

LDCF and SCCF: new strategy and operational improvements



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LDCF project in Namibia (UNDP)

Strategy Highlights

Goal:

To strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability to the adverse impacts of climate change in developing countries, and support their efforts to enhance adaptive capacity

Aligned with long-term adaptation goal of Paris Agreement



Enable countries to better utilize climate funds to develop harmonized solutions

Offer opportunities to mainstream adaptation



Engage with private sector, enhance resilience



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LDCF Objectives and Entry Points

Objective 1



Reduce vulnerability and increase resilience through innovation and technology transfer for adaptation

Objective 2



Mainstream adaptation and resilience for systemic impact

Objective 3



Foster enabling conditions for effective and integrated adaptation



GEF-7 LDCF Programming to Date

17
projects &
programs

\$142
million

3 multi
trust
fund
projects

43%
LDCs
supported
in 1 year

as of Oct. 2019

Reference: UNDP LDCF project in Ethiopia (4107)

Key Operational Improvements

- ✓ LDCF project selection and approval process
- ✓ Factors for LDCF prioritization
- ✓ LDCF funding ceiling and cap
- ✓ Pipeline
- ✓ Results framework and reporting
- ✓ Capacity building support for LDC planning and programming

More strategic and predictable programming, multi-Trust Fund (MTF) initiatives such as IPs and adaptation mainstreaming, complementarity with GCF and others



LDCF Project Selection and Approval

Before:

- Council approval by mail, based on non-objection on each project
- Each project approved on first-come, first-served basis

After:

- Council approval of work program, **from December 2018**
- Work program constitution based on strategic prioritization

→ To follow same calendar as GEF TF for PIF technical clearance, Council approval.

Factors for Enhanced LDCF Strategic Prioritization

- Alignment with needs and priorities in national plans
- Alignment with Programming Strategy
- Opportunities to leverage/catalyze support
- Level of LDCF resources accessed
- Additional factors:
 - i. Potential for private sector engagement
 - ii. Geographical balance
 - iii. Extenuating circumstances
 - iv. Timing of technical approval

➔ *To enable timely Council approval of MTFs and priorities (i.e., COP guidance)*



LDCF Funding Ceiling

- Per-country ceiling to be **raised** to \$50 million
- Each LDC can access resources up to initial **cap** of \$10 million
- May be raised during GEF-7, based on donor contributions and programming

→ To maintain practice while ensuring more timely access to as many LDCs as possible

Thank you

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