



# GEF support to Adaptation Action in Africa: *a Pragmatic Approach that links Adaptation to Development*

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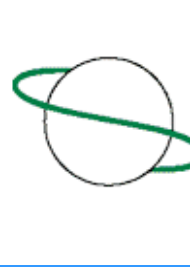
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# Evolution of Climate Convention Guidance to the GEF: from preparation to implementation



- **COP1 and COP4, Staged approach (Stage I & II)**
- **COP7, Marrakech Accords**
  - GEF Trust Fund: Pilot & Demonstration Projects (5/CP.7 => 6/CP.7)
  - 2 New Funds (7/CP.7 & 10/CP.7)
    1. Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF- UNFCCC)
    2. Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF – UNFCCC)
- **COP9 and COP11**
  - Guidance on SCCF
  - LDC consultations => Draft decision on the LDCF

# GEF response to UNFCCC guidance on Adaptation



- **Staged approach (COP1, COP4) Preparation**

- ⇒ Enabling Activities

(funds for V&A assessments and capacity building from support for National Communications)

- **New guidance: Implementation**

⇒ Strategic Priority on Adaptation (SPA) GEF Trust Fund

⇒ New funds → LDCF (UNFCCC)

→ SCCF (UNFCCC)

*\$200 M (currently available for adaptation/pledges)*



## Implementation phase:

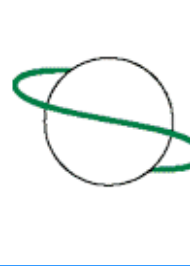
### GEF Trust Fund: Strategic Priority

#### *“Piloting an Operational Approach to Adaptation” (SPA)*

Projects will: *“Show how adaptation planning and assessment can be practically translated into projects that will provide real benefits”*

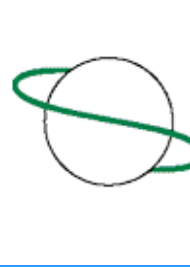
- \$50 million allocation => after an evaluation of the pilot the program will evolve
- Policy guidelines – GEF Assistance to Address Adaptation (GEF Council document, May 2004)
- SPA operational guidelines (GEF Council document, November 2005)

# GEF-trust fund supported projects implementing adaptation in Africa



Responding to Coastline change and its human dimensions through Integrated Coastal Area Management (GEF \$4M, Regional, UNDP)	Senegal, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Cape Verde (West Africa)
Integrating Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change into Sustainable Development Policy Planning and Implementation (GEF \$1 M, Regional, UNEP)	Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania (Southern and Eastern Africa)
Community-Based Adaptation Program (GEF \$5M, Global, UNDP)	Niger, Namibia
Zambezi Valley Market Led Smallholder Development (GEF \$6.5 LD/SPA)	Mozambique
Coping with Drought and climate change (pipeline)	Kenya, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe

# The new Climate Change Funds: linking Adaptation and Development



Both funds focus on the adverse impacts of climate change and development

⇒ new area of intervention for GEF

– *Least Developed Countries Fund*  
(Implementation of NAPAs)

– *Special Climate Change Fund*

*top priority: adaptation: Water, land management, agriculture, health, infrastructure development, fragile ecosystems, integrated coastal zone management, disaster risk management and prevention*

# Operational approach of the New Funds



- The **adverse impacts** of climate change impose an **additional cost** on vulnerable countries to achieve their **development** goals
- The new funds will support the additional cost of activities that reduce vulnerability and increase adaptive capacity to facilitate the transition towards **climate-resilient development**

# Status report on the of the climate change funds



## LDCF

- Current Size of the fund: \$102 million (including pledges)

## SCCF

- Current Size of the fund: \$50 million (including pledges)
- More funds will be mobilize
- (pledging meeting scheduled for October 31, 2006)



# First two SCCF Projects under preparation in Africa



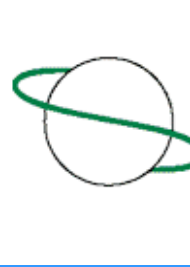
- Adaptation to climate change and health: Barbados and Fiji (low-lying developing), Uzbekistan and Jordan (desert/desert-fringe), Bhutan, Kenya and China (highland populations) (UNDP/WHO) GEF \$6 M
- Mainstreaming Climate Change in Integrated Water Resources Management in Pangani River Basin (UNDP) (Tanzania) GEF \$1 M



# Expected upcoming proposals for NAPA implementation in Africa

- Malawi (first project with the African Development Bank as EA with expanded opportunities)
- Tanzania
- Uganda

# Initial observations and lessons learned in Africa



- Resources are insufficient and capacity must be built, however => indigenous knowledge offers significant adaptation opportunities building on existing coping strategies
- More data must be collected, gathered and disseminated, however => there is sufficient information to start **acting now**



# Thank you

GEF Adaptation-related papers

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GEF projects database:

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