LDCF/SCCF
Annual Evaluation Report 2015
(Prepared by the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF)

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Agenda Item 05
Background

- Third LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report
  - Report on performance of the funds and ongoing evaluation issues

- 2015 AER Report has four sections
  - Assessment of 2015 cohort of Terminal Evaluations
  - Gender Considerations
  - Synthesis of Lessons Learned
  - Management Action Record (MAR)
Assessment of 2015 Cohort of Terminal Evaluations (1/2)

- Assessment of 11 TEs of completed projects
  - 5 LDCF projects ($14.6m), and 6 SCCF projects ($33.91m)
  - 9 projects focused on watershed and water resource management, and for 5 of them this focus was integrated with land, agricultural or food security management
  - All 5 LDCF projects address primary priority areas as outlined in their respective NAPA country reports
  - 10 projects had outcome ratings in the satisfactory range
  - 8 had sustainability ratings in the likely range
Assessment of 2015 Cohort of Terminal Evaluations (2/2)

- **Quality of M&E**
  - Only 4 projects received an ‘M&E design at entry’ rating in the satisfactory range
  - Projects rated in the unsatisfactory range for ‘M&E design at entry’ were equally rated in the unsatisfactory range for the ‘M&E plan implementation’ element

- **Innovative approaches**
  - Clear innovative elements were identified in 10 of the 11 projects
  - Recurrent topics in innovation are:
    - Early warning systems and related communication
    - Climate resistant crops and seeds
    - Innovative water and irrigation technologies
Gender Considerations

- None of the projects included an overarching women inclusion, empowerment, or gender mainstreaming strategy or approach formulated into the project.

- For the LDCF Program Evaluation 2016, a new gender rating was developed and applied. The 11 projects part of the FY 2015 AER cohort were assessed against this gender rating.
  - 7 projects were rated ‘gender aware’: Projects appear to acknowledge gender issues, inequalities and challenges, but do not robustly address these, or work around existing issues and inequalities.
  - 4 were rated ‘gender sensitive’: Some activities focus on women inclusion or building gender equity.
  - None of the projects were rated ‘gender mainstreamed’
Synthesis of Lessons Learned

Most lessons relate to standard good practices in project management, communication and stakeholder involvement, and M&E

- Engaging stakeholders and strategic partnerships are crucial to encourage project ownership

- Clear need for dedicated M&E staff and M&E capacity building at the national level

- Strong working relationships among project teams and government stakeholders drive success
Management Action Record

- Currently no decisions from the LDCF/SCCF Council is being tracked in the MAR

- The November 2011 decision on the Evaluation of the SCCF has been graduated due to substantial adoption

- Next year the level of adoption of the decision of the Program Evaluation of the LDCF will be tracked
Council Decision

- The IEO is not asking for a Council decision on the AER
- The IEO will continue developing the AER as the portfolio matures to become a robust source of information and a tool for decision making
Thank you!

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