



## **GEF CSO Network**

### **Statement on Agenda 2 : [Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund](#)**

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The GEF CSO Network welcomes this Work Program for the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund. These two critical funding windows play a vital role in enhancing climate resilience in our communities. As civil society organizations working closely with communities on the frontlines of climate impacts, we recognize the strategic importance of the LDCF and SCCF in enabling locally led adaptation, gender-responsive action, and inclusive environmental governance.

The GCN has drawn positive observation from the paper that are responsive to the resilience on grassroots people, just highlighting a few: incorporation of gender analysis, community-based adaptation, and inclusive planning processes, demonstrating efforts to uphold the enhance equity; the use of nature based solutions, climate-smart agriculture, and ecosystem-based adaptation showing promise in achieving co. benefits for biodiversity, livelihoods, and resilience.

#### **However the GCN has identified the need to strengthen some areas inclusive of:**

- Additional measures should be put in place during the further development of the projects in the Work program to ensure clear integration of local CSOs and communities in project development phases, design, implementation, and monitoring, Inclusion will help ensure the voices of marginalized groups, such as women, youth, and indigenous people, are heard and help promote climate adaptation measures that are equitable, not just top-down solutions driven by national actors or external consultants.
- The further development of the projects in the Work Program should build upon results, learning, and lessons from other LDCF/SCCF investments. Transparent knowledge-sharing mechanisms would not only promote accountability but also enable replication, scaling of successful approaches, and active CSO engagement in climate adaptation efforts.”
- The projects in the work program should also track resilience outcomes, disaggregated by gender, age, and socio-economic status, to ensure equity and effectiveness of adaptation investments. This should be complemented by the meaningful inclusion of civil society organizations (CSOs) in monitoring and

evaluation processes to promote transparency, local ownership, and accountability.

In conclusion, the GEF CSO Network reaffirms the importance of effective and inclusive implementation of the LDCF and SCCF Work Program. Civil society has a vital role in amplifying community voices, ensuring accountability, and building resilience from the ground up. We look forward to deeper engagement with the GEF Secretariat, Agencies, and LDC governments in advancing a just and climate resilient future.