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FOURTH OVERALL PERFORMANCE STUDY OF THE GEF

SENIOR INDEPENDENT EVALUATION ADVISORS: TERMS OF REFERENCE

METHODOLOGICAL PAPER #19



Fourth Overall Performance Study

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1. Two Senior Independent Evaluation Advisors will provide independent advice and an assessment of the quality of the Fourth Overall Performance Study and its interim products to the GEF Council and the replenishment process of the Global Environment Facility. One high level advisor will be from a developing country, the other from a developed country. Both will have a recognized international standing in the evaluation community, as well as knowledge of and experience with the Global Environment Facility, without the latter imposing a conflict of interest.
2. The Advisors will provide an independent opinion of the quality of two key products that OPS4 will deliver:
 - 1) The interim report to the replenishment process, tentatively planned for April 2009 at a meeting in Paris;
 - 2) The final report of OPS4, to be presented to the replenishment process at a meeting tentatively scheduled for August 2009 in Paris.
3. In particular the Advisors will attest to the compliance of OPS4 with its terms of reference.
4. In preparation for their work, the Advisors will interact with the GEF Evaluation Office on the approach taken in OPS4, especially as regards the normative framework of the evaluation, issues of scope and methodology, sampling techniques and other aspects they may feel need further discussion in order to enable them to provide relevant advice and judgment on the quality of the work at a later stage.
5. Additional meetings to which the Advisors may be invited, or in which they may wish to participate, include the June 2009 GEF Council meeting, at which a progress report will be presented by the GEF Evaluation Office, and meetings of the core team of OPS4, if and when this would be considered useful, either by the Advisors themselves or on the request of the core team.
6. Statements of the Advisors to the replenishment process and to the GEF Council will be uploaded to the website of OPS4. The final assessment of the Advisors on the quality of the final report of OPS4, as well as whether the terms of reference have been met, will be included in the published version of the report, including an executive version, if that would be produced. If for

the executive version a summary of the statement would be needed, this summary statement would be provided by the Advisors.

7. The Advisors will have full access to all GEF information, institutions, agencies and stakeholders and will be free to report their findings to the Council and the replenishment process on any evaluation issue that has a bearing on OPS4.

8. The Advisors will be logistically and administratively supported by the OPS4 team. They will interact with the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office. For the purposes of direct communication, information sharing and ensuring logistical and administrative support, the GEF Evaluation Office will designate a liaison officer.

