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# STRUCTURED DIALOGUE WITH LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

19-22 November 2018  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## 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

# DAY ONE

Monday, 19 November 2018

08:30 – 09:30 Registration

Venue: Intercontinental Hotel new building (2nd floor in front of Blue Nile room)

09:30 – 10:30 **OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION**

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

## Welcome and Opening Remarks

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

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

Ms Ayaan Adam, Director of Private Sector Facility, GCF

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

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

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

## 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

Ms Ayaan Adam, Director of Private Sector Facility, GCF

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch & LDC Corners | Venue: Warka Room, 2nd floor

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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, Private Sector Consultant, GCF

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

Venue: Restaurant Totot (transportation will be provided)

# DAY TWO

Tuesday, 20 November 2018

09:00 – 09:15 **Recap of Day 1** | Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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**

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:00 **TECHNICAL SESSION 4: The GCF Project Life Cycle**

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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.

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, Private Sector Consultant, GCF

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

12:35 – 14:00 **Lunch & LDC Corners** | Venue: Warka Room, 2nd floor

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

Mr Déthié Soumaré Ndiaye, Coordinator, Climate Finance Unit, Centre de Suivi Ecologique

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

# DAY THREE

Wednesday, 21 November 2018

09:00 – 09:15 **Recap of Day 2** | Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

Mr Alvin Chandra, Regional Advisor for Asia-Pacific, GCF

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:30 **TECHNICAL SESSION 9: Pipeline Development**

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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, Private Sector Consultant, GCF

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch & LDC Corners** | Venue: Warka Room, 2nd floor

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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, Private Sector Consultant, GCF

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

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

Venue: Tewadros, 3rd floor

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, Private Sector Consultant, GCF



# DAY FOUR

Thursday, 22 November 2018

09:00 – 09:15 **Recap of Day 3**

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

Mr Alpha Kaloga, Regional Advisor for Africa, GCF

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

Mr Déthié Soumaré Ndiaye, Coordinator, Climate Finance Unit, Centre de Suivi Ecologique

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

10:15 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

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

Venue: 3rd floor meeting rooms

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.

<p><b>Direct Access Matters</b></p> <p>Ms Janie Rioux, Agriculture and Food Security Senior Specialist, GCF</p> <p>Mr Kabishi Tshilumba, Entity Relations Specialist, GCF</p>	<p><b>Monitoring and Reporting of GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme</b></p> <p>Ms Yewon Kim, Senior Researcher – Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme, GCF</p>	<p><b>National Adaptation Planning</b></p> <p>Mr Jason Spensley, Senior Specialist – PPF and NAPs, GCF</p>	<p><b>Simplified Approval Process &amp; REDD+</b></p> <p>Ms Grace Eunhye Lee, Project Officer, GCF</p>
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**11:45 – 12:45 TECHNICAL SESSION 13B: Parallel Clinics on GCF Support Tools to Build the Pipeline**

Venue: 3rd floor meeting rooms

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.

<p><b>Accreditation Matters</b></p> <p>Mr Kabishi Tshilumba, Entity Relations Specialist, GCF</p>	<p><b>Project Preparation Facility</b></p> <p>Mr Jason Spensley, Senior Specialist – PPF and NAPs, GCF</p>	<p><b>Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme</b></p> <p>Ms Adeyemi Sandra Freitas, Country Dialogue Specialist for Africa, GCF</p> <p>Ms Diane McFadzien, Country Dialogue Specialist for Asia-Pacific, GCF</p>	<p><b>Focus Group Discussion with NDAs and AEs on key concerns regarding the implementation of GCF programmes/projects</b></p> <p>Ms Janie Rioux, Agriculture and Food Security Senior Specialist, GCF</p> <p>Mr Pierre Telep, Renewable Energy Senior Specialist, GCF</p> <p>Mr Roberto La Rovere, Evaluation Adviser, Independent Evaluation Unit, GCF</p>
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10:45 – 12:45 Bilateral Sessions

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch & LDC Corners | Venue: Warka Room, 2nd floor

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

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 **Closing Remarks**

Venue: Blue Nile, 1st floor

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

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

Venue: Warka Room, 2nd floor

