

December 11, 2020

29th LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting
December 11, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item 09

SUMMARY OF THE CHAIR

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was opened by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The LDCF/SCCF Council adopted the provisional agenda set forth in document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.29/01.

DECISIONS APPROVED

Decision on Agenda Item 3

Work Program of the Least Developed Countries Fund

3. The Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.29/03/Rev.01*, Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund, approves the Work Program comprising of nine projects subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 11, 2021.¹
4. Total resources approved in this Work Program amount to \$63.87 million from the LDCF, inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

¹ The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons, opposes the following project and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF project 10099 in Burundi.

8. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 29th session is part of the associated Annex II appended to this Summary of the Chair.

Decision on Agenda Item 4 FY19 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

9. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.29/04/Rev.01*, FY19 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.
10. The Council welcomes the overall finding that the LDCF and SCCF portfolio under implementation in FY19 performed satisfactorily.

Decision on Agenda Item 5 Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

11. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.29/05*, 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 on Agenda Item 6 2020 Program Evaluation of the Least Developed Countries Fund

12. The Council, having reviewed documents *GEF/LDCF.SCCF.29/E/01*, 2020 Program Evaluation of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Management Response, endorses the following recommendations:
- i. Build on progress made on mainstreaming gender in the LDCF portfolio and aim to decrease the knowledge gap about gender-related results.
 - ii. Continue to enhance the likelihood of the sustainability of outcomes.

NEW CONTRIBUTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. Members of the LDCF/SCCF Council presented the following pledges and contributions, some of which were made earlier this year, to the LDCF/SCCF on behalf of their governments equivalent to a total amount of US\$33.93 million (please refer to Annex I).
- Belgium: 20.00 million EUR to the LDCF
 - Finland: 7.00 million EUR to the LDCF
 - Qatar: 0.50 million USD to the LDCF²
 - Switzerland 0.70 million CHF to the LDCF

² Qatar is in the process of finalizing participation in the GEF.

OTHER BUSINESS

14. There was no other business.

SUMMARY OF THE CHAIR

15. The CEO presented a summary of the conclusions of the meeting, including decisions approved by the Council during the meeting.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

16. The meeting closed on December 11, 2020.

Table 1. Contribution table

Pledging Meeting for Climate Change Funds - December 2020 Least Developed Countries Fund			
<i>Amount in millions</i>			
Donor	Currency	Total Pledged Amount in Currency a/	US\$ eq. b/
Belgium	EUR	20.00	24.18
Finland	EUR	7.00	8.46
Qatar	USD	0.50	0.50 c/
Switzerland	CHF	0.70	0.79
Total Pledges			33.93

a/ Donors have signed contribution agreements for some of these pledges which have been included in Trustee's report.

b/ Valued based on exchange rates as of December 11, 2020.

c/ In the process of finalizing their participation in the GEF.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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Table 1: Record of LDCF/SCCF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Projects/Programs and Resulting Council Decisions
LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting, December 11, 2020

						Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Focal Area	Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency Fee to be Committed by Trustee
LDCF												
<u>Stand-Alone Full-sized Projects</u>												
1	10312	UNDP	Community-based Climate-responsive Livelihoods and Forestry (CCLF)	Afghanistan	Climate Change Adaptation	8,982,420	853,330	9,835,750	8,982,420	853,330	9,835,750	170,666
2	10099	UNDP	Landscape Restoration for Increased Resilience in Urban and Peri-urban Areas of Bujumbura	Burundi	Climate Change Adaptation	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716
3	10175	UNEP	Building Resilience in the Wake of Climate Disasters in Southern Haiti	Haiti	Climate Change Adaptation	4,327,857	411,146	4,739,003	4,327,857	411,146	4,739,003	82,229
4	10727	WWF-US	Managing Watersheds for Enhanced Resilience of Communities to Climate Change in Nepal (MaWRiN)	Nepal	Climate Change Adaptation	4,436,250	399,263	4,835,513	4,436,250	399,263	4,835,513	79,853
5	10691	UNDP, IUCN	Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) for Resilient Natural Resources and Agro-pastoral Communities in the Ferlo Biosphere Reserve and Plateau of Thies	Senegal	Climate Change Adaptation	8,949,533	831,917	9,781,450	8,949,533	831,917	9,781,450	166,383
6	10680	UNIDO	Promotion of Climate Adaptation Technology and Business Model Innovations	Sierra Leone	Climate Change Adaptation	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716

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			and Entrepreneurship in Sierra Leone									
Multi-Trust Fund												
7	10688	UNDP	Restoring and Enhancing the Value of Degraded Lands and Forest Ecosystems for Enhanced Climate Resilience in Benin (PIRVaTEFoD-Benin)	Benin	Climate Change Adaptation	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	84,858
8	10166	FAO	Strengthening Human and Natural Systems Resilience to Climate Change through Mangrove Ecosystems Conservation and Sustainable Use in Southern Benin	Benin	Climate Change Adaptation	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	84,858
9	10687	UNDP	Climate security and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Central Regions of Mali for Peacebuilding	Mali	Climate Change Adaptation	4,872,831	462,919	5,335,750	4,872,831	462,919	5,335,750	92,584
Total LDCE						58,366,151	5,504,315	63,870,466	58,366,151	5,504,315	63,870,466	1,100,863

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**Table 2: Record of Multi Trust Fund Programs/Projects submitted under the GEF and LDCF/SCCF Trust Funds and Resulting Council Decisions
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							Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Program / Project Type	Trust Fund	Project Grant Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Grant Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
1	10688	UNDP	Restoring and Enhancing the Value of Degraded Lands and Forest Ecosystems for Enhanced Climate Resilience in Benin (PIRVaTEFoD- Benin)	Benin	FSP	GEFTF	4,566,667	433,833	5,000,500	4,566,667	433,833	5,000,500	86,767
						LDCF	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	84,858
Sub-total							9,032,877	858,123	9,891,000	9,032,877	858,123	9,891,000	171,625
2	10166	FAO	Strengthening human and natural systems resilience to climate change through mangrove ecosystems conservation and sustainable use in southern Benin	Benin	FSP	GEFTF	2,689,726	255,524	2,945,250	2,689,726	255,524	2,945,250	51,105
						LDCF	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	84,858
Sub-total							7,155,936	679,814	7,835,750	7,155,936	679,814	7,835,750	135,964

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3	10687	UNDP	Climate security and sustainable management of natural resources in the central regions of Mali for peacebuilding	Mali	FSP	GEFTF	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	50,155
						LDCF	4,872,831	462,919	5,335,750	4,872,831	462,919	5,335,750	92,584
Sub-total							7,512,557	713,693	8,226,250	7,512,557	713,693	8,226,250	142,739
GRAND TOTAL							23,701,370	2,251,630	25,953,000	23,701,370	2,251,630	25,953,000	450,327

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Table 3: Record of LDCF Trust Fund Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions

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Summary of Council Decisions

LDCF

Funding status as of 12/11/2020 \$ 116,220,488
Approvals by Council \$ 63,870,466
Funding status after Council Meeting \$ 52,350,022

<u>Agency</u>	LDCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			LDCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	20% of Agency Fee to be Committed by Trustee
Projects/Programs Funding							
ADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AfDB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DBSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBRD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FAO	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	84,858
FECO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUNBIO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IADB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IFAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IUCN	3,657,707	329,193	3,986,900	3,657,707	329,193	3,986,900	65,839

<u>Agency</u>	LDCF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			LDCF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	20% of Agency Fee to be Committed by Trustee
UNDP	32,545,707	3,091,843	35,637,550	32,545,707	3,091,843	35,637,550	618,369
UNEP	4,327,857	411,146	4,739,003	4,327,857	411,146	4,739,003	82,229
UNIDO	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	169,716
World Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WWF-US	4,436,250	399,263	4,835,513	4,436,250	399,263	4,835,513	79,853
Total	58,366,151	5,504,315	63,870,466	58,366,151	5,504,315	63,870,466	1,100,863