
Highlights of the LDCF/SCCF Council's Decisions
16th LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting
May 27th, 2014

1. The following is a record prepared by the GEF Secretariat of comments, understandings, and clarifications of certain points made by the LDCF/SCCF Council Members during discussions of the agenda items and related decisions. The Joint Summary of the LDCF/SCCF Council meeting records the decisions by the Council. These points are supplemental to the Joint Summary.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

2. The meeting was opened by Dr. Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Facility. The CEO welcomed and invited Mr. Bhuban Karki, representative from the Government of Nepal, who spoke on behalf of the Least Developed Countries Group representing 48 countries that are the most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

3. In her remarks, the GEF CEO, Naoko Ishii, expressed the need for both adaptation and mitigation actions on the ground. She also highlighted, under the new GEF Adaptation Programming Strategy, more emphasis on the integration of adaptation into policy planning and broader synergies between adaptation and other GEF focal areas

Agenda Item 3 ***GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund***

4. Several Council Members expressed appreciation for the new adaptation strategy and its associated programming pillars, which incorporated comments provided during the November meeting. Members also appreciated the more strategic approach to addressing gender in line with the GEF gender action plan.

5. One Council Member welcomed the plan to improve cooperation with the private sector, as to draw additional resources needed to finance adaptation. In light of the evolving international climate architecture, one Member mentioned the need to highlight the added-value of the LDCF/SCCF, as exemplified through the comprehensive project portfolio.

Agenda Item 5 ***FY13 Annual Monitoring Review for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund***

6. Several Council Members showed appreciation for the AMR, particularly the enhanced reporting on results and gender. One Council Member also suggested the inclusion of socio-economic indicators with reporting.

7. One Council Member mentioned future GEF/LDCF/SCCF evaluations on indicators related to efficiency. These discussions are currently taking place as part of the Standing Committee on Finance under the UNFCCC.

***Agenda Item 9 LDCF/SCCF Annual Evaluation Report and Management Response
2013***

8. One Council Member noted appreciation for the first annual evaluation report on LDCF and SCCF. On the GEF Management Response, one Council Member requested more detailed reflection on the report, including some of the activities being undertaken by the Secretariat to heighten the visibility of the funds. To this, the Secretariat mentioned the process to develop a new GEF Adaptation book that will highlight progress and lessons learned.

Closure of the meeting

9. The meeting closed on May 27th, 2014.