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Decision LDCF.SCCF 1/2025

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

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.38/02, [Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund](#) approves the Work Program comprising of three projects and one program for the LDCF, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 3, 2025.
2. Total resources approved in this Work Program amount to \$39.55 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 a Program Framework Document (PFD):
 - I. Madagascar: *Madagascar Science-based Management of Biodiversity and Natural Resources for Economic Development Project* (GEF ID: 11694); GEF Agency: World Bank; GEF Project Financing: \$20,000,053 (LDCF: \$1,834,863; GEF Trust Fund:\$18,165,190);
 - II. Solomon Islands: *Resilient Rural Economic Growth and Food Security* (GEF ID: 11699); GEF Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420 (LDCF);
 - III. Uganda: *Building a Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Shea Landscape of Northern Uganda* (GEF ID: 11701); GEF Agency: CI; GEF Project Financing: \$6,680,734 (LDCF);
 - IV. Regional (Chad, Mali): *Sahel RESILAND Program: Building Resilience through Sustainable Natural Resource Management* (GEF: ID 11743); GEF Agency: World Bank; GEF Project Financing: \$18,801,101 (LDCF);
3. With respect to the PIFs and a PFD approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs and a PFD (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.
4. With respect to any PIF and PFD 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 or PFD approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 2/2025

FY26 Administrative Budget and Business Plan for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.38/03 [FY26 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:
 - \$3,935,976 (GEF Secretariat), \$140,000 (STAP), and \$607,000 (Trustee), from the LDCF; and
 - \$1,241,027 (GEF Secretariat), \$140,000 (STAP), and \$151,000 (Trustee), from the SCCF.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 3/2025

FY24 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.38/04, [FY24 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.
2. The Council welcomes the overall finding that the LDCF and SCCF portfolio under implementation in FY24 performed satisfactorily.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 4/2025

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.38/05, [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 5/2025

Management Response on the LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report 2025

1. The Council, having considered documents GEF/LDCF.SCCF.38/E/01, [LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report 2025](#), and GEF/LDCF.SCCF.38/06, the [Management Response](#), takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 6/2025**FY26 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under the LDCF and SCCF**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.38/E/02, [FY26 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under LDCF and SCCF](#), approves the annual budget of \$298,207 to carry out the work program for fiscal year 2026. The budget is in line with the term of the evaluation work, which spans multiple years. The approved budget is being distributed as follows:
 - \$171,324 from the LDCF; and
 - \$126,883 from the SCCF.

39th LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting –December 2025**Decision LDCF.SCCF 7/2025****Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund**

1. 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 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.
2. 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 Project* (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); and
 - 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 (LDCF: \$2,677,011; GEF TF: \$5,860,082).

- 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).
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.
 4. 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

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.39/03, [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 9/2025

FY25 Annual Monitoring of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. 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 report and takes note with appreciation the findings and recommendations presented.