



Progress Report for Least Developed Countries Fund and Special Climate Change Fund

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LDCF: Financial Summary

As of September 30, 2020

	\$ Millions
Total cumulative pledges	1,597.62 *
Total paid contributions	1,495.04 *
Paid contributions during reporting period	151.09
New pledges during reporting period	27.36 *
Cumulative funding approvals	1,529.48 *
Funds available for new approvals	82.45*
December 2020 Work Program	63.87**

* Includes \$25.90 million in contributions received from October 1 to November 10, 2020, and excludes the December 2020 LDCF Work Program.

** GEF project financing and Agency fee, excluding PPGs and fees.

LDCF: Funding Approvals

from November 2019 to October 2020

17 FSPs and 8 MSPs approved since the December 2019 Work Program

GEF ID	Country	Agency	Project	LDCF project finance* (\$ million)	Co-financing (\$ million)
10159	Sudan	FAO	Resilience of Pastoral and Farming Communities in North Darfur	2.43	10.00
10160	Guinea	UNDP	Resilience and adaptive capacity of communities in Forested Guinea	8.85	26.60
10176	Mauritania	FAO	Pastoral farming producer resilience in South East watershed of Mauritania	4.42	15.00
10178**	South Sudan	UNDP	Watershed approaches for climate resilience in agropastoral landscapes	8.47	26.50
10180	Djibouti	UNEP	Ecosystem based Adaptation in Djibouti's Dikhil and Tadjourah regions	8.93	13.13
10320	Haiti	UNDP	Climatic resilience of the drinking water sector in the South of Haiti	4.50	31.60
10350	Sudan	IFAD	Sustainable Natural Resource and Livelihood Adaptive Programme	2.00	76.96
10362**	Mali	FAO	Resilient, productive and sustainable landscapes in Mali's Kayes Region	2.27	9.37
10364	Tanzania	FAO	Resilience of communities and ecosystems	4.42	40.98
10376	Liberia	UNDP	Resilience of vulnerable coastal communities in Sinoe County	8.93	53.70
10377	DR Congo	UNIDO	Innovation, transfer and deployment of adaptation technologies	8.93	40.73
10395	Myanmar	FAO	RICE-Adapt	8.93	40.00
10411	Malawi	AfDB	Resilient fisheries, aquaculture and watershed management	4.42	14.39

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** Multi-trust fund project with GEF Trust Fund

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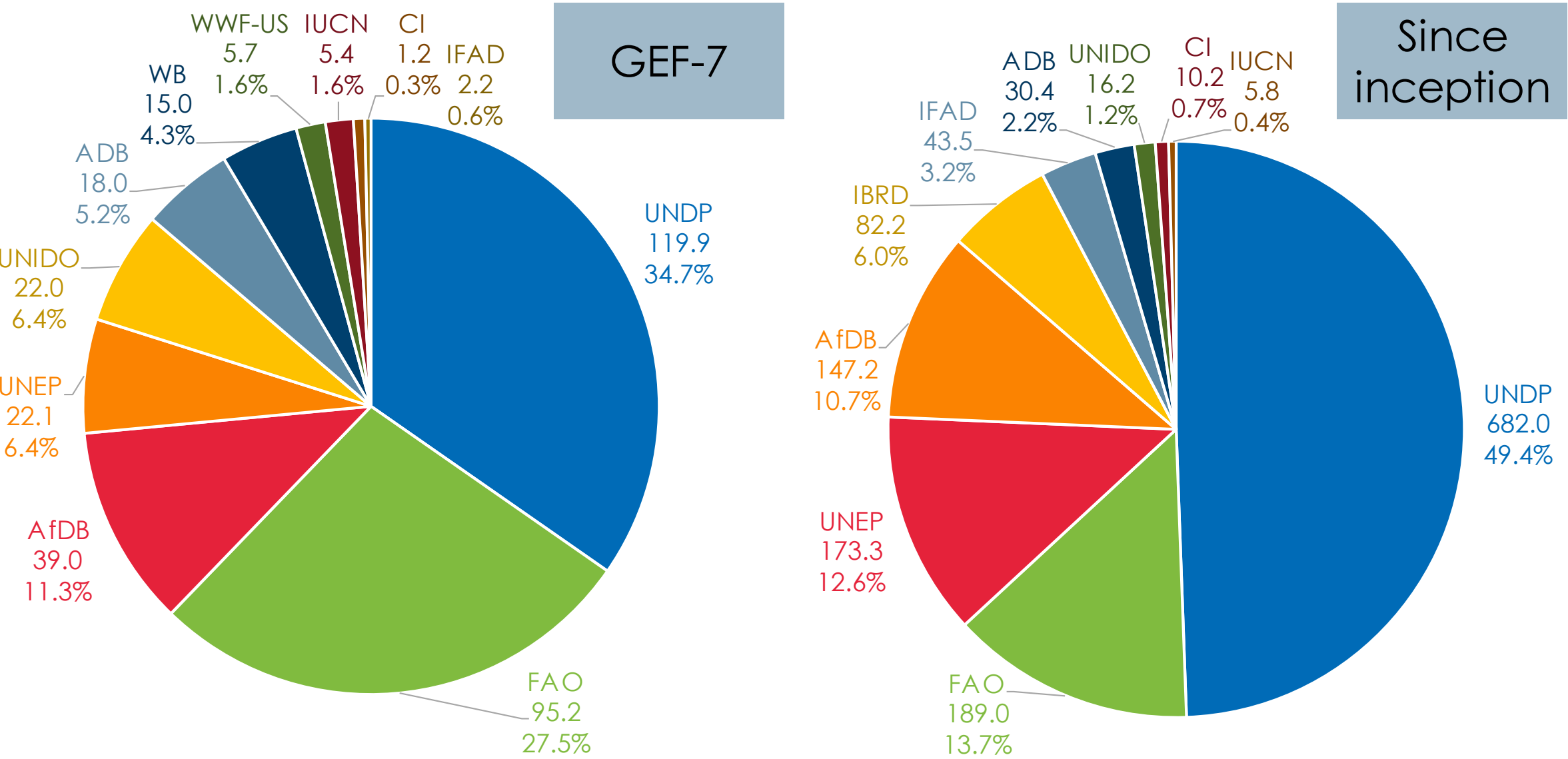
GEF ID	Country	Agency	Project	LDCF project finance* (\$ million)	Co-financing (\$ million)
10415**	Vanuatu	UNDP	Adaptation to Climate Change in the Coastal Zone in Vanuatu – Phase II	6.72	29.07
10418**	Tanzania	AfDB	Building resilience through sustainable land management in Dodoma	3.76	145.22
10430	Global	UNDP	Resilience for Peace & Stability, Food and Water Security Innovation	1.00	3.00
10431***	Asia	ADB	Public-Private Partnerships for Coral Reef Insurance in Asia and the Pacific	0.44	0.68
10432	Congo DR, Uganda	IUCN	Reviving high quality coffee to stimulate climate adaptation in smallholder farming communities	1.15	3.19
10433***	Global	UNIDO	Innovative financing for climate adaptation technologies in cities	0.23	0.73
10435	Regional	CI	Adaptation Accelerator Program	1.03	2.82
10436***	Global	WWF-US	Investment Readiness for the Landscape Resilience Fund	0.57	8.04
10514	Lao PDR	UNDP	Water Resource Management and Ecosystem-based Adaptation	5.33	20.00
10516	Burkina Faso	FAO	Climate resilience of agro-sylvo-pastoral production systems	8.93	40.17
10525	Global	UNEP	Endogenous Capacities of LDCs to Access Climate Adaptation Finance	1.98	1.98
10562**	Yemen	FAO	Resilient and sustainable livelihoods for rural Yemen	9.01	42.00
Totals				117.65	695.86

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LDCF: Agency Distribution (\$ Million)

As of September 30, 2020



Source: Financial Report prepared by the Trustee, November 2020.

LDCF: CEO Endorsements/Approval

from November 2019 to October 2020

GEF ID	Period	Country	Project title	Agency	LDCF project finance* (\$ million)	Co-financing (\$ million)
6989	GEF-6	Nepal	Developing climate resilient livelihoods in the vulnerable watershed in Nepal	UNDP	7.00	35.79
8001	GEF-6	Chad	Community-based climate risks management in Chad	UNDP	5.25	12.50
8020	GEF-6	Niger	Planning and financing adaptation in Niger	UNDP	8.92	31.87
8032	GEF-6	Burkina Faso	Promoting index-based weather insurance for small holder farmers in Burkina Faso	UNDP	4.47	24.50
8034	GEF-6	Zambia	Building the Resilience of Local Communities in Zambia Through the Introduction of EbA into priority Ecosystems, including Wetlands and Forests	UNEP	6.18	15.39
9201	GEF-6	Cambodia	Climate Adaptation and Resilience in Cambodia's Coastal Fishery Dependent Communities	FAO	4.35	16.02
9303	GEF-6	Ethiopia	Climate Change Adaptation in the Lowland Ecosystems of Ethiopia	UNDP	5.84	10.45
9364	GEF-6	Sao Tome & Principe	São Tomé and Príncipe Adaptation to Climate Change - Additional Financing	World Bank	6.00	8.40
9723	GEF-6	South Sudan	South Sudan: Strengthening the Capacity of Government and Communities in South Sudan to Adapt to Climate Change	UNEP	9.03	25.89
10083	GEF-7	Sudan	Sustainable Natural Resources Management Project	World Bank	4.57	10.00
Totals					61.61	190.81

* Exclusive of fees & PPG

LDCF Project Example

Integrated Adaptation Program for Resilience of Communities and Ecosystems in the Dry Miombo Woodlands of Tanzania Mainland and Dryland of Zanzibar (FAO)

Overview

- GEF Support: \$5 million; Co-finance \$40.98 million
- Resilience of production systems and supply chains to reduce local communities' vulnerability to climate impacts
- Introduce and commercialize new technologies and innovative financial incentives for adaptation
- Contribute to climate policy and planning to strengthen climate resilience of value chains

Expected Results

- Beneficiaries: 82,000 people (55% female)
- Land under more climate resilient management: 27,000 hectares

LDCF: Expected Results of Projects Approved or Endorsed

As of October 31, 2020

Total Number of Projects Endorsed or Approved: 197



Indicator	Projects	Value
# of direct beneficiaries	169	22.96 million
Hectares of land better managed to withstand the effects of climate change	98	3.48 million
# of projects that contribute towards public awareness of climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation	152	n/a
# of risk and vulnerability assessments, and other relevant scientific and technical assessments carried out and updated	67	289
# of projects that expand access to improved climate information services	88	n/a
# of projects that expand access to improved, climate-related early-warning information	64	n/a
# of people trained to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor and/or evaluate adaptation strategies and measures	130	801,431
# of regional, national and sub-national institutions with strengthened capacities to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor and evaluate adaptation strategies and measures	86	701
# of regional, national and sector-wide policies, plans and processes developed and strengthened to identify, prioritize and integrate adaptation strategies and measures	95	367
# of sub-national plans and processes developed and strengthened to identify, prioritize and integrate adaptation strategies and measures	93	1,757

LDCF Update on Country Consultations

- Consultations completed with all 17 countries.
- All GEF-6 pipelined projects have been updated or redesigned.
- 3 countries have projects in December 2020 Work Program.
- If approved, all 17 countries will have accessed LDCF resources in GEF-7.

SCCF Financial Summary

As of September 30, 2020

	\$ Millions
Total cumulative pledges	356.09
Total paid contributions	349.44
Paid contributions during reporting period	0.84
New pledges during reporting period	0.00
Cumulative funding approvals	361.93
Funds available for new approvals	12.21
December 2020 Work Program	0.00

† Figures are subject to currency exchange fluctuations

SCCF Funding Approvals

from November 2019 to October 2020

7 MSPs approved

GEF ID	Country	Project	Agency	SCCF project finance* (\$ millions)	Co-financing (\$ millions)
10431**	Regional	Public-Private Partnership for Coral Reef Insurance	ADB	0.84	3.35
10433**	Regional	Piloting Innovative Financing for Adaptation Technologies in Medium-Sized Cities	UNIDO	0.45	2.30
10434	Regional	Blended finance for climate resilience in coffee and cacao value chains	UNEP	1.09	7.00
10436**	Global	Landscape Resilience Fund	WWF-US	0.57	16.08
10437	Regional	Financial tools for small scale fishers in Melanesia	WWF-US	1.01	5.30
10438** *	Colombia	Drones for Equitable Climate Change Adaptation	CAF	0.50	2.67
10632	Global	Using systemic approaches and simulation to scale nature-based infrastructure for climate adaptation	UNIDO	2.00	3.59
Total				6.46	40.28

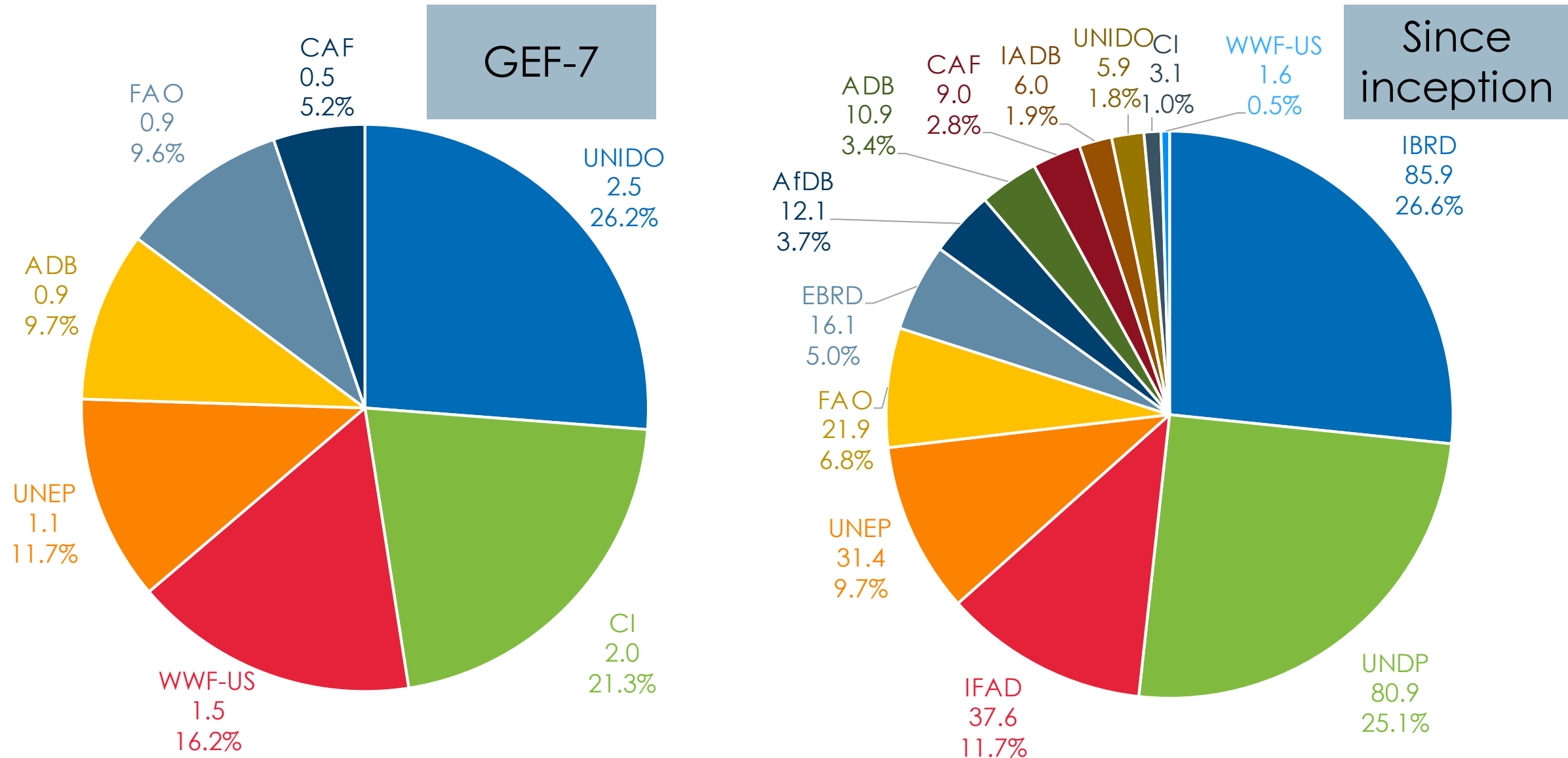
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*** CEO Approved

SCCF: Agency Distribution (\$ Million)

As of September 30, 2020



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SCCF Expected Results of Projects Approved or Endorsed

As of October 31, 2020

Total Number of SCCF Projects Endorsed or Approved: 76

Indicator	Projects	Value
# of direct beneficiaries	58	6.99 million
Hectares of land better managed to withstand the effects of climate change	20	3.75 million
# of projects that contribute towards public awareness of climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation	51	n/a
# of risk and vulnerability assessments, and other relevant scientific and technical assessments carried out and updated	31	7,596
# of projects that expand access to improved climate information services	31	n/a
# of projects that expand access to improved, climate-related early-warning information	15	n/a
# of people trained to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor and/or evaluate adaptation strategies and measures	47	116,673
# of regional, national and sub-national institutions with strengthened capacities to identify, prioritize, implement, monitor and evaluate adaptation strategies and measures	28	215
# of regional, national and sector-wide policies, plans and processes developed and strengthened to identify, prioritize and integrate adaptation strategies and measures	33	140
# of sub-national plans and processes developed and strengthened to identify, prioritize and integrate adaptation strategies and measures	24	227

SCCF Project Example

Unmanned Aviation Vehicles (UAVs - Drones) for Equitable Climate Change Adaptation (Colombia, CAF in partnership with MIT)

Overview

- GEF Support: \$550,000; Co-finance \$2.67 million
- A project of the Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation
- Localized climate impact and early warning data production by drones
- Use of localized climate data by national agencies and financial institutions to budget and design commercial lending products
- Contributions to national policy and municipal planning
- Strong potential for replication

Expected Results

- Beneficiaries: 40,600 people (51% female)
- Land under more climate resilient management : 3,122 hectares

Challenge Program for Adaptation Innovation

Background

- Based on Adaptation Programming Strategy and guided by Council to catalyze innovation and private sector engagement
- Call for proposals in September 2019 for \$10 million (388 submissions from 343 organizations)
- 9 concepts invited to prepare projects for review through the regular GEF process and profiled at COP25

Progress

- All 9 projects approved; 1 CEO approved
- Examples of initial results:
 - Discussions advanced with anchor investor for the Landscape Resilience Fund
 - Coral Reef Insurance working group initiated
 - Finance institutions convened across Central America and Dominican Republic to catalyze microfinance for resilience

Reflections

- Demonstrating potential to:
 - Meet needs to stimulate adaptation innovation and private sector adaptation
 - Engage non-traditional partners in the business of the GEF
 - Capitalize on private sector partners' ideas and resources





Thank You