GEF Climate Adaptation Program: Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund

GEF Introduction Seminar
Chizuru Aoki
23 February 2021

LDCC project in DRC: Resilience of Muanda’s communities from coastal erosion (UNDP)
Topics

- Quick overview
- LDCF/SCCF team
- GEF priorities for climate change adaptation
- GEF-7 LDCF/SCCF programming update
- How to access LDCF/SCCF support
- Results and impacts
Overview: GEF’s Climate Adaptation Support

- Two funds established in 2001
  - **LDCF**: fund for 46 LDCs
  - **SCCF**: fund for all
- UNFCCC Financial Mechanism
- Serve Paris Agreement
- $1.9 billion in grants for 386 projects in 98 countries (as of January 2021)
- Voluntary funds
**GEF-7 LDCF/SCCF Strategy Highlight**

**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
- Offer opportunities to mainstream adaptation
- Improved for timely, equitable access and decision-making
- Engage with private sector and promote innovation
Aloke Barnwal
Africa, Cities

Fareeha Iqbal
SIDS

Glynis Barber
Prog. Assistance

Jason Spensley
Africa, private sector

Katya Kuang-Idba
Africa

Tshewang Dorji
Asia, LDC Group

Yuki Shiga
Asia
GEF-7 LDCF Programming Update
July 2018 to December 2020

43 FSPs, PFDs + 8 MSPs
14 multi trust fund
$350 million
38 LDCs

- Key themes covered: agriculture, food systems, nature-based solutions, infrastructure, natural resource management, disaster risk management, coastal zone management
- Consistent with priorities identified in NAPAs, NAPs, NDCs
GEF-7 SCCF Programming Update
July 2018 to December 2020

8 MSPs + 1 FSP
6 multi trust fund
$11 million
innovation, private sector, mainstreaming

✓ Primarily through Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation, private sector engagement, mainstreaming of climate adaptation/resilience
Priorities towards GEF-7 completion

LDCF: Leave no LDC behind

- Full amount to program: Bhutan, Central African Republic, Comoros, Eritrea, Lesotho, Madagascar, Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, and Somalia
- > $2 million to program: Guinea, Kiribati, Malawi, Mali, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tuvalu, Zambia

SCCF: Needs outweigh resources

- Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation: Second call for proposals in 2021
- Mainstreaming: multi-trust fund program/project

New LDCF/SCCF Programming Strategy for 2022-2026

- Strategy development and consultation following June 2021 LDCF/SCCF Council

GCF-GEF collaboration

- Long-term vision on complementarity
Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation

Background
- Call for proposals in September 2019 for $10 million (388 submissions from 343 organizations)
- 9 concepts invited to prepare projects for review and profiled at COP25
- All 9 projects approved; 1 CEO approved

Examples of initial results
- Discussions advanced with anchor investor for the Landscape Resilience Fund
- Coral Reef Insurance working group initiated
- Finance institutions convened across Central America to catalyze microfinance for resilience

Demonstrating potential
- To meet needs to stimulate adaptation innovation and private sector adaptation
- To engage non-traditional partners in the business of the GEF
- To capitalize on private sector partners’ ideas and resources
How to access LDCF?

- Each LDC has $10 million cap in GEF-7
- National project to address urgent & immediate adaptation priority
- Develop concept with Agency of choice
- Agency to submit concept for review and technical clearance
- Work Program approval by LDCF/SCCF Council
- GEF project & program cycle policies apply (some differences)
- Opportunity for cross-programming with GEF Trust Fund
How to access SCCF?

Entry point #1: Mainstreaming adaptation
Entry point #2: Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation
Entry point #3: Innovative programming
Work Program approval by LDCF/SCCF Council
GEF project & program cycle policies apply (some differences)
Results tracked by core indicators
### Contributions to the Climate Change Adaptation Core Indicators

**Inclusive of both LDCF and SCCF projects**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Number of direct beneficiaries</td>
<td>17,977,501</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>of which were female</td>
<td>9,090,980</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hectares of land under climate-resilient management</td>
<td>1,949,560</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of policies/plans that will mainstream climate resilience</td>
<td>546</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of people trained</td>
<td>360,336</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>of which were female</td>
<td>179,700</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**GEF Corporate Scorecard December 2020**
Thank you!

For further information, click:
LDCF/SCCF Brochure
LDCF/SCCF Programming Strategy
**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
**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