



**Excerpts from the Joint Summary of the Chairs & Highlights of the Council's Decisions,  
12<sup>th</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Joint Summary of the Chairs**

***Decision on Agenda Item 3                      Joint Work Program for the Least Developed Countries  
Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund***

1. The approved Joint Work Program is comprised of the Project Identification Forms (PIFs) as follows:

a) Three Stand-Alone SCCF-A Full-Sized Projects:

- India: Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change (SLACC); (World Bank)
- Philippines: Scaling up Risk Transfer Mechanisms for Climate Vulnerable Farming Communities in Southern Philippines (UNDP)
- Zimbabwe: Scaling up Adaptation in Zimbabwe, with a Focus on Rural Livelihoods, by Strengthening Integrated Planning Systems (UNDP)

b) One Stand Alone SCCF-B Full-Sized Project:

- Global: Enhancing Capacity, Knowledge and Technology Support to Build Climate Resilience of Vulnerable Developing Countries (UNEP)

c) Four Multi-Trust Fund Projects

- Regional: Climate Technology Transfer Mechanisms and Networks in Latin America and the Caribbean (IADB)
- Regional: Pilot African Climate Technology Finance Center and Network (AfDB)
- Regional Climate Technology Transfer Center (EBRD)
- Rwanda: Landscape Approach to Forest Restoration and Conservation (LAFRC) (World Bank)

2. The following Council decision was approved:

3. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.12/03, Joint Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund Submitted for LDCF/SCCF Council Approval, approves the work program comprising of 8 project concepts subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 7, 2011.

4. With respect to the three regional projects namely:

- Regional (Africa) : Pilot African Climate Technology Finance Center and Network
- Regional (Europe and Central Asia) : Regional Climate Technology Transfer Center
- Regional (Latin America and Caribbean) : Climate Technology Transfer Mechanisms and Networks in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Council reaffirms that the GEF stands ready to continue to support the operationalization and activities of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) in response to UNFCCC Decision 2/CP.17, and in line with GEF procedures.

5. Furthermore, the Council approves them with the understanding that they will seek, as appropriate, to collaborate with the future Climate Technology Centre to be set up in the framework of the UNFCCC.

### **Highlights of the LDCF/SCCF Council's Decision**

#### ***Agenda Item 3            Joint Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund***

1. One Council Member requested to include UNEP project in China, in the list of regional Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) projects added to the recommended Council Decision, in order to ensure that this project too, will complement the work of the UNFCCC on CTCNs.

2. Council Members inquired about the rationale behind approving 11 national projects on early warning systems and climate information under LDCF funding, in Africa, as opposed to a regional project. In this regard, the Secretariat and UNDP responded that both the regional and national approaches were considered. One benefit of approving individual national projects facilitates addressing specific country needs in line with its NAPAs and one benefit of the regional approach is cost effectiveness through economies of scale. The regional approach will be therefore considered, as appropriate, at a later stage and before CEO endorsement.

3. Other Council Members commented on the regional technology transfer centers and requested that further explanation and clarification of the additional adaptation benefits and

adaptation-specific activities.

4. To this effect, the Secretariat proposed that further documentation highlighting the progress of the three regional projects, namely:

- Regional (Africa) : Pilot African Climate Technology Finance Center and Network
- Regional (Europe and Central Asia) : Regional Climate Technology Transfer Center
- Regional (Latin America and Caribbean) : Climate Technology Transfer Mechanisms and Networks in Latin America and the Caribbean will be made available to the Council before CEO endorsement by the agencies.

5. Other Council Members requested further clarification regarding the ways in which communities in Rwanda will be made resilient, through the project put forward in the Work Program, requesting LDCF funding, namely “Landscape Approach to Forest Restoration and Conservation (LAFRC)”, (World Bank). To this effect, the Secretariat responded that such an issue was brought forward in the project review sheet, to which the agency responded that this will be clarified in the project full proposal. It is therefore expected that before CEO endorsement the issue of adaptation benefits and additional costs is fully clarified.

6. The CSO network highlighted a lack of CSO involvement in the 11 national LDCF projects on early warning systems and climate information. To this effect, UNDP responded that CSO’s will be consulted during project preparation phase and this will be reflected in the projects’ full proposal.