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Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item 7

**PLANNING NOTE
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE GEF PROGRAMMING STRATEGY ON ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE
CHANGE FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FUND
AND SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND
AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS:
JULY 2022 TO JUNE 2026**

Recommended Council Decision

The Council, having reviewed document LDCF/SCCF/C.30/07, *Planning Note for the Development of the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund and Operational Improvements: July 2022 to June 2026*, requests the Secretariat to initiate the development process of the Programming Strategy.

INITIATION OF THE PROGRAMMING STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

1. The GEF Secretariat will initiate discussions to develop the GEF Programming Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) and Policy Enhancement for its Operational Improvement: July 2022 to June 2026.
2. This document presents the proposed schedule of the Programming Strategy discussion, as well as participation in the Programming Strategy development process. The process will be coordinated by the GEF Secretariat.

PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMMING STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

3. The development process for the Programming Strategy is open to donors of the LDCF and/or SCCF. Those interested in participating are requested to submit the intent to participate in writing by 30 June 2021 to the GEF CEO and Chairperson.
4. Non-donor recipient country representatives are invited to participate in the development process as observers. Five representatives from non-donor recipient countries representing Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe/Central Asia, Latin America, and the small island developing States (SIDS), who have been identified for the GEF-8 replenishment process, will be invited. Furthermore, recognizing the aim of the LDCF to support urgent and immediate climate change adaptation priorities in least developed countries (LDCs), a representative from the LDC Group will be invited.
5. Designated representatives of GEF Agencies and the UNFCCC Secretariat will be invited to attend the meetings as observers. Written comments will be solicited from the private sector, the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Fund Secretariat, and non-governmental/civil society organizations.
6. The Trustee of the LDCF/SCCF will be invited to participate.

PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE AND CORE TOPICS

7. The consultations and meetings provide an opportunity for participants to discuss funding needs, determine strategic adaptation priorities, programming direction and agree on the resource allocation of the LDCF/SCCF during the GEF-8 period. The meeting schedule, discussion topics and expected decisions are outlined below.
8. The GEF Secretariat will communicate the confirmed dates of the meeting to the participants and observers, and will make available relevant documents prior to the meeting.

Table 1: Meeting Schedule and Discussion Topics

Events	Issues (documents) to be discussed	Timeline
1. Initiation of the Programming Strategy Development Process at 30th LDCF/SCCF Council	<p>For Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate the development process of Programming Strategy for LDCF/SCCF and policy enhancement <p>For Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Note 	June 2021 Council meeting
2. Informal consultations	<p>For Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical inputs on priorities for climate change adaptation support by the LDCF/SCCF (technical experts, STAP, UNFCCC, other relevant institutions) Priorities for support and operational elements (donors, recipients) 	<p>July to August 2021</p> <p>Virtual format</p>
3. First Meeting	<p>For Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Programming Strategy Operational improvements, including predictability of support 	<p>September 2021</p> <p>Virtual format</p>
4. Second Meeting	<p>For Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Draft Programming Strategy Operational improvements 	<p>November 2021</p> <p>Aligned with UNFCCC COP 26, in person or virtual format (to be confirmed)</p>
5. Update to the 31st LDCF/SCCF Council	<p>For Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on the development process 	December 2021 Council meeting
6. Third Meeting	<p>For Discussion and Agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Programming Strategy and Operational Improvements 	<p>March or April 2022</p> <p>In person or virtual format (to be confirmed)</p>

9. The agreed final document will be transmitted to the 32nd LDCF/SCCF Council in May 2022 for endorsement.