

## Summary of Document GEF/ME/C.39/6

### Revision of the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy

#### Recommended Council Decision

The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.39/6, “*Revision of the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy*,” approves the revised GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy contained in Annex 1 of this working document, and requests the GEF Evaluation Office to proceed with its publication and wide dissemination.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. On 22 June 2009, Council decided to request the GEF Evaluation Office to prepare a revision of the M&E Policy for GEF-5, to be presented to Council in November 2010. This review should reflect the findings and recommendations of the Peer Review of the GEF evaluation function conducted in the framework of OPS4, as well as Council members’ comments made during the discussion on both the peer review and the GEF EO formal response to it. Furthermore, the reforms of the GEF since 2006, including those for GEF-5, make it necessary to include several changes in the revision of the Policy.
2. The consultation process for the revision of the GEF M&E Policy has included the appropriate partners involved in monitoring and evaluation at various levels in the GEF network. Consultations have been done together with the GEF Secretariat on monitoring and Results Based Management issues as related to the M&E Policy. The resulting revised policy is supported by all partners in the GEF network.
3. This working document provides the information basis for the Council Decision to adopt the changes proposed for the Policy itself. The main revisions to the 2006 version of the Policy are:
  - i. Reference to the new GEF Result-based Management and other major policies introduced with GEF-5;
  - ii. Better definition of roles and responsibilities for the different levels and typologies of monitoring;
  - iii. Stronger emphasis on country ownership and the role of Operational Focal Points in M&E;
  - iv. More emphasis on and better articulation of knowledge management and learning;
  - v. Reference to programs and jointly implemented projects;
  - vi. Deletion of Chapter 4 “The GEF Evaluation Office” and inclusion of its main elements into section 2.3 “GEF Evaluation Office”;

- vii. Deletion of Chapter 5 “Use of Evaluations”, integration of its main paragraphs all along the M&E Policy and inclusion of the remaining paragraphs on knowledge sharing and dissemination into sections 1.4 “Follow up to evaluations” and 1.5 “knowledge sharing”;
  - viii. Replacement, in the bullet referring to baseline establishment in the 1<sup>st</sup> Minimum Requirement, of the deadline “within one year of implementation” with the deadline “by CEO endorsement”;
  - ix. Introduction of a 4<sup>th</sup> Minimum Requirement on the engagement of Operational Focal Points in project and program M&E activities.
4. It is proposed that Council adopts the revised policy contained in Annex I of this working document.