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MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO EVALUATION OF THE SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

1. The GEF Secretariat welcomes the Evaluation of the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF), prepared by the GEF Evaluation Office. This Evaluation was based on an in-depth assessment of the SCCF, following ten years after its implementation. The Secretariat thanks the Evaluation Office for an outstanding effort resulting in an in-depth and rigorous analysis.
2. Overall, the Secretariat is pleased that the findings of the Evaluation are overwhelmingly positive, including, notably, on the relevance of the SCCF to national sustainable development agendas of the beneficiary countries, its outstanding cost-effectiveness, and its responsiveness to COP guidance.
3. The Secretariat agrees with the finding that the funding of the SCCF has been identified as the single most relevant impediment, and that with adequate funding, some of the secondary issues raised in the Evaluation would not exist.
4. Concerning knowledge exchange and learning mechanism (Conclusion 11), the Secretariat notes that the lessons and knowledge from the SCCF projects have been captured through the Adaptation Learning Mechanism, an interagency global knowledge platform on climate change adaptation, which was financed under the Strategic Priority for Adaptation of the GEF Trust Fund in 2005. In addition, the GEF launched its knowledge management initiative at the 40th meeting of the GEF Council, which is also relevant to the SCCF. These are also examples of how the low levels of SCCF administrative costs are maintained.
5. The Secretariat is pleased to fully endorse the recommendations put forth in the Evaluation. The Secretariat would look forward to the implementation of the first recommendation, and would wish to see the donors respond to the appeal of the LDCF/SCCF Council to adequately fund the SCCF in a predictable manner. The Secretariat intends to take action in order to implement the second recommendation.