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Module 3: Accessing financial resources for the implementation of NAPAs

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<u>Learning points:</u>

- Introduction to latest developments on GEF-LDCF procedures.

<u>Guiding questions:</u>

- How to receive information on these latest developments?

Programmatic approach for NAPAs

- Funding under the LDCF has largely focused on pilot projects to demonstrate how adaptation can be addressed practically on the ground in LDCs;

- With the growing financing levels, and the shift in funding structure for adaptation under the GEF, countries can now pursue programmatic approaches in implementing their NAPAs;

- **Programmatic Approach (PA)** – a program of projects with common objectives, aiming to achieve economies of scale and sustainability, improved horizontal and vertical integration, and greater opportunities to leverage partnerships and co-financing. Delegation of project approvals to eligible Agencies, such as the MDBs

- In addition to the elements to be considered in a PIF, Program Framework Documents should provide adequate information of the following:

  o Added value of PA: does the program present opportunities to address the enabling environment, local investments and cross-cutting elements in a more comprehensive way than is currently possible through individual projects? What are the economies of scale?

  o Partnerships: does the PFD identify relevant partners? How will they contribute to the objectives of the program?

  o Knowledge management: how will best practices and lessons be shared among partners/countries/projects within the program and beyond?

Synergies with other GEF funds

- GEF-5 projects may seek funding under several trust funds, including the LDCF and the SCCF.

- Multi-trust fund projects may allow projects to capture economies of scale, and to foster integration across sectors, across national strategies and policies, and across environmental conventions.

- While a single project may utilize resources from different trust funds, it should do so in line with the mandate and eligibility criteria of each fund and funding window.

- To date, the LDCF/SCCF Council has approved some **USD 46.7 million** in LDCF grants towards eight multi-trust fund projects and programs (in Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mali, Haiti, Rwanda and Togo).

New ceiling for implementing NAPA projects

- The LDCF applies the principle of equitable access to the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Parties to funding for the implementation of NAPAs.

- The principle of equitable access has led to the concept of balanced access, assuring that funding for NAPA implementation will be available to all LDCS, and not be awarded on a first-come first-served basis (which could favor countries with higher institutional capacity for project development, leaving out the most vulnerable).

- The ceiling of funding under the LDCF is established at $20 million (for example: an LDC that has already accessed $12 million, may have access to $8 million more).

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