

68th GEF Council Meeting
December 16--20, 2024
Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item 17

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE GEF COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was opened by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Facility. Dawda Badgie, Council member for Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, and The Gambia, is the designated as Elected Chairperson for the calendar year 2024 by decision 29/2023 adopted on December 19, 2023.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The Council adopted the provisional agenda set forth in document GEF/C.68/01.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OFFICE

3. Ms. Geeta Batra, Director of the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF, presented the Council the document GEF/E/C.68/Inf.01, *Semi-Annual Evaluation of the Independent Evaluation Office Report: December 2024*.

RELATIONS WITH THE CONVENTIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

4. Ms. Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity; Ms. Noura Hamladji, Deputy Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change; Mr. Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary General, Acting Legal Counsel of the United Nations; Mr. Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions; Ms. Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; and Mr. Houtan Bassiri, Innovative Financing and Partnerships Manager, UN Convention to Combat Desertification addressed the Council.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL

5. 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

Decision 43/2024 *The GEF Monitoring Report 2024*

6. The Council, having considered GEF/C.68/03, the *GEF Monitoring Report 2024*, welcomes the report and continued implementation of the GEF-8 Results Measurement Framework and GEF Risk Appetite.

Decision 44/2024 *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*

7. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.68/04/Rev.02, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, approves the Work Program comprising 31 projects and programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 17, 2025¹.

¹ The United States in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons, (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, or

8. Total GEF resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$554.6 million, including GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Documents (PFDs):

OTHER PROGRAMS

9. **Global (Cameroon, Eswatini, Gabon, Madagascar, Nigeria, Uganda)** Global Elimination Program for PCB (GEP-PCB) (GEF ID 11749). Agency: World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, AfDB; GEF Project Financing: \$ 43,825,000; Co-financing: \$ 163,000,000.

10. **Global (Belize, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Seychelles, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Türkiye, Vanuatu)**. Integrated Collaborative Approaches for Sustainable Tourism Program (iCOAST) (GEF ID 11729). Agency: UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, FAO, IADB, EBRD, WWF-US; GEF Project Financing: \$ 81,834,862; Co-financing: \$ 737,768,029

11. **Global (Pakistan)**. Global Clean Hydrogen Programme – Addendum (GEF ID 11723). Agency: UNIDO; GEF Project financing: \$1,326,147; Co-financing: \$26,826,484.

12. **Global (Benin, Costa Rica, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria)**. Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management Plus Program - FARM+ (GEF ID 11682). Agency: UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, FAO, AfDB; GEF Project Financing: \$ 59,074,144 (LDCF – 5,390,302; GEF TF – \$ 53,683,842); Co-financing: \$ 556,741,692.

(iii) do not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security forces; and in light of its policies related to development projects in China, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 11543 in China.

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The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries that are state sponsors of terrorism; in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons or (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; and in light of its policies related to development projects in Nicaragua and Venezuela, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 11698 in Cuba, Nicaragua, South Sudan, and Venezuela.

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STAND-ALONE FULL-SIZED PROJECTS (PIFs)

Biodiversity

13. **Global.** GEF-8 Inclusive Conservation Initiative (GEF ID 11761). Agency: WWF; GEF Project Financing: \$22,535,780; Co-financing: \$83,799,902.
14. **China.** Conserving Biodiversity and Natural Resources through Spatial Planning and Integrated Landscape Management (GEF ID 11693). Agency: UNDP. GEF Project Financing: \$5,509,453; co-financing: \$59,400,000.
15. **Brazil.** Integrated Landscape Management for Biodiversity Conservation and mitigating Climate Change in the Caatinga - Conecta Caatinga (GEF ID 11565). Agency: Funbio; GEF Project Financing: \$5,504,588; Co-financing: \$17,000,000.
16. **Indonesia.** Strengthening the integrated landscape management and governance for the conservation and sustainable use of forested areas important for biodiversity and ecosystem services (AIBDES) in Indonesia (GEF ID 11530). Indonesia. FAO. GEF Project Financing: \$7,105,936; Co-financing: \$56,000,000.

Chemicals and Waste

17. **Global.** Chemicals and Wastes Financing Partnership Facility (CWFPF) (GEF ID 11681); Agency: ADB, UNIDO; GEF Project Financing: \$29,083,000; Co-financing: \$ 300,800,000.
18. **China.** Life Cycle Management Project in Plastic Industry in China (GEF ID 11543); Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$20,265,000; Co-financing: \$182,385,000.

Climate Change

19. **India.** Accelerating sustainable energy transition for decarbonization of micro, small and medium manufacturing enterprises in India (GEF ID 11758). Agency: UNIDO; GEF Project financing: \$8,982,420; Co-financing: \$71,190,000.
20. **Regional (Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname).** Strengthening national capacities for implementing the Enhanced Transparency Framework in Caribbean countries (GEF ID 11675). Agency UNEP; GEF Project financing: \$ 6,750,000; Co-financing: \$ 375,000.

International Waters

21. **Regional (Kenya, Tanzania).** Unlocking the Groundwater Potential of the Kilimanjaro Water Tower (GEF ID 11547). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$7,105,936; Co-financing: \$56,500,000.
22. **Regional (Colombia, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Panama, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago).** Promoting the Integrated Management of Sargassum: Building Resilient Tourism and Fisheries Sectors through the Conservation of Marine Ecosystems in Caribbean countries (SargMarine) (GEF ID 11526). Agency: CAF; GEF Project Financing: \$10,000,000; Co-financing: \$76,300,000.

23. **Regional (Chile, Ecuador, Peru).** The Digital Seafood Revolution: Electronic catch documentation and traceability systems (eCDT) for sustainable and legal fisheries in Chile, Peru, and Ecuador (GEF ID 11674). Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$8,000,000; Co-financing: \$80,079,269.

Multi-Focal Area

24. **Liberia.** Promoting Sustainable Land Management for the achievement of Land Degradation Neutrality for Improved Equity, Sustainability, and Resilience in Rice Landscapes of Liberia (GEF ID 11720). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$ 5,114,019; Co-financing; USD 37,582,973).

25. **Fiji.** Revitalizing Ecosystems for Sustainable Agriculture and Resilience in Fiji (RESAR) (GEF ID 11718). Agency: IFAD; GEF Project Financing: \$8,226,629; Co-financing: \$13,200,000.

26. **Tanzania.** Integrated Landscape Management for Sustainable Ecosystem Services and Community Livelihoods in Wami-Ruvu River Basin (GEF ID 11407). Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$5,329,452; Co-financing: \$27,893,250.

Non-Grant Instrument

27. **Regional (Africa).** Green Mobility Financing Facility for Africa (GEF ID 11671). Agency: African Development Bank; GEF Project Financing: \$13,461,468; Co-financing: \$547,450,000.

28. **Rwanda.** Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Bond (GEF ID 11514). Agency: The World Bank; GEF project financing: \$9,000,000; Co-financing: \$154,100,000.

29. **Regional (Eastern Europe and Central Asia).** Sustainable and Inclusive Green Acceleration Programme (GEF ID 11513). Agency: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; GEF Project financing: \$13,761,469; Co-financing: \$253,808,341.

Multi-Trust Fund

30. **Samoa:** Strengthening Climate Adaptation, Biodiversity Conservation, and Combating Land Degradation through Ecosystem-based Adaptation (GEF ID 11700); Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$5,329,452 (SCCF-A: \$2,689,726; GEF TF: \$2,639,726); Co-financing: \$37,024,000.

31. **Togo:** Strengthening the resilience of natural and agro-ecosystems and communities to climate change in Central Togo (GEF ID 11548). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project financing: \$ 6,649,315 (LDCF: \$3,989,589; GEF TF: \$GET \$2,659,726); Co-financing: \$68,523,913.

Small Grants Programme

32. **Global.** Eighth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme (GEF ID 11757); SGP CSO Challenge Program. Agency: IUCN; GEF project financing: \$9,075,229; Co-financing: \$ 4,500,000.

33. **Global.** Eighth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme (GEF ID 11726). Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$65,420,307; Co-financing: \$65,420,307.

34. **Global.** Eighth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme (GEF ID 11698). Agency: FAO; GEF project financing \$17,500,554; Co-financing: \$ 17,500,554.

35. With respect to the following 5 projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:

36. **Montenegro.** Integrated management of multiple use landscapes/seascapes to promote biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, improve land and marine productivity and economic benefits to local communities (GEF ID 11533). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing \$5,594,293; Co-financing \$48,400,000.

37. **Colombia.** Participatory restoration to improve the provision of ecosystem services and connectivity at the landscape scale in Colombia (GEF ID 11679). Agency: UNEP; Project Financing: \$18,103,569; Co-financing: \$82,668,594.

38. **Brazil.** Environmentally sound management and disposal of excess mercury and mercury waste from removing mercury electrolytic cells in Brazil's chlor-alkali sector (Chlor-alkali Brazil) (GEF ID 11697); Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$12,000,000; Co-financing: \$344,250,000.

39. **Yemen.** Building Climate Resilience for Vulnerable Groups in Rural and Urban Areas of Yemen (GEF ID 11717). Agency: UNDP; Total Project Financing: \$19,883,486 (LDCF: \$18,098,624 and GEFTF: \$1,784,862); Co-financing: \$61,100,000.

40. **Ukraine.** Hazardous Waste Management and Policy Development Project for Ukraine (HWM-PDU) (GEF ID 11712); Agency: World Bank; GEF Project Financing: \$7,214,612; Co-financing: \$38,775,000.

41. With respect to the PIFs and PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs and PFDs (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the Work Program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

42. With respect to any 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 objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

Decision 45/2024

Streamlining the GEF Project Cycle: Report from the Working Group on the Streamlining Process

43. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.68/05/Rev.01, *Streamlining the GEF Project Cycle: Report from the Working Group on the Streaming Process*, decides to:

- i. Welcome the report and the progress made by the GEF to date in streamlining its operations;
- ii. Request the Secretariat and Agencies to work with OFPs to continue to streamline the project cycle as detailed in Table 1 and present any required policy amendments for consideration by Council at 69th Council meeting;
- iii. Request the Secretariat to undertake further analysis and elaboration of options for consideration as part of the preparation for GEF-9 negotiations, and
- iv. Request the Secretariat to report on implementation of the measures at the 70th Council meeting.

Decision 46/2024 *Evaluation of GEF Interventions in the Chemicals and Waste Focal Area GEF-5 to GEF-8 and Management Response*

44. The Council, having considered document GEF/E/C.68/01 *Evaluation of GEF Interventions in the Chemicals and Waste Focal Area GEF-5 to GEF-8*, and GEF/C.68/07, the *Management Response*, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.

Decision 47/2024 *Evaluation of GEF Programs in Pacific Small Island Developing States and Management Response*

45. The Council, having considered document GEF/E/C.68/02, *Evaluation of GEF Programs in Pacific Small Island Developing States*, and GEF/C.68/06, the *Management Response*, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.

Decision 48/2024 *Evaluation of Components of the GEF's Results Based Management System and Management Response*

46. The Council, having considered document GEF/E/C.68/03, *Evaluation of Components of the GEF's Results Based Management System*, and GEF/C.68/08, the *Management Response*, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.

Decision 49/2024 *Relations with Conventions & Other International Institutions*

47. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.68/09/Rev.01, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, welcomes the report and requests the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision 50/2024 *Strength of the Partnership: Coverage by Agencies*

48. The Council, having considered document, GEF/C.68/10/Rev.01, *Strength of the Partnership: Coverage by Agencies*, takes notes of the document and decides to:

- a. Request the Secretariat to develop options to add a limited number of additional agencies to the partnership, on the basis of analysis of agency regional coverage, particularly for LDCs and SIDS, and to strengthen engagement with CSOs, NGOs and the private sector, for consideration by the Council at its 69th meeting; and,
- b. Request the Secretariat to develop additional options noted in the document, such as set asides for agency groups with greater engagement needs, the development of incentive mechanisms, and a targeted outreach program in alignment with the Country Engagement Strategy, for consideration by Council at a future meeting

Decision 51/2024 *Report of the Selection and Review Committee*

49. The Council having considered document GEF/C.68/12, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee (SRC)*:

- a) Agrees with the SRC's assessment of the GEF CEO's performance for Fiscal Year 24 (July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024) and its recommended performance rating. The World Bank will provide its standard salary increase, in accordance with the World Bank's Merit Increase Matrix. The Council requests the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department.
- b) Endorses the GEF IEO Director's performance for Fiscal Year 24 (July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024) and be in accordance with its recommended performance rating, based on the performance assessment provided by Mr. Juha Ilari Uitto. The World Bank will provide the standard salary increase, in accordance with the World Bank's Merit Increase Matrix. The Council requests the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department.
- c) Takes note of Fiscal Year 25 mid-term assessment goals for both the GEF CEO and IEO Director and requests the SRC to present their performance evaluations at the 69th Council meeting.

Decision 52/2024 *Ninth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund*

50. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.68/13, *Ninth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund*, requests the Trustee, in cooperation with the Secretariat, to initiate the discussions on the ninth replenishment of resources of the GEF Trust Fund.

Decision 53/2024 *Other Business*

51. The Council, recalling paragraph 18 of the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility as amended by the Seventh GEF Assembly, decides to appoint Mr. Richard Bontjer, Council Member for the Constituency of Australia, New Zealand, and Republic of Korea as Co-Chair for the year 2025.

Decision 54/2024 *Other Business*

52. In accordance with paragraph 24 of the [Council Rules of Procedure](#), *Agenda item 13. GEF-8 Midterm Review on Performance of Full Flexibility* will be included in the provisional agenda of the 69th GEF Council for discussion next June.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was closed on December 20, 2024.

Annex I - Table 1

Global Environment Facility
Table 1: Record of GEF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Projects/Programs and Resulting Council Decisions
Council Meeting, December 16 - 20, 2024

						Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Focal Area	Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
Other Programs												
1	11749	UNEP, UNDP, AfDB, World Bank	Global Elimination Program for PCB (GEP-PCB)	Global (Cameroon, Eswatini, Gabon, Madagascar, Nigeria, Uganda)	Chemicals and Waste	43,825,000	3,944,250	47,769,250	43,825,000	3,944,250	47,769,250	788,850
2	11729	FAO, WWF-US, UNEP, UNDP, UNIDO, IADB, EBRD	Integrated Collaborative Approaches for Sustainable Tourism (iCOAST)	Belize, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Seychelles, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Türkiye, Vanuatu, Global	Multi Focal Area	81,834,862	7,365,138	89,200,000	81,834,862	7,365,138	89,200,000	1,473,028
3	11723	UNIDO	Global Clean Hydrogen Programme - Addendum, December 2024	Pakistan, Global	Climate Change	1,326,147	119,353	1,445,500	1,326,147	119,353	1,445,500	23,871
4	11682	FAO, AfDB, UNIDO, UNEP, UNDP	Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management Plus (FARM+)	Global (Benin, Costa Rica, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria)	Multi Focal Area	53,683,842	4,831,546	58,515,388	53,683,842	4,831,546	58,515,388	966,309
Sub-total Other Programs						180,669,851	16,260,287	196,930,138	180,669,851	16,260,287	196,930,138	3,252,057
Non-Grant Instrument												
5	11671	AfDB	Green Mobility Financing Facility for Africa	Africa, Regional	Climate Change	13,461,468	1,211,532	14,673,000	13,461,468	1,211,532	14,673,000	242,306

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6	11514	World Bank	Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Bond (WCB) Operation	Rwanda	Biodiversity	9,000,000	855,000	9,855,000	9,000,000	855,000	9,855,000	171,000
7	11513	EBRD	Sustainable and Inclusive Green Acceleration (SAIGA)	Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Uzbekistan, Regional	Climate Change	13,761,469	1,238,531	15,000,000	13,761,469	1,238,531	15,000,000	247,706
Sub-total Non-Grant Instrument						36,222,937	3,305,063	39,528,000	36,222,937	3,305,063	39,528,000	661,013
Stand-Alone Full-sized Projects												
Biodiversity												
8	11761	WWF-US	GEF-8 Inclusive Conservation Initiative	Global	Biodiversity	22,535,780	2,028,220	24,564,000	22,535,780	2,028,220	24,564,000	405,644
9	11693	UNDP	Conserving Biodiversity and Natural Resources through Spatial Planning and Integrated Landscape Management	China	Biodiversity	5,509,453	523,397	6,032,850	5,509,453	523,397	6,032,850	104,679
10	11565	Funbio	Integrated Landscape Management for Biodiversity Conservation in the Caatinga - Conecta Caatinga	Brazil	Biodiversity	5,504,588	495,412	6,000,000	5,504,588	495,412	6,000,000	99,082
11	11530	FAO	Strengthening the integrated landscape management and governance for the conservation and sustainable use of forested areas important for biodiversity and ecosystem services (AIBDES) in Indonesia	Indonesia	Biodiversity	7,105,936	675,064	7,781,000	7,105,936	675,064	7,781,000	135,013
Sub-total Biodiversity Projects						40,655,757	3,722,093	44,377,850	40,655,757	3,722,093	44,377,850	744,419

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<u>Climate Change Mitigation Projects</u>												
12	11758	UNIDO	Accelerating sustainable energy transition for decarbonization of micro, small and medium manufacturing enterprises in India	India	Climate Change	8,982,420	853,330	9,835,750	8,982,420	853,330	9,835,750	170,666
13	11675	UNEP	Strengthening national capacities for implementing the Enhanced Transparency Framework in Caribbean countries.	Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, Regional	Climate Change	6,750,000	641,250	7,391,250	6,750,000	641,250	7,391,250	128,250
<u>Sub-total Climate Change Mitigation Projects</u>						15,732,420	1,494,580	17,227,000	15,732,420	1,494,580	17,227,000	298,916
<u>Chemicals and Waste Projects</u>												
14	11712	World Bank	Hazardous Waste Management and Policy Development Project for Ukraine (HWM-PDU)	Ukraine	Chemicals and Waste	7,214,612	685,388	7,900,000	7,214,612	685,388	7,900,000	137,078
15	11697	UNEP	Environmentally sound management and disposal of excess mercury and mercury waste from removing mercury electrolytic cells in Brazil's chlor-alkali sector (Chlor-alkali Brazil)	Brazil	Chemicals and Waste	12,000,000	1,080,000	13,080,000	12,000,000	1,080,000	13,080,000	216,000
16	11681	UNIDO, ADB	Chemicals and Wastes Financing Partnership Facility (CWFPF)	Global	Chemicals and Waste	29,083,000	2,617,000	31,700,000	29,083,000	2,617,000	31,700,000	523,400
17	11543	UNDP	Life Cycle Management Project in Plastic Industry in China	China	Chemicals and Waste	20,265,000	1,823,850	22,088,850	20,265,000	1,823,850	22,088,850	364,770
<u>Sub-total Chemicals and Waste Projects</u>						68,562,612	6,206,238	74,768,850	68,562,612	6,206,238	74,768,850	1,241,248

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<u>International Waters Projects</u>												
18	11674	UNEP	The Digital Seafood Revolution: Electronic catch documentation and traceability systems (eCDT) for sustainable and legal fisheries in Chile, Peru, and Ecuador	Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Regional	International Waters	8,000,000	760,000	8,760,000	8,000,000	760,000	8,760,000	152,000
19	11547	FAO	Unlocking the groundwater potential of the Kilimanjaro Water Tower	Kenya, Tanzania, Regional	International Waters	7,105,936	675,064	7,781,000	7,105,936	675,064	7,781,000	135,013
20	11526	CAF	Promoting the Integrated Management of Sargassum: Building Resilient Tourism and Fisheries Sectors through the Conservation of Marine Ecosystems in Caribbean countries (SargMarine)	Colombia, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Panama, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Regional	International Waters	10,000,000	900,000	10,900,000	10,000,000	900,000	10,900,000	180,000
<u>Sub-total International Waters Projects</u>						25,105,936	2,335,064	27,441,000	25,105,936	2,335,064	27,441,000	467,013
<u>Multi Focal Area Projects</u>												
21	11720	FAO	Promoting Sustainable land management for the achievement of Land Degradation Neutrality for Improved Equity, Sustainability, and Resilience in Rice Landscapes of Liberia	Liberia	Multi Focal Area	5,114,019	485,832	5,599,851	5,114,019	485,832	5,599,851	97,166
22	11718	IFAD	Revitalizing Ecosystems for Sustainable Agriculture and Resilience in Fiji (RESAR)	Fiji	Multi Focal Area	8,226,629	781,529	9,008,158	8,226,629	781,529	9,008,158	156,306

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23	11679	UNEP	Participatory restoration to improve ecosystem service provision and connectivity at the landscape scale in Colombia	Colombia	Multi Focal Area	18,103,569	1,629,320	19,732,889	18,103,569	1,629,320	19,732,889	325,864
24	11533	UNDP	Integrated management of multiple use landscapes/seascapes to promote biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, improve land and marine productivity and economic benefits to local communities	Montenegro	Multi Focal Area	5,594,293	531,457	6,125,750	5,594,293	531,457	6,125,750	106,291
25	11407	UNEP	Integrated Landscape Management for Sustainable Ecosystem Services and Community Livelihoods in Wami-Ruvu River Basin	Tanzania	Multi Focal Area	5,329,452	506,298	5,835,750	5,329,452	506,298	5,835,750	101,260
Sub-total Multi Focal Area Projects						42,367,962	3,934,436	46,302,398	42,367,962	3,934,436	46,302,398	786,887
Multi-Trust Fund Projects²												
26	11717	UNDP	Building Climate Resilience for Vulnerable Groups in Rural and Urban Areas of Yemen	Yemen	Multi Focal Area	1,784,862	160,638	1,945,500	1,784,862	160,638	1,945,500	32,128
27	11700	UNDP	Strengthening Climate Adaptation, Biodiversity Conservation, and Combating Land Degradation through Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Samoa	Samoa	Multi Focal Area	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	50,155

² For Multi-Trust Fund projects/programs, only GEFTF allocation is included in this Annex, the LDCF/SCCF allocation is included in the LDCF/SCCF Annex A accordingly.

						Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Focal Area	Project Financing Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Financing Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
28	11548	UNDP	Strengthening the resilience of natural and agro-ecosystems and communities to climate change in Central Togo	Togo	Multi Focal Area	2,659,726	252,674	2,912,400	2,659,726	252,674	2,912,400	50,535
Sub-total Multi-Trust Fund Projects						7,084,314	664,086	7,748,400	7,084,314	664,086	7,748,400	132,817
Small Grants Programme												
29	11757	IUCN	SGP CSO Challenge Program	Global	Multi Focal Area	9,075,229	816,771	9,892,000	9,075,229	816,771	9,892,000	163,354
30	11726	UNDP	Eighth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme (Tranche 2)	Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo DR, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius,	Multi Focal Area	65,420,307	5,887,830	71,308,137	65,420,307	5,887,830	71,308,137	1,177,566

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				Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Palau, Palestinian Authority, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Tuvalu, Ukraine, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Global								
31	11698	FAO	Eighth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme (Tranche II)	Bosnia-Herzegovina, Chile, Cook Islands, Cuba, Guyana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Marshall Islands, Nicaragua, South Sudan, Tajikistan, Uganda, Venezuela, Global	Multi Focal Area	17,500,554	1,578,910	19,079,464	17,500,554	1,578,910	19,079,464	315,782
Sub-total Small Grants Programme						91,996,090	8,283,511	100,279,601	91,996,090	8,283,511	100,279,601	1,656,702
GRAND TOTAL						508,397,879	46,205,358	554,603,237	508,397,879	46,205,358	554,603,237	9,241,072

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Table 2: Record of Multi Trust Fund Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions
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	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Trust Fund	Program / Project Type	Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
							Project Grant Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Grant Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
1	11682	FAO, AfDB, UNIDO, UNEP, UNDP	Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management Plus (FARM+)	Benin, Costa Rica, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Global	GET	PFD	53,683,842	4,831,546	58,515,388	53,683,842	4,831,546	58,515,388	966,309
					LDCF	FSP	5,390,302	485,127	5,875,429	5,390,302	485,127	5,875,429	97,025
2	11717	UNDP	Building Climate Resilience for Vulnerable Groups in Rural and Urban Areas of Yemen	Yemen	GET	FSP	1,784,862	160,638	1,945,500	1,784,862	160,638	1,945,500	32,128
					LDCF	FSP	18,098,624	1,628,876	19,727,500	18,098,624	1,628,876	19,727,500	325,775
3	11700	UNDP	Strengthening Climate Adaptation, Biodiversity Conservation, and Combating Land Degradation through Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Samoa	Samoa	GET	FSP	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	50,155
					SCCF-A	FSP	2,689,726	255,524	2,945,250	2,689,726	255,524	2,945,250	51,105

							Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Trust Fund	Program / Project Type	Project Grant Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Grant Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
4	11548	UNDP	Strengthening the resilience of natural and agro-ecosystems and communities to climate change in Central Togo	Togo	GET	FSP	2,659,726	252,674	2,912,400	2,659,726	252,674	2,912,400	50,535
					LDCF	FSP	3,989,589	379,011	4,368,600	3,989,589	379,011	4,368,600	75,802
GRAND TOTAL							90,936,397	8,244,170	99,180,567	90,936,397	8,244,170	99,180,567	1,648,834

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

	GEFTF
Funding status as of 12/18/2024	\$ 638,398,480
Approvals by Council	\$ 554,603,237
Funding status after Council Meeting	\$ 83,795,243

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	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
Project/Programs funding							
ADB	20,046,000	1,804,000	21,850,000	20,046,000	1,804,000	21,850,000	360,800
AfDB	30,961,468	2,786,532	33,748,000	30,961,468	2,786,532	33,748,000	557,306
BOAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAF	10,000,000	900,000	10,900,000	10,000,000	900,000	10,900,000	180,000
CI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DBSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBRD	28,761,469	2,588,531	31,350,000	28,761,469	2,588,531	31,350,000	517,706
FAO	45,123,212	4,161,579	49,284,791	45,123,212	4,161,579	49,284,791	832,316
FECO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUNBIO	5,504,588	495,412	6,000,000	5,504,588	495,412	6,000,000	99,082
IADB	7,250,000	652,500	7,902,500	7,250,000	652,500	7,902,500	130,500
IFAD	8,226,629	781,529	9,008,158	8,226,629	781,529	9,008,158	156,306
IUCN	9,075,229	816,771	9,892,000	9,075,229	816,771	9,892,000	163,354
UNDP	153,533,229	13,900,008	167,433,237	153,533,229	13,900,008	167,433,237	2,780,002
UNEP	79,570,096	7,261,705	86,831,801	79,570,096	7,261,705	86,831,801	1,452,341

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	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
UNIDO	45,345,567	4,125,683	49,471,250	45,345,567	4,125,683	49,471,250	825,137
World Bank	36,214,612	3,340,388	39,555,000	36,214,612	3,340,388	39,555,000	668,078
WWF-US	28,785,780	2,590,720	31,376,500	28,785,780	2,590,720	31,376,500	518,144
GRAND TOTAL	508,397,879	46,205,358	554,603,237	508,397,879	46,205,358	554,603,237	9,241,072