LDCF and SCCF: new strategy and operational improvements

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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
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
• 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*
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)
• 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

- Innovation in priority sectors, themes & private sector
- Climate security
- Incubation and accelerator support

## Objective 2
Mainstream adaptation and resilience for systemic impact

- Mainstream adaptation across GEF focal areas and IPs
- Innovative partnerships

## Objective 3
Foster enabling conditions for effective and integrated adaptation

- Support to NAP process
- Support for LDC work programme
- Support for enabling activities
## 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
For further information

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