

LDCF and SCCF: new strategy and operational improvements

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LDCF project in Namibia (UNDP)

Strategy Highlights

Goal:

To strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability to the adverse impacts of climate change in developing countries, and support their efforts to enhance adaptive capacity

Aligned with long-term adaptation goal of Paris Agreement



Enable countries to better utilize climate funds to develop harmonized solutions

Offer opportunities to mainstream adaptation



Engage with private sector, enhance resilience

Scenario A: \$500 million for LDCF, \$250 million for SCCF

Scenario B: \$650 million for LDCF, \$350 million for SCCF



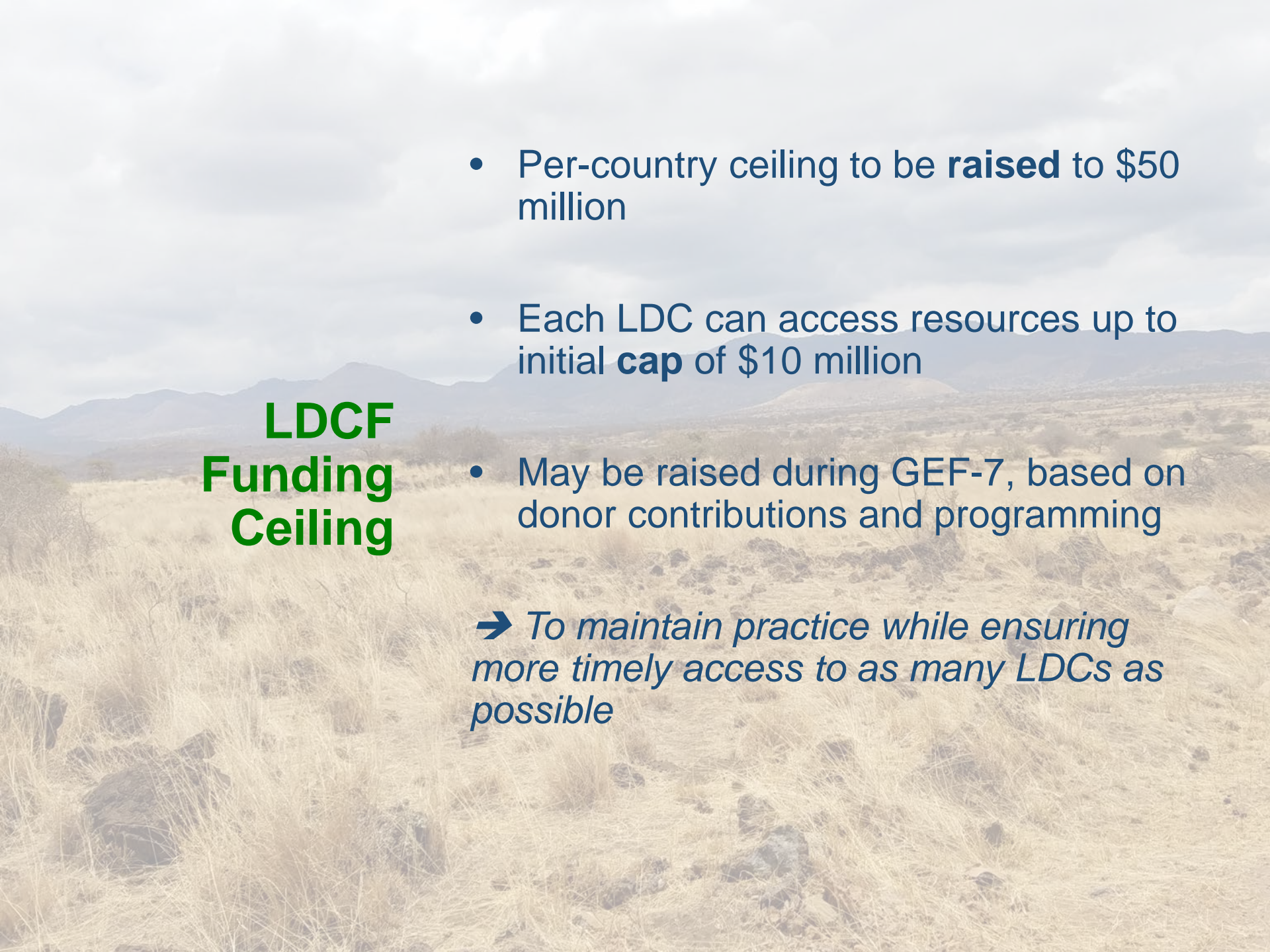
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Key Operational Improvements

- ✓ LDCF project selection and approval process
- ✓ Factors for LDCF prioritization
- ✓ LDCF funding ceiling and cap
- ✓ Pipeline
- ✓ Results framework and reporting
- ✓ Capacity building support for LDC planning and programming

More strategic and predictable programming, multi-Trust Fund (MTF) initiatives such as IPs and adaptation mainstreaming, complementarity with GCF and others





LDCF Funding Ceiling

- Per-country ceiling to be **raised** to \$50 million
- Each LDC can access resources up to initial **cap** of \$10 million
- May be raised during GEF-7, based on donor contributions and programming

→ To maintain practice while ensuring more timely access to as many LDCs as possible

LDCF Project Selection and Approval

Before:

- Council approval by mail, based on non-objection on each project
- Each project approved on first-come, first-served basis

After:

- Council approval of work program, **from December 2018**
- Work program constitution based on strategic prioritization

→ *To follow same calendar as GEF TF for PIF technical clearance, Council approval..*



Factors for Enhanced LDCF Strategic Prioritization

- Alignment with needs and priorities in national plans
- Alignment with Programming Strategy
- Opportunities to leverage/catalyze support
- Level of LDCF resources accessed
- Additional factors:
 - i. Potential for private sector engagement
 - ii. Geographical balance
 - iii. Extenuating circumstances
 - iv. Timing of technical approval

➔ *To enable timely Council approval of MTFs and priorities (i.e., COP guidance)*

GEF-6 Pipeline

- No GEF-7 LDCF pipeline developed!
 - Consulting with 17 countries with GEF-6 pipelined projects to define GEF-7 priorities
 - Develop national plan for LDCF support:
 - i. Explore synergistic and harmonized programming with GEF TF and other sources (GCF, etc.)
 - ii. Re-evaluate whether and how pipelined project remain viable
- *17 countries to develop or revisit, and (re) submit proposals based on current national plans and priorities*
- *30 other LDCs to submit new proposals*

LDCF Objectives and Entry Points

Objective 1



Reduce vulnerability and increase resilience through innovation and technology transfer for adaptation

Objective 2



Mainstream adaptation and resilience for systemic impact

Objective 3



Foster enabling conditions for effective and integrated adaptation



SCCF Modalities

1. Challenge Program

- ✓ \$10 million call for proposals and themes forthcoming
- ✓ GEF Secretariat to screen (pre-select) concepts and invite further development
- ✓ Approval following regular project cycle

2. Incentive

- ✓ Managed outside pre-selection
- ✓ Developed and aligned with regular GEF projects and programs
- ✓ Follows regular project cycle



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