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## 30<sup>th</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – June 2021

### Decision LDCF.SCCF 1/2021

#### Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/03*, [Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), welcomes the report and takes note with appreciation of the progress made under the LDCF and SCCF.

### Decision LDCF.SCCF 2/2021

#### FY20 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/04*, [FY20 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), welcomes the review and appreciates the progress made in reporting portfolio-level performance, results and lessons learned under the LDCF and the SCCF.
2. The Council welcomes the overall finding that the LDCF and SCCF portfolio under implementation in FY20 performed satisfactorily.

### Decision LDCF.SCCF 3/2021

#### Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund

1. The Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/05*, [Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund](#), approves the Work Program comprising of seven projects subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 15, 2021<sup>1</sup>.
2. Total resources approved in this Work Program amount to \$60.73 million from the LDCF, inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs):
  - i. Bhutan: Advancing Climate Resilience of Water Sector (ACREWAS), UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420; GEF ID 10779);

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<sup>1</sup> The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons; (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; and (iii) do not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security, opposes the following project and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF project 10789 in Eritrea.

- ii. Central African Republic: Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity of Communities by Up-Scaling Integrated Landscape Management and Restoration in South-West Region, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420; GEF ID 10771);
  - iii. Eritrea: Building Community Based Integrated and Climate Resilient Natural Resources Management and Enhancing Sustainable Livelihood in the South-Eastern Escarpments and Adjacent Coastal Areas, FAO (GEF Project financing: \$9,002,082; GEF ID: 10789);
  - iv. Kiribati: Securing Kiribati's Natural Heritage: Protected Areas for Community, Atoll, and Island Climate Resilience, IUCN (GEF Project financing: \$4,497,354; GEF ID: 10775);
  - v. Lesotho: Building Climate Resilient Livelihoods and Food Systems, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420; GEF ID 10793);
  - vi. Somalia: Adaptive Agriculture and Rangeland Rehabilitation Project (A2Rs), IFAD, (GEF Project Financing: \$8,995,905; GEF ID 10792); and
  - vii. Timor-Leste: Adapting to Climate Change and Enabling Sustainable Land Management through Productive Rural Communities, UNEP (GEF Project Financing \$6,267,126; GEF ID 10713).
3. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) reviewer's comments on the Work Program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.
  4. With respect to any PIF approved in this Work Program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
  5. In light of the recent audit report by the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) of UNDP GEF Management, all projects included in the Work Program implemented by UNDP shall be circulated by email for Council review at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval. This shall take place as actions of the Management Action Plan

that address the OAI recommendations are being implemented, and as the independent, risk-based third-party review of compliance by UNDP with the GEF Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards is being completed. Project reviews will take into consideration the relevant findings of the external audit and the UNDP management responses and note them in the endorsement review sheet that will be made available to the Council during the 4-week review period.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 4/2021**

**Planning Note for the Development of the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund and Operational Improvements: July 2022 to June 2026**

1. The Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF/SCCF/C.30/07*, [Planning Note for the Development of the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and Operational Improvements: July 2022 to June 2026](#), requests the Secretariat to initiate the development process of the Programming Strategy.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 5/2021**

**FY22 Administrative Budget and Business Plan for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund**

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/06*, [FY22 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), approves the proposed budget for the GEF Secretariat, Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP), the Trustee and the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO), as follows:
  - 1) \$1,251,037 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$420,000 (Trustee), and \$37,000 (GEF IEO) from the Least Developed Countries Fund; and
  - 2) \$583,275 (GEF Secretariat), \$128,000 (STAP), \$109,000 (Trustee), and \$47,000 (GEF IEO) from the Special Climate Change Fund

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 6/2021**

**FY22 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under LDCF and SCCF**

1. The Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.30/E/01*, [FY22 Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under LDCF/SCCF](#), approves the annual budget of \$84,000 to carry out the work program of fiscal year 2022. The

budget is in line with the term of the evaluation work that spans over multiple years. The approved budget is being distributed as follows:

- 1) \$37,000 from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and
- 2) \$47,000 from the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)

## **31<sup>st</sup> LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting – December 2021**

### **Decision LDCF.SCCF 7/2021**

### **Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.31/03, [Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund](#), approves the Work Program comprising of three projects, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 7, 2022<sup>2</sup>.
2. Total resources approved in this Work Program amount to \$19.62 million from the LDCF, inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs):
  - i. Integrated Economic Development and Community Resilience (IEDCR), World Bank (GEF Project Financing: 4,566,211; GEF ID:10861);
  - ii. Transformational Adaptation for Climate Resilience in Lake Chilwa Basin of Malawi (TRANSFORM) UNDP (GEF Project Financing: 4,416,210; GEF ID:10777); and
  - iii. Co-management of climate extremes for agriculture resilience via innovative technologies for irrigation in São Tomé and Príncipe, AfDB (GEF Project Financing: 8,932,420; GEF ID:10883)
3. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) reviewer's comments on the Work Program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

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<sup>2</sup> The decision with respect to project review for UNDP projects (Decision 26/2021) will apply to all UNDP projects in this Work Program.

4. With respect to any PIF approved in this Work Program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 8/2021**

**Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund  
and the Special Climate Change Fund**

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.31/04/Rev.01 [Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), welcomes the report and takes note with appreciation of the progress made under the LDCF and the SCCF.

**Decision LDCF.SCCF 9/2021**

**Management Response to 2021 Program Evaluation of  
the Special Climate Change Fund**

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having considered document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.31/E/01/Rev.01, [2021 Program Evaluation of the Special Climate Change Fund](#), and GEF/LDCF.SCCF.31/05, the [Management Response](#), takes note of the related evaluation recommendation and endorses the management response to address it.