863
Sub-total Multi-Trust Fund							2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	50,863
Grand Total SCCF							2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	50,863

² For Multi-Trust Fund projects, only SCCF allocation is included in this Annex, the LDCF and GEFTF allocation is included in the LDCF and GEFTF Annex A accordingly.

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Table 3: Record of Multi Trust Fund Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions
Council Meeting, December 15-19, 2025

	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	11759	IFAD	Enhancing & Sustaining Kiribati's Resilient Future: Integrating Green Economy Transformations to strengthen Atolls Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Land Use Management	Kiribati	GEFTF	7,783,594	700,522	8,484,116	7,783,594	700,522	8,484,116	140,104
					LDCF	18,138,704	1,632,483	19,771,187	18,138,704	1,632,483	19,771,187	326,497
Sub-total						25,922,298	2,333,005	28,255,303	25,922,298	2,333,005	28,255,303	466,601
2	12087	UNDP	Blue-Green Atolls: Addressing Land Degradation, Groundwater Salinization & Coastal Erosion in RMI via climate resilient strategies	Marshall Islands	GEFTF	5,860,082	556,707	6,416,789	5,860,082	556,707	6,416,789	111,341
					SCCF-A	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	50,863
Sub-total						8,537,093	811,023	9,348,116	8,537,093	811,023	9,348,116	162,205
GRAND TOTAL						34,459,391	3,144,028	37,603,419	34,459,391	3,144,028	37,603,419	628,806

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Table 4: Record of LDCF Trust Fund Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions
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Summary of Council Decisions

LDCF

Funding status as of 11/30/2025	\$	66,506,393
Approvals by Council	\$	<u>49,333,187</u>
Funding status after Council Meeting	\$	17,173,206

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
Project/Programs funding							
ADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AfDB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DBSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBRD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FAO	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716
FECO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUNBIO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IFAD	27,071,124	2,481,063	29,552,187	27,071,124	2,481,063	29,552,187	496,213
IUCN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNIDO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Bank	9,175,000	825,000	10,000,000	9,175,000	825,000	10,000,000	165,000
WWF-US	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	45,178,544	4,154,643	49,333,187	45,178,544	4,154,643	49,333,187	830,929

	LDCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			LDCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
Agency	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
GRAND TOTAL	45,178,544	4,154,643	49,333,187	45,178,544	4,154,643	49,333,187	830,929

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Table 5: Record of SCCF Trust Fund Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions
Council Meeting, December 15-19, 2025

Summary of Council Decisions

SCCF

Funding status as of 11/30/2025 \$ 73,215,516
 Approvals by Council \$ 2,931,327
 Funding status after Council Meeting \$ 70,284,189

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
Project/Programs funding							
ADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AfDB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DBSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBRD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FAO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FECO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUNBIO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IFAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IUCN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDP	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	50,863
UNEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNIDO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
World Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WWF-US	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	50,863

	SCCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			SCCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
Agency	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
GRAND TOTAL	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	2,677,011	254,316	2,931,327	50,863