



2021 Program Evaluation of the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)

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SCCF in evolving context

SCCF activity windows

- Most support under window SCCF-A for adaptation in non-LDCs
- Less support under window SCCF-B technology transfer for adaptation
- No support under windows SCCF-C and SCCF-D

SCCF has nearly reached a dormancy phase

- Virtual absence of new pledges since 2014
- Few recently approved projects

SCCF has a unique role to play

- Supports adaptation in non-LDCs
- Only fund with dedicated technology transfer window (SCCF-B) for adaptation
- Could act as incubator, play a de-risking role

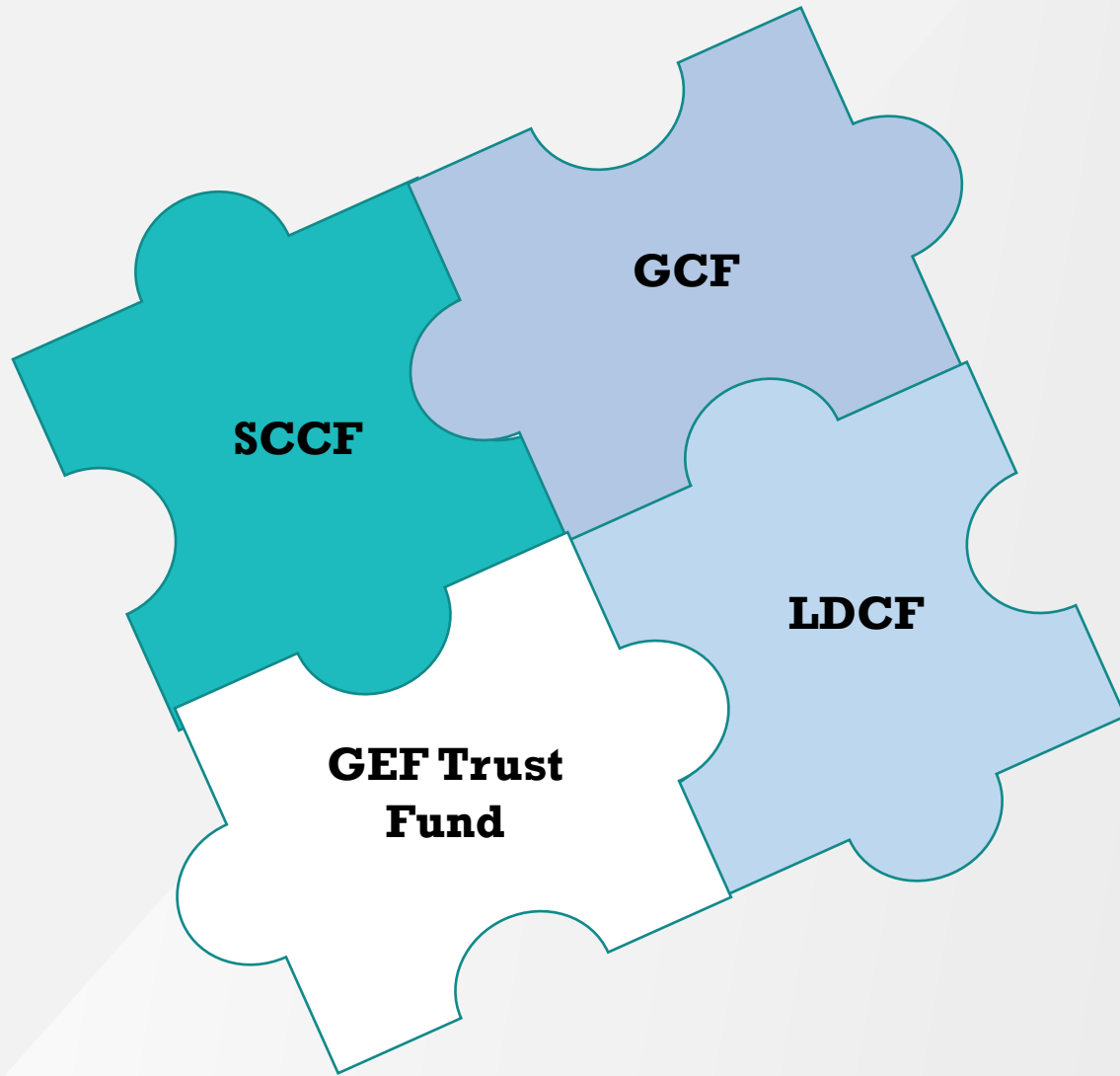
Special Climate Change Fund Relevance

*COP guidance
and decisions*

*GEF adaptation
programming
strategy*

*Country
policies and
priorities*

Special Climate Change Fund Coherence



- One-third (11 of 33) completed projects show evidence of complementarity with GCF
 - 5 completed projects have been scaled up with GCF funding
- 6 of 10 recently approved projects discuss collaboration and linkages with GCF in project design
- Synergies with GEF focal areas in MTF projects

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Effectiveness

- All completed projects developed or introduced new technologies or approaches
- SCCF projects have strengthened institutional capacity, and achieved innovation, legal and regulatory, socioeconomic, and sustainable financing outcomes
- Gender performance of the SCCF portfolio has continued to improve
- Stronger emphasis on private sector engagement

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Efficiency

- Efficiency seriously undermined by limited and unpredictable funding
- Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation has attracted new partners, but efficiency negatively affected by lack of funding

Sustainability

- 75% of completed projects had sustainable outcomes
- Compared to 63% for GEF TF projects

Recommendation:

The GEF Secretariat should acknowledge the semidormant state of the SCCF and—together with the key and emerging donors and stakeholders—develop a proactive action plan to revitalize the fund.



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