

October 22, 2015

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS
49TH GEF COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 20 – 22, 2015

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was opened by Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Facility.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

2. The Council elected Ms. Anyaa Vohiri, the Council Member representing Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Togo.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The Council adopted the provisional agenda set forth in document GEF/C.49/01/Rev.02.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL

4. Ms. Rosina Bierbaum, the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, made a statement to the Council on the activities undertaken by the Panel.

DECISIONS APPROVED

5. The Council approved the following decisions with respect to the items on its agenda.

Decision on Agenda Item 04

Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

6. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.49/06, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, welcomed the report and requested the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision on Agenda Item 06

Future Directions on Accreditation

7. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.49/04, *Future Directions on Accreditation*, appreciates the opportunity to discuss possible future directions on Agency accreditation.
8. The Council requests that the Secretariat undertake further work on the issues as described in the Council paper "Future Directions on Accreditation" (GEF/C.49/04), including an analysis of the geographic and thematic gaps that may exist within the Partnership and of the effectiveness of the current structure of the GEF Partnership. The Council requests that recommendations be presented at the next Council meeting in June 2016.
9. The Council also requests that the IEO conduct a survey across GEF Partner Agencies and recipient countries on the current structure of the GEF Partnership, and make recommendations based on the results of this survey to feed into the planned review of the health of the GEF Partnership as part of the Sixth Overall Performance Study of the GEF (OPS6). The Council requests that a preliminary analysis be presented at the next Council meeting in June 2016.

Decision on Agenda Item 07

Semi-Annual Evaluation Report October 2015 and Management Response

10. The Council, having reviewed the section on the Joint Impact Evaluation of GEF Support to Protected Areas and Surrounding Landscapes, in the "Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: October 2015," and GEF/ME/C.49/02, "Management Response to the Semi-Annual Evaluation Report October 2015", takes note of the conclusions of the evaluation, endorses the recommendations and requests the Secretariat to implement the recommendations, including recommendation 4.

Decision on Agenda Item 11

Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY15: Part I

11. The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.49/03/Rev.01, *Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY 15: Part I*, welcomes the overall finding that the GEF portfolio under implementation in FY15 performed satisfactorily across all focal areas. The Council welcomes the update on the replenishment targets against expected results for approved projects and the first disbursement analysis.
12. The Council requests that the Secretariat and GEF Agencies provide a further breakdown and explanation of the factors behind the significant timeframes taken for first disbursement by some GEF Agencies and to present a report at the next Council meeting in June 2016.

Decision on Agenda Item 12

Work Program

13. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.49/05, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, approved the work program comprising 17 project concepts (including a child project from a programmatic approach approved as part of GEF-5) and two programmatic approaches,

subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by November 5, 2015.

14. Total resources approved in this work program¹ amounted to \$254.99 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Documents (PFDs):

Programmatic Approaches

1. **Global (Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Sudan)** : Leapfrogging Markets to High Efficiency Products (Appliances, including Lighting, and Electrical Equipment)(PROGRAM) (UNEP/UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,370,000) GEF ID 9083
2. **Regional (Brazil, Colombia, Peru)** : Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program (World Bank/WWF-US, UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$113,684,455) GEF ID 9272

Non-Grant Instrument Projects

3. **Regional (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Morocco, Moldova, Montenegro, Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Serbia)** : Green Logistics Program (non-grant) (EBRD) (GEF Project Grant : \$15,000,000) GEF ID 9047
4. **Regional (Latin America and Caribbean)** : Risk Mitigation Instrument for Land Restoration (Non-Grant) (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$15,000,000) GEF ID 9277

Multi Focal Area Project²

5. **Bhutan**: Enhancing Sustainability and Climate Resilience of Forest and Agricultural Landscape and Community Livelihoods (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,467,124) GEF ID 9199

Climate Change

6. **China** : Energy Efficiency Improvement in Public Sector Buildings (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,932,420) GEF ID 6930

¹ The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects, abstains from participating in the Council decisions on the following projects: 1) China : Energy Efficiency Improvement in Public Sector Buildings (UNDP), 2) China : Integrated Adoption of New Energy Vehicles in China (UNIDO), and opposes and therefore does not join the Council decision that supports the project: 1) Global (Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Sudan) : Leapfrogging Markets to High Efficiency Products (Appliances, including Lighting, and Electrical Equipment) (UNEP/UNDP).

² This is a Multi-Trust Fund project. Presented in his work program is the GEF TRUST FUND financial component. The LDCF financial component is presented separately in the LDCF/SCCF work program.

7. **Brazil** : Biogas Applications for the Brazilian Agro-industry (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$7,000,000) GEF ID 9057
8. **Indonesia** : IBRD Geothermal Energy Upstream Development Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,250,000) GEF ID 9115
9. **Kazakhstan** : De-risking Renewable Energy Investment In Kazakhstan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,510,000) GEF ID 9192
10. **Uganda** : NAMA on Integrated Waste Management and Biogas in Uganda (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,170,030) GEF ID 9210
11. **Tuvalu** : Facilitation of the Achievement of Sustainable National Energy Targets of Tuvalu (FASNETT (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,639,725) GEF ID 9220
12. **Mozambique** : Towards Sustainable Energy for All in Mozambique: Promoting Market- Based Dissemination of Integrated Renewable Energy Systems for Productive Activities in Rural Areas (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,851,384) GEF ID 9225
13. **China** : Integrated Adoption of New Energy Vehicles in China (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$8,930,000) GEF ID 9226
14. **Samoa** : Improving the Performance and Reliability of RE Power Systems in Samoa (IMPRESS) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,075,828) GEF ID 9251
15. **India** : Creating and Sustaining Markets for Energy Efficiency (UNEP/ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$18,855,963) GEF ID 9258
16. **Papua New Guinea** : Facilitating Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Applications for Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction (FREAGER) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,840,640) GEF ID 9273
17. **Tanzania** : Promotion of Bio-Ethanol as Alternative Clean Fuel for Cooking in the United Republic of Tanzania (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,457,078) GEF ID 9281
18. **Liberia** : Increasing Energy Access through the Promotion of Energy Efficient Appliances in Liberia (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,639,726) GEF ID 9292

Child Project Approved under the GEF-5 Programmatic Approach

19. **Marshall Islands**: R2R Reimaanlok – Looking into the future: Strengthening Natural Resource Management in Atoll communities in the Republic of Marshall Islands Employing Integrated Approaches (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,927,981) GEF ID 5544 under the *R2R Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve*

Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods

15. With respect to the following two programmatic approaches, the Council requested the Secretariat to circulate all Child Projects to Council members for review and comment at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

- (a) **Global (Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Sudan)** : Leapfrogging Markets to High Efficiency Products (Appliances, including Lighting, and Electrical Equipment)(PROGRAM) (UNEP/UNDP)
- (b) **Regional Brazil, Colombia, Peru**) : Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program (World Bank/WWF-US, UNDP)

16. With respect to the following four projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to circulate for Council members for review and comment the final draft documents, at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

- (a) **Regional (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Morocco, Moldova, Montenegro, Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Serbia)** : Green Logistics Program (non-grant) (EBRD)
- (b) **Regional (Latin America and Caribbean)** : Risk Mitigation Instrument for Land Restoration (Non-Grant) (IADB)
- (c) **Indonesia** : IBRD Geothermal Energy Upstream Development Project (World Bank)
- (d) **Liberia** : Increasing Energy Access through the Promotion of Energy Efficient Appliances in Liberia (AfDB)

17. With respect to any other PIF approved in this work program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project scope and approach since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

18. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 49th session of the work program is part of the associated Annex 1 appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

19. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.49/07/Rev.02, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee (SRC) on FY15 Performance Evaluation and FY16 Goals for the GEF CEO and Chairperson and IEO Director*:³

- (a) Takes note of the FY16 goals for the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) and the GEF CEO and requests the SRC to present the performance evaluation of the IEO Director and the GEF CEO for the Council's review at its second meeting in 2016;
- (b) Agrees with the SRC's positive assessment of the GEF CEO's FY15 performance and the recommendation to provide the GEF CEO with a "3" rating on the World Bank's 5-point scale, with an associated merit-based salary increase in line with the relevant World Bank-approved schedule for World Bank executives. The Council requests the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department.
- (c) Agrees with the SRC's positive assessment of the GEF IEO Director's FY15 performance and the recommendation to provide the GEF IEO Director with a "4" rating on the World Bank's 5-point scale, with an associated merit-based salary increase in line with the relevant World Bank-approved schedule for World Bank executives. The Council requests the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department.

20. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.49/08, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee on the Reappointment of the GEF CEO and Chairperson*, took note of the SRC's recommendation and approved the reappointment of Ms. Naoko Ishii as CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for her second, and final, four-year term beginning August 1, 2016. The Council wished, in particular, to note Ms. Ishii's leadership in advancing a reform agenda for GEF-6, preparing the GEF2020 strategy, delivering a record replenishment, as well as her dedication to improving the GEF partnership.

21. The Council requests the Secretariat to seek a decision by mail that amends the Council decision on document GEF/C.47/07, *Improving the GEF Project Cycle*, such that child projects submitted to the Secretariat will be circulated to Council for review and comment four weeks in advance of CEO endorsement/approval. This arrangement will be reviewed at the June 2017 Council meeting. The Council further requests the Secretariat to update document GEF/C.39/Inf.03, *GEF Project and Programmatic Approach Cycles*, to reflect any decisions taken since it was issued.

³ The Council Members representing Italy, France and Spain abstained from participating in the decision on the salary increases, contained in paragraph 19 (b) and (c).

22. The Council confirmed that it will hold its spring 2017 meeting during the week of May 22, 2017.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

23. The meeting closed on October 22, 2015.

Global Environment Facility
Table 1: Record of GEF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Projects/Programs and Resulting Council Decisions
Council Meeting, October 20 - 22, 2015

					Project Funding			Project Funding			
					Amounts Requested for Funding			Amounts Approved by Council			
					in US\$			in US\$			
	GEF_ID	Agency	Title	Country	Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	40% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
<u>Programmatic Approaches</u>											
1	9083	UNEP/ UNDP	Leapfrogging Markets to High Efficiency Products (Appliances, including Lighting, and Electrical Equipment) (PROGRAM)	Global (Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Sudan)	10,370,000	933,300	11,303,300	10,370,000	933,300	11,303,300	0
2	9272	World Bank/ WWF-US, UNDP	Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program	Regional (Brazil, Colombia, Peru)	113,684,455	10,231,601	123,916,056	113,684,455	10,231,601	123,916,056	0
<u>Sub-total Programmatic Approaches</u>					124,054,455	11,164,901	135,219,356	124,054,455	11,164,901	135,219,356	0

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<u>Non-Grant Instrument Projects</u>											
3	9047	EBRD	Green Logistics Program (Non-Grant)	Regional (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Morocco, Moldova, Montenegro, Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Serbia)	15,000,000	1,350,000	16,350,000	15,000,000	1,350,000	16,350,000	540,000
4	9277	IADB	Risk Mitigation Instrument for Land Restoration (Non-Grant)	Regional (Latin America and Caribbean)	15,000,000	1,350,000	16,350,000	15,000,000	1,350,000	16,350,000	540,000
<u>Sub-total Non-Grant Instrument Projects</u>					30,000,000	2,700,000	32,700,000	30,000,000	2,700,000	32,700,000	1,080,000
<u>Multi Focal Area Projects</u>											
5	9199	UNDP	Enhancing Sustainability and Climate Resilience of Forest and Agricultural Landscape and Community Livelihoods	Bhutan	3,467,124	312,041	3,779,165	3,467,124	312,041	3,779,165	124,816
<u>Sub-total Multi Focal Area Projects</u>					3,467,124	312,041	3,779,165	3,467,124	312,041	3,779,165	124,816

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<u>Climate Change</u>											
6	9057	UNIDO	Biogas Applications for the Brazilian Agro-industry	Brazil	7,000,000	665,000	7,665,000	7,000,000	665,000	7,665,000	266,000
7	6930	UNDP	Energy Efficiency Improvement in Public Sector Buildings	China	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	8,932,420	848,580	9,781,000	339,432
8	9226	UNIDO	Integrated Adoption of New Energy Vehicles in China	China	8,930,000	848,350	9,778,350	8,930,000	848,350	9,778,350	339,340
9	9258	ADB/ UNEP	Creating and Sustaining Markets for Energy Efficiency	India	18,855,963	1,697,037	20,553,000	18,855,963	1,697,037	20,553,000	678,815
10	9115	World Bank	IBRD Geothermal Energy Upstream Development Project	Indonesia	6,250,000	593,750	6,843,750	6,250,000	593,750	6,843,750	237,500
11	9192	UNDP	De-risking Renewable Energy Investment In Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	4,510,000	428,450	4,938,450	4,510,000	428,450	4,938,450	171,380
12	9292	AfDB	Increasing Energy Access through the Promotion of Energy Efficient	Liberia	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	100,310

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			Appliances in Liberia								
13	9225	UNIDO	Towards Sustainable Energy for All in Mozambique: Promoting Market-Based Dissemination of Integrated Renewable Energy Systems for Productive Activities in Rural Areas	Mozambique	2,851,384	270,881	3,122,265	2,851,384	270,881	3,122,265	108,352
14	9273	UNDP	Facilitating Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Applications for Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction (FREAGER)	Papua New Guinea	2,840,640	269,860	3,110,500	2,840,640	269,860	3,110,500	107,944
15	9251	UNDP	Improving the Performance and Reliability of RE Power Systems in Samoa (IMPRESS)	Samoa	6,075,828	577,204	6,653,032	6,075,828	577,204	6,653,032	230,882
16	9281	UNIDO	Promotion of Bio-Ethanol as Alternative Clean Fuel for Cooking	Tanzania	2,457,078	233,422	2,690,500	2,457,078	233,422	2,690,500	93,369

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			in the United Republic of Tanzania								
17	9220	UNDP	Facilitation of the Achievement of Sustainable National Energy Targets of Tuvalu (FASNETT)	Tuvalu	2,639,725	250,774	2,890,499	2,639,725	250,774	2,890,499	100,310
18	9210	UNDP	NAMA on Integrated Waste Management and Biogas in Uganda	Uganda	2,170,030	206,153	2,376,183	2,170,030	206,153	2,376,183	82,461
<u>Sub-total Climate Change</u>					76,152,794	7,140,235	83,293,029	76,152,794	7,140,235	83,293,029	2,856,094
GRAND TOTAL					233,674,373	21,317,177	254,991,550	233,674,373	21,317,177	254,991,550	4,060,910

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Table 2: Record of GEF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Projects under Programmatic Approaches and Resulting Council Decisions
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					Project Funding			Project Funding			
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GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country		Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	40% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
Multi Focal Area											
5395	R2R- Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods							Approved by Council in June 2013			
1	5544	UNDP	R2R Reimaanlok Looking to the Future: Strengthening Natural Resource Management in Atoll Communities in the Republic of Marshall Islands Employing Integrated Approaches (RMI R2R)	Marshall Islands	3,927,981	353,519	4,281,500	3,927,981	353,519	4,281,500	141,408
Sub-total Multi Focal Area					3,927,981	353,519	4,281,500	3,927,981	353,519	4,281,500	141,408
GRAND TOTAL					3,927,981	353,519	4,281,500	3,927,981	353,519	4,281,500	141,408

Note: the Programmatic Approach PMIS ID5395: “R2R- Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods” was approved by Council in June 2013 Council Meeting.

Under this PA, the PIF of the child project PMIS ID5208: “R2R: Advancing Sustainable Resources Management to Improve Livelihoods and Protect Biodiversity in Palau” was approved by Council in March 2014 with an increased GEF financing amount of \$800,000 in comparison with the originally allocated amount in the PFD document, inclusive of Agency fees, PPG and PPG fees.

Also under this PA, a minor amendment with an increased GEF financing amount of \$535,525, inclusive of Agency fees, to the child project PMIS ID5404: “R2R: Testing the Integration of Water, Land, Forest & Coastal Management to Preserve Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods in Pacific Island Countries” was endorsed by the GEF CEO in April 2015.

The GEF Secretariat, therefore, instructed the Trustee to increase the envelope for the programmatic approach ID5395 by a total of \$1,335,525 accordingly, on September 4, 2015, in order to allow for the PIF of the final child project ID 5544 under this PA to be submitted to Council for approval during the October 2015 Council Meeting.

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Table 3: Record of GEF Trust Fund Resources Requested by Agency and Resulting Council Decisions
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Summary of Council Decisions

GEFTF

Funding status as of 10/22/2015 \$ 320,361,312
Approvals by Council \$ 254,991,550
Funding status after Council Meeting \$ 65,369,762

Agency	GEFTF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			GEFTF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	40% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
Project/Programmatic Approach funding							
ADB	14,345,806	1,114,081	15,459,887	14,345,806	1,114,081	15,459,887	445,632
AFDB	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	100,310
CI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DBSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FAO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IADB	15,000,000	1,350,000	16,350,000	15,000,000	1,350,000	16,350,000	540,000
IFAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDP	63,252,694	5,828,586	69,081,280	63,252,694	5,828,586	69,081,280	1,157,225
UNEP	9,610,157	1,041,956	10,652,113	9,610,157	1,041,956	10,652,113	233,182
UNIDO	21,238,462	2,017,653	23,256,115	21,238,462	2,017,653	23,256,115	807,061
World Bank	83,580,000	7,553,450	91,133,450	83,580,000	7,553,450	91,133,450	237,500
WWF-US	9,007,528	810,677	9,818,205	9,007,528	810,677	9,818,205	-
Sub-total	233,674,373	21,317,177	254,991,550	233,674,373	21,317,177	254,991,550	4,060,910
GRAND TOTAL	233,674,373	21,317,177	254,991,550	233,674,373	21,317,177	254,991,550	4,060,910