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Decision LDCF.SCCF 1/2023

Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.34/03, [Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund](#), approves the Work Program comprising of six projects, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 27, 2023. Total resources approved in this Work Program amount to \$60.13 million from the LDCF and \$3.36 million from the SCCF, both inclusive of GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs):
 - I. Comoros: Strengthening Climate Resilience on the Comoros Coastal Zone Through Ecosystem-based Adaptation (*GEF ID 11111, UNEP, GEF project financing (LDCF): \$8,925,000*);
 - II. ii. Global: Amplifying the impact of the "Challenge Programme for Adaptation Innovation" of the Global Environment Facility through learning and knowledge management (*GEFID: 11303, UNIDO; GEF Project financing: \$1,776,484 (LDCF) and \$431,621(SCCF)*)
 - III. iii. Djibouti: Sustainable management of water and rangeland resources for enhanced climate resilience of rural communities in Djibouti (*GEF ID: 11284, UNDP, GEF project financing: \$18,098,624 (LDCF), and \$2,927,523 (GEF Trust Fund)*);
 - IV. Zambia: Climate-resilient ecosystem restoration and sustainable land management in the Central and Southern Provinces of Zambia (*GEF ID: 11212, UNDP, GEF project financing: \$8,265,283 (LDCF) and \$3,544,809 (GEF Trust Fund)*);
 - V. Bhutan: Enhancing the Climate Resilience of Urban Landscapes and Communities in Thimphu-Paro region of Bhutan (ECRUL) (*GEF ID 11109, UNDP, GEF Project Financing: 18,048,624 (LDCF)*);
 - VI. Cabo Verde: Climate change adaptation of Cabo Verde's agri-food systems for improved food security and livelihoods (*GEF ID 11000, FAO, GEF Project Financing: \$2,639,726 (SCCF)*);
2. 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. 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.

3. Following previous Council decisions related to UNDP GEF Management, all projects included in the Work Program implemented by UNDP shall continue to be circulated by email for Council review at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval. Project reviews will take into consideration the relevant findings of UNDP external audits and management responses and note them in the endorsement review sheet that will be made available to the Council during the four-week review period.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 2/2023

FY22 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund

1. Given the time constraint, the LDCF/SCCF Council agreed to defer the agenda item on the [FY22 Annual Monitoring Review of the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), to the 35th LDCF SCCF Council meeting.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 3/2023

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.34/05, [Progress Report on the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#), welcomes the report and takes note with appreciation the progress made under the LDCF and the SCCF.

Decision LDCF.SCCF 4/2023

FY24 Administrative Budget for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund

1. The LDCF/SCCF Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.34/06 [FY24 Administrative Budget and Business Plan 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), and the Trustee as follows:
 - 2) \$3,775,598 (GEF Secretariat), \$133,000 (STAP), and \$502,000 (Trustee) from the Least Developed Countries Fund; and
 - 3) \$1,229,022 (GEF Secretariat), \$133,000 (STAP), and \$110,000 (Trustee) from the Special Climate Change Fund.

**Four-Year Work Program and Budget of the GEF
Independent Evaluation Office under the Least
Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate
Change Fund**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/LDCF.SCCF.34/E/01, [Four-Year Work Program and Budget for the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF under LDCF and SCCF](#), approves the work program and budget of \$339,500 to carry out the work program for the fiscal year 2024. The budget is in line with the term of the evaluation work that spans multiple years. The approved budget is being distributed as follows:
 - 1) \$204,400 from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF); and
 - 2) \$135,100 from the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF).