



Updates on Support by Least Developed Countries Fund

**Least Developed Countries Expert
Group Side event at COP27**

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SUMMARY AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE GEF-7 PROGRAMMING

*All LDCs
Supported
99%
utilization*

Operationalized
GEF-GCV LTV

Enhanced visibility
and global engagement

Strategic global
and regional projects

Catalyzed innovation
through Challenge
Program

Diverse adaptation
support- NBS, resilient
supply chains, alternate
livelihoods

\$523 million funding
Total 87 projects
23 MTF projects

Opportunities to
leverage support

Alignment with
national needs

21 million beneficiaries
3.2 million hectares



Key Highlights of the LDCF SCCF Programming Strategy and Operational Enhancements (2022-2026)



Trinidad

LDCF/SCCF Priority themes for 2022-2026



Agriculture, food security and health

Heightened focus on community wellbeing

1



Water

Continued support to capture, store, conserve and enable easier and more reliable access to water

2



Early warning and climate information systems

Expand access and strive for greater user uptake

3



Nature-based solutions

High potential to deliver adaptation

4

LDCF priority areas for 2022-2026

PRIORITY AREA 1

Scaling up finance

- *Policy coherence*
- *Institutional capacity*
- *Innovative financing mechanisms*
- *Tools and metrics*

PRIORITY AREA 2

Strengthening innovation and private sector engagement

- *Technology transfer and innovation*
- *MSME incubation and acceleration*
- *Inclusive microfinance*
- *Risk sharing to catalyze private investment*
- *Enabling private sector action*

PRIORITY AREA 3

Fostering partnership for inclusion & whole-of-society approach

- *Institutional strengthening and capacity building at all levels*
- *Partnerships with local organizations and systems to address social equity*
- *Innovative financing opportunities to support whole-of society approach*
- *Thought leadership through global partnerships and fostering enabling environment*



Agreed LDCF Resource Mobilization Modality

1

Replenishment

Transition to replenishment model, if viable and of interest to donors.

- *Highest predictability*
- *Impact on donors with intermittent contributions*
- *Fundamental operational change: feasible by July 2022?*

2

Status quo

Maintain voluntary contribution modality, as is.

- *Least predictability*
- *May enable extra or intermittent contributions*
- *Requires no changes to operations*

3

Multi-year pledging

Move to multi-year pledging, with voluntary contributions.

- *Somewhat enhanced predictability*
- *Need broad donor commitment*
- *May enable extra or intermittent contributions*
- *Requires no changes to operations*

4

Other?

Other options to consider?



LDCF Financing Scenarios

FLOOR

SCENARIO A

Total: \$1 billion

SCENARIO B

Total: \$1.3 billion

Initial Cap per Country
(46 LDCs at \$20 million
initial cap per country)



\$920M

Dedicated programs \$8M



Administrative expenses \$9M



Reserve to go
beyond initial cap for
national projects

\$193M

Challenge Program
for Adaptation
Innovation

\$30M

\$40M

Regional and
global projects
and initiatives

\$33M

\$130M

Dedicated programs



Communications and Visibility Enhancement

4-year plan with a dedicated communication strategy & financial/human resources

\$2 million from LDCF
\$0.5 million for SCCF



Outreach and Capacity Support for LDC and SIDS Planning and Programming

Enhanced support to LDCs/SIDS on project upstream workshops, investment planning, etc.

\$4 million from LDCF
\$1 million from SCCF



Organizational Learning and Coordination

Dedicated program on learning and coordination at the fund and portfolio levels.

\$2 million from LDCF
\$0.5 million from SCCF



Thank you