Operational Improvements to the LDCF and SCCF
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:
  - Potential for private sector engagement;
  - Geographical balance;
  - Extenuating circumstances; and
  - Timing of technical approval
### LDCF Project Selection and Approval

Council approvals on work program based on strategic prioritization

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• Per-country ceiling to be raised to $50 million, with initial per-country cap of $10 million

• Maintains current practice while ensuring access to as many LDCs as possible

• May be raised during GEF-7, depending on donor contributions and programming
Regional and Global Initiatives

1. Capacity building, cross-learning, COP guidance response, LDC work programme

2. Incentive to integrate adaptation/resilience into regional and global projects

3. Innovative projects with high potential for all countries and with private sector
Pipeline Management

• GEF to consult with countries that have pipelined projects to define GEF-7 priorities (option 2)

• Develop a plan for LDCF support:
  (i) Explore synergistic and harmonized programming with GEF Trust Fund or other sources; and
  (ii) Re-evaluate whether and how pipelined projects remain viable

• Countries invited to develop or revisit, and (re-)submit proposals according to the national plan, which may or may not include updated pipeline proposal
## SCCF Modalities

1. **Challenge Program**
   - Council to decide on threshold $ for call for proposals and themes
   - 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 programs
   - Follows regular project cycle