



Global Environment Facility

Summary of Document GEF/ME/C.27/2

Options for Interaction between the GEF Office of Monitoring and Evaluation and GEF Council

Recommended Council Decision

The Council, having reviewed documents GEF/ME/C.27/2, *Options for Interaction between the GEF Office of Monitoring and Evaluation and GEF Council* and GEF/ME/C.27/Inf. 2, *Interaction between Evaluation Offices and Governing Bodies: a comparative study*, approves Option [...] presented in Table 1 of GEF/ME/C.27/2 and requests the GEF Office of Monitoring and Evaluation to operationalize this option, taking into account the discussions and comments at this Council meeting and to propose appropriate or necessary amendments to main GEF documents, such as the GEF Instrument and the Rules of Procedures of the GEF Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the June 2005 Council meeting, several Council members requested the Office of Monitoring and Evaluation (OME) to develop options for interaction between this Office and the Council. These options are presented in this document for Council review and discussion. They were developed taking into account the OME's Terms of Reference, the proposed GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy and using the experiences and lessons learned from offices of evaluation from multilateral banks and UN organizations. A comparative study of those experiences is presented to Council in GEF/ME/C.27/inf.2.

The note provides the Council with three options for discussion, which range from a fine-tuning of the current situation, to the development of informal technical meetings of Council members to discuss major evaluations, and to the establishment of a formal committee on evaluation. The various options are discussed including a short description, the pros and cons, and potential financial and other implications of each option. These three options are not mutually exclusive and Council may want to consider a combination of them or a phased approach.