



GEF CSO Network

Statement on Agenda 2 : [Work Program for LDCF & SCCF](#) 39th LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting, December 2025

The GEF CSO Network welcomes the proposed work program of the LDCF and SCCF and recognizes its importance for addressing the urgent climate adaptation needs in the LDCs and SIDs. The work program reflects the strong alignment with national priorities and the ongoing need for LDCF and SCCF support, particularly in fragile and climate-vulnerable contexts.

We especially welcome the projects in Kiribati (GEF ID 11759), Haiti (GEF ID 11891), and Senegal (GEF ID 11887), which address the urgent adaptation needs in particularly vulnerable contexts. Regarding the work program, we would like to highlight some areas where additional attention could improve implementation on the ground.

The postponement of several LDCF projects due to limited resources demonstrates the strained situation within the system. We would welcome greater predictability and timely access to finance, especially for countries facing urgent adaptation needs.

The strong role of international financial institutions helps to achieve broad support. At the same time, we welcome the continued efforts to achieve a balanced mix of implementation approaches that gives space to national institutions, local actors, and community-based organizations where appropriate.

On Social inclusion in practice

The focus on inclusion, gender equality, and community engagement is welcome. We see added value in further expanding participation in activities and involving civil society, indigenous peoples, and local communities in the joint shaping of governance, prioritization, and adaptive management.

Working in fragile contexts

The risk analysis rightly points to high contextual and implementation risks. We encourage flexibility in implementation and sustained support for local capacities so that projects can adapt to changing conditions.

Learning beyond outcomes

Current indicators focus primarily on short-term results. We welcome stronger learning-oriented monitoring that captures long-term resilience and institutional change.



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Overall, CSO Network supports the adoption of the work program and makes these considerations available to ensure that the resources of the LDCF and the SCCF achieve sustainable, locally rooted adaptation outcomes.

Following the meeting, we will submit additional written comments on selected projects in the Work Program.