

GREEN CLIMATE FUND - STRUCTURED DIALOGUE WITH LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

19-22 November 2018 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - World Sustainability Fond Report

First three days report to update with later the official day reports of the GEF.



PRIMARY TARGET AUDIENCE

- National Designated Authorities and focal points in Least Developed Countries
- Officials from Ministries of Finance, Economy, Environment, Climate Change, and/or National Planning
- Accredited Entities
- GCF delivery partners
- Private sector representatives
- Civil society organizations
- GCF Board Members representing the constituency

BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES

The Structured Dialogue is intended for the National Designated Authorities (NDAs) and focal points of 47 countries on the list of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Accredited Entities (AEs), Readiness delivery partners as well as to representatives of civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders.

The programme will focus on:

1. Strengthening engagement between GCF and LDCs
2. Increasing understanding of GCF Modalities in LDCs
3. Providing opportunity for peer to peer learning and knowledge sharing between LDCs
4. Exploring ways and opportunities for GCF to better respond to LDC issues
5. Determining indicative timeline and initial elements of anticipated engagement with the GCF, including readiness support, country programmes, and project ideas;
6. Initiating a plan to advance the accreditation of direct access entities which have the potential to work in partnership with governments to implement and co-finance adaptation & mitigation programming priorities;
7. Identifying potential LDCs group and national priorities that can be translated into pipelines of projects fit for the GCF, together with the engagement of diverse partners, including potential DAEs

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DAY ONE, 19 November 2018

9:30 – 10:30 OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION

Welcome and Opening Remarks

[Mr Gebru Jember Endalew](#), Chair, [Least Developed Countries Group](#), [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change](#)



- [IPCC Report on global warming](#)

Mr Karma Tshering, Board Representative for Least Developed Countries, GCF

Mr Pa Ousman Jarju, Director of Country Programming, GCF

Dr Fekadu Beyene, Commissioner, Environment, Forest and Climate Commission, Ethiopia

Guest Speaker

Updates on the latest scientific information on climate change and implications for LDCs

[Dr A Atiq Rahman](#), Executive Director, [Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies](#) Lead Author of the IPCC 4th Assessment and [co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, jointly awarded to IPCC and Al-Gore](#)



10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break and Official Photo:



11:00 - 12:30 **HIGH LEVEL SESSION: Setting the Scene in Least Developed Countries**

Presentation and discussion on LDC-specific priorities relevant for engagement with the GCF

Mr Gebru Jember Endalew, Chair, Least Developed Countries Group, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change



Presentation of the LDC renewable and energy efficiency initiative

Dr Youba Sokona, Vice Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Lead Author of the IPCC 4th Assessment and co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, jointly awarded to IPCC and Al-Gore



GCF initial response to the presentations

[Mr Pa Ousman Jarju](#), Director of [Country Programming, GCF](#) - [Secretariat](#)

14:00 – 15:30 **TECHNICAL SESSION 1: Access Modalities of the GCF to Support Countries**

This session aims to strengthen the understanding of the NDAs of the LDC on the full range of opportunities provided by the GCF through a comprehensive presentation of the GCF access modalities.

Ms [Adeyemi Sandra Freitas](#), [Country Dialogue Specialist for Africa, GCF](#)

Ms [Janie Rioux](#), [Agriculture and Food Security Senior Specialist, GCF](#)

Ms [Ayaan Adam](#), [Director of Private Sector Facility, GCF](#)

➤ **[How direct access works](#)**

16:00 – 17:00 **TECHNICAL SESSION 2: Barriers to Private Sector Investments in LDCs**

This session presents to the NDAs of the LDCs the outcome of the GCF Board mandated studies outlining the Private Sector Advisory Group recommendations on the development of modalities to support activities enabling private sector involvement in LDCs and SIDS.

Ms [Ayaan Adam, Director of Private Sector Facility, GCF](#)

Mr [Mohamed Yousif Bakr Osman, Partnership Initiative Consultant, GCF](#)

- [**SECTOR FACILITY**](#)
- [**BROWSE PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECTS**](#)

18:00 – 21:00 **Welcoming Reception hosted by Government of Ethiopia**

DAY TWO Tuesday, 20 November 2018

09:00 – 09:15 **Recap of Day 1**

Ms [Diane McFadzien, Country Dialogue Specialist for Asia-Pacific, GCF](#)

09:15 – 10:30 **TECHNICAL SESSION 3: Strategic Programming to Enhance Climate Impact and Paradigm Shift Potential of Projects and Programmes Pipeline**

This session presents the relevance of effective programming and how it can lead to effective prioritization of sectors and interventions that will result in high climate impact and paradigm shift. The session will also provide the opportunity to the NDAs to share their examples in undertaking programming exercise, highlighting challenges faced and ways to overcome them.

Mr [Pa Ousman Jarju, Director of Country Programming, GCF](#)

- [**RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**](#)
- [**Status of the GCF portfolio and pipeline**](#)

11.00 – 12.00 **TECHNICAL SESSION 4: The GCF Project Life Cycle**

This session aims to help NDAs in LDC get better acquaintance with the GCF project life cycle. Provide the opportunity to the LDC to explain challenges faced in accessing the GCF resources and to the GCF Secretariat to provide in responses, tips to expedite the review process and facilitate LDC access to GCF resources. This session will also provide guidance on tips to build quality at entry point in project design to facilitate monitoring and evaluation, succeed the implementation phase, as well as understanding of recourse provided by the GCF including the role of the redress mechanisms.

Main session speakers

Ms [Janie Rioux, Agriculture and Food Security Senior Specialist, GCF](#)

Mr [Pierre Telep, Renewable Energy Senior Specialist, GCF](#)

Ms [Ayaan Adam, Director of Private Sector Facility, GCF](#)

Mr [Mohamed Yousif Bakr Osman, Partnership Initiative Consultant, GCF](#)

Follow-up speakers

Ms [Yewon Kim, Senior Researcher – Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme, GCF](#)

Mr [Roberto La Rovere, Evaluation Adviser, Independent Evaluation Unit, GCF](#)

- [Updated project and programme cycle](#)
- [IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS](#)
- [Green Climate Fund Proposal Toolkit](#)

12:00 – 12:35 **TECHNICAL SESSION 5: Project Preparation Facility**

This session explains the specific aspects support available from the Project Preparation Facility to develop a project Concept Note into a successful Funding Proposal.

Mr [Jason Spensley, Senior Specialist – PPF and NAPs, GCF](#)

- [Project Preparation Facility Guidelines](#)
- [Project Preparation - GCF 101 - Green Climate Fund](#)

14:00 – 14:45 **TECHNICAL SESSION 6: Accreditation Process and Advancing the Accreditation of Direct Access Entities**

This session engages strategic discussion on types and areas of support needed from the GCF to advance accreditation of direct access entities from LDC.

Mr [Kabishi Tshilumba, Entity Relations Specialist, GCF](#)



- [GETTING ACCREDITED](#)

14:45 – 15:30 **TECHNICAL SESSION 7A: Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme**

This session provides a discussion on the strategic relevance of GCF funding vehicle for upstream capacity support towards project and project identification and design, including national adaptation planning.

Ms [Bolormaa Enkhbat, Associate Professional for Asia-Pacific Regional Desk, GCF](#)

➤ [**Readiness and Preparatory Support Guidebook**](#)

16:00 – 16:45 **TECHNICAL SESSION 7B: What Can We Learn from the Evaluation of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme?”**

This session provides an interactive session with the GCF Independent Evaluation Unit to discuss emerging findings, recommendations and expectations, and reality check them with African NDA/AE.

Mr [Roberto La Rovere, Evaluation Adviser, Independent Evaluation Unit, GCF Panelist](#)

Ms [Madeleine Diouf Sarr, Head of Climate Change Division, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal](#)

➤ [**Evaluation of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme**](#)

16:45 – 17:30 **TECHNICAL SESSION 7C: Adaptation Planning**

This session looks at current GCF Readiness support available for adaptation planning and what makes a strong adaptation plan.

Mr [Jason Spensley, Senior Specialist – PPF and NAPs, GCF](#)

- [**GCF in Brief: Adaptation Planning – Publication**](#)
- [**Adaptation planning – Story**](#)
- [**Adaptation planning processes**](#)
- [**Adaptation Planning support**](#)

DAY THREE Wednesday, 21 November 2018

09:00 – 09:15 **Recap of Day 2**

Mr [Alvin Chandra, Regional Advisor for Asia-Pacific, GCF](#)

09:15 – 10:30 **TECHNICAL SESSION 8: Country Market Place**

LDCs participants are provided with an opportunity to showcase their investment pipelines for GCF through a country poster.

- [**Start of a Marketplace**](#)

11.00 – 12.30 **TECHNICAL SESSION 9: Pipeline Development**

This session presents the status of GCF current portfolio and pipeline, including a particular focus on LDCs. It also elaborates on the criteria of high-quality GCF funding proposal, including getting the right monitoring and evaluation plan and logical framework.

Part 1: Status of the GCF current portfolio and pipeline, including overview of LDC portfolio and pipeline (Proposal Approval Process).

Part 2: Showcase two projects from the approved portfolio in LDC: one public and one private sector and discussion with the NDA and AEs on challenges and ways to overcome them as well as key success factors.

Ms [Janie Rioux, Agriculture and Food Security Senior Specialist, GCF](#)

Mr [Pierre Telep, Renewable Energy Senior Specialist, GCF](#)

Ms [Ayaan Adam, Director of Private Sector Facility, GCF](#)

Mr [Mohamed Yousif Bakr Osman, Partnership Initiative Consultant, GCF](#)

➤ **Status of the GCF pipeline, including the status of Project Preparation Facility requests**

14:00 – 15:30 **TECHNICAL SESSION 10: Pipeline Development (Simplified Approval Process)**

This session includes two parallel sessions on two projects in the pipeline, one public and one private sector in LDC and working session with NDA and AE towards improvement of the projects, with a focus on the Simplified Approval Process.

Ms [Grace Eunhye Lee, Project Officer, GCF](#)

Ms [Ayaan Adam, Director of Private Sector Facility, GCF](#)

Mr [Mohamed Yousif Bakr Osman, Partnership Initiative Consultant, GCF](#)

Simplified Approval Process Pilot Scheme (SAP)

GCF in Brief: Simplified Approval Process - Publication

16:00 – 17:00 **TECHNICAL SESSION 11: Parallel Sessions on Pipeline development**

This session includes two parallel sessions on two projects in the pipeline, one public and one private sector in LDC and working session with NDA and AE towards improvement of the projects.

Ms [Janie Rioux, Agriculture and Food Security Senior Specialist, GCF](#)

Mr [Pierre Telep, Renewable Energy Senior Specialist, GCF](#)

Ms [Ayaan Adam, Director of Private Sector Facility, GCF](#)

Mr [Mohamed Yousif Bakr Osman, Partnership Initiative Consultant, GCF](#)

Status of the GCF portfolio and pipeline

Strengthening and scaling up the GCF pipeline

DAY FOUR Thursday, 22 November 2018

09:00 – 09:15 **Recap of Day 3**

Mr [Alpha Kaloga, Regional Advisor for Africa, GCF](#)

09:15 – 09:45 **TECHNICAL SESSION 12A: How will GCF's Evaluation Policy Affect Me?**

This session will look into GCF's Evaluation Policy in the context of the GCF Independent Evaluation Unit's evaluations and identify what stakeholders, especially in Africa and LDCs, most need and how can the policy help.

Mr [Roberto La Rovere, Evaluation Adviser, Independent Evaluation Unit, GCF Panelist](#)

Mr [Hans André Lohayo Djamba, Coordinator, National Coordination of the Green Climate Fund, Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

GCF'S INDEPENDENT EVALUATION UNIT

IEU Brochure

Q & A

09:45 – 10:15 **TECHNICAL SESSION 12B: Integrity in Action – Avoiding Red Flags in Project Procurement**

The session focuses on preventing problems and improving accountability in projects. The Independent Integrity Unit presents on how to mainstream integrity in GCF projects by conducting proactive project reviews, including identifying procurement red flags. Specific objectives of the session include understanding integrity risks in project procurement, identifying red flags in funding proposals and procurement processes, and recommending practical techniques on how to effectively manage and mitigate such integrity risks.

Mr. [Ibrahim Pam, Head of Independent Integrity Unit, GCF](#)

Administrative Guidelines on Procurement

10 ways to control procurement fraud

How is the IEU connected to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Conference of the Parties (COP)?

10:45 – 11:45 **TECHNICAL SESSION 13A: Parallel Clinics on GCF Support Tools to Build the Pipeline**

This session presents the status of GCF current portfolio and pipeline, including a particular focus on LDCs. It also elaborates on the criteria of high-quality GCF funding proposal, including getting the right monitoring and evaluation plan and logical framework.

Direct Access Matters	Monitoring & Implementation Challenges in the Readiness Programme	National Adaptation Planning	Simplified Approval Process & REDD+
Ms Janie Rioux, Agriculture and Food Security Senior Specialist, GCF	Ms Yewon Kim, Senior Researcher – Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme, GCF	Mr Jason Spensley, Senior Specialist – PPF and NAPs, GCF	Ms Grace Eunhye Lee, Project Officer, GCF
Mr Kabishi Tshilumba, Entity Relations Specialist, GCF			

At Column 1

EMPOWERING DIRECT ACCESS WORKSHOP:

The workshop supported organisations seeking Direct Access Entity accreditation, as well as helping accredited Direct Access Entities develop high-quality projects or programmes to submit to GCF, based on their alignment with national priorities. It provided participants with information about GCF's [readiness programme](#), [project preparation facility](#), and specific requests for proposals such as the [Enhancing Direct Access pilot](#) and the [Simplified Approval Process \(SAP\)](#). The workshop also covered updates about GCF policies and procedures.

At Column 2

[Monitoring and accountability framework for accredited entities](#)

[Challenges in the Readiness Programme:](#)

- High expectations from GCF in countries
- Climate change is cross-cutting but stakeholders used to operating in isolation
- GCF in its nascent stage adaptability and flexibility required
- Lack of conducive policies, laws and regulations for climate finance
- High demand on government staff with new area, new capacities and knowledge
- High level of commitment, work and resources required for GCF accreditation applications and GCF proposals

At Column 3 - [National Adaptation Planning](#)

At Column 4 - [Simplified Approval Process](#) & [REDD+ in GCF](#)

11:45 – 12:45 **TECHNICAL SESSION 13B: Parallel Clinics on GCF Support Tools to Build the Pipeline**

This session presents the status of GCF current portfolio and pipeline, including a particular focus on LDCs. It also elaborates on the criteria of high-quality GCF funding proposal, including getting the right monitoring and evaluation plan and logical framework.

Accreditation Matters	Project Preparation Facility	Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme	Focus Group Discussion with NDAs and AEs on key concerns regarding the implementation of GCF programmes/projects
Mr Kabishi Tshilumba, Entity Relations Specialist, GCF	Mr Jason Spensley, Senior Specialist – PPF and NAPs, GCF	Ms Adeyemi Sandra Freitas, Country Dialogue Specialist for Africa, GCF Ms Diane McFadzien, Country Dialogue Specialist for AsiaPacific, GCF	Ms Janie Rioux, Agriculture and Food Security Senior Specialist, GCF Mr Pierre Telep, Renewable Energy Senior Specialist, GCF Mr Roberto La Rovere, Evaluation Adviser, Independent Evaluation Unit, GCF

At Column 1 - [Accreditation Matters](#)

At Column 2 - [Project Preparation Facility](#)

At Column 3 - [Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme](#)

At Column 4 -

Focus Group Discussion with [NDAs](#) and [AEs](#) on key concerns regarding the implementation of GCF programmes/ projects

NATIONAL DESIGNATED AUTHORITIES - [NDA Conference](#)

ACCREDITED ENTITIES - [DIRECTORY](#)

10:45 – 12:45 **Bilateral Sessions**

14:00 – 15:30 **Report Back from LDC Matters**

Report back from participants and initial GCF response to the LDC matter (three countries representatives from each of the themes)

GCF Report Back Summary on the Workshop & Technical Wrap Up

Mr [Pa Ousman Jarju, Director of Country Programming, GCF](#)

16:00 – 17:00 Closing Remarks

Mr [Karma Tshering, Board Representative for Least Developed Countries, GCF](#)

[GCF affirms its commitment to Least Developed Countries:](#)



ADDIS ABABA, 23 NOV 2018

On 19 – 22 November, the Green Climate Fund, in cooperation with the Government of Ethiopia and the Least Developed Countries' constituency under the UNFCCC, held the Structured Dialogue with Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The event aimed to accelerate and strengthen GCF engagement with the countries and entities in the LDCs.

“This meeting was an opportunity to transform the strategic initiatives of LDCs into advanced actions through partnership and collaboration with development partners, mainly GCF, in its vital support to build a more economically vibrant, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable development throughout LDCs.” said Dr Fekadu Beyene, Commissioner, Environment, Forest and Climate Commission of Ethiopia.

“This meeting was a classic example of the sustainable support needed from international climate finance organizations in assisting the efforts of Least Developed Countries in realizing their vision of tackling the negative impacts of climate change and efficient utilization of opportunities.” he added, Ayaan Adam, Director of Private Sector Facility at GCF, noted the importance of LDCs to the Fund: “Our engagement in the LDCs regions reflects the breadth of transformative climate action necessary in the countries that are the most vulnerable to climate change, whose special circumstances need to be carefully taken into account.”

The GCF is a special institution with a diversity of financing instruments and support programmes. Through this, we can work across the spectrum of climate change needs in LDC regions, responding to LDCs’ geographic and economic diversity. It is with pride that we will continue to work hard to become in a near future, a financing partner for all 47 countries in the Least Developed Countries.” she said.

The event brought together GCF partners in the LDCs, including National Designated Authorities (NDAs) and Focal Points (FPs), Accredited Entities (AEs) and other stakeholders. They had an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices in promoting sustainable development as well as increase the understanding of GCF procedures and boost the engagement with the Fund.

Least Developed Countries are the most vulnerable to the damaging effects of climate change. Their economic development and growth highly depend on climate-sensitive sectors. LCDs has been one of the main priority regions for the GCF. The Fund has approved 34 funding proposals in LCDs worth 2.8 billion dollars of GCF resources, leveraging co-financing of over 1.6 billion dollars. 17 projects are dedicated for adaptation, 6 for mitigation, and 11 cross-cutting addressing synergies between adaptation and mitigation. Supporting adaptation in the most vulnerable regions is a major strategic priority for GCF. To this date, 70% of all GCF adaptation funding goes LDCs, SIDs & Africa. In addition, GCF provided Readiness support to 36 LDCs, boosting their capacity to engage with GCF, develop projects and tackle the challenge of climate change.

18:00 – 21:00 Closing Reception hosted by the Green Climate Fund
