



## **Summary of Document GEF/ME/C.40/04**

### **Annual Performance Report 2010 (Conclusions and Recommendations)**

#### **Recommended Council Decision**

The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.40/04, "*Annual Performance Report 2010 (Conclusions and Recommendations)*" as well as GEF/ME/C.40/05, "*Management Response to the Annual Performance Report 2010,*" requests the GEF Evaluation Office to strengthen its collaboration with the independent evaluation offices of the GEF Agencies on the review of terminal evaluations to ensure a more streamlined process which will lead to reduction of delays in submission of terminal evaluations and improve the information concerning project status.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This document is the seventh annual performance report (APR) that the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Evaluation Office has presented. The report presents a detailed account of some aspects of project results, of processes that may affect these results, and of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) arrangements in completed GEF projects. This APR also focuses on 48 completed projects for which terminal evaluations were submitted during the FY2010.
2. The APR primarily involves review of the evidence presented in the terminal evaluation reports, with verification of performance ratings based primarily on desk reviews. The evaluation offices of several agencies have been conducting similar reviews for the past couple of years and their ratings have been accepted for 21 projects.
3. The APR 2010 contains the following conclusions:
  - a. Outcome achievements of 92 percent of completed projects reviewed for FY2010 were rated in the satisfactory range. This is similar to the FY 2009 figure of 91 percent, but higher than the long term average of 84 percent. Given that the number of TE reports reviewed varies from year to year, the jump in outcome achievements over the past two years should not be interpreted as a trend.
  - b. Materialization of cofinancing reported by the GEF Agencies, on average is higher than that expected at project approval representing an improvement over past years.

- c. Quality of Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) arrangements is fluctuating with an average of 68 percent of projects rated moderately satisfactory or above since 2006.
- d. The quality of 86 percent of the terminal evaluations submitted during FY2010 was rated moderately satisfactory or above. This represents a drop from the FY 2009 and FY 2008 levels of 96 percent and 92 percent respectively, largely due to the relatively high number of World Bank Medium Sized Projects (MSPs) in this year's sample.
- e. No improvement can be reported on the long terms lags between Terminal Evaluation Report completion and submission to the GEF Evaluation Office.

4. Based on the analysis presented in the APR the following recommendation is made:  
*The GEF Evaluation Office and the independent evaluation offices of GEF Agencies should strengthen their collaboration on the review of terminal evaluations to ensure a more streamlined process which will lead to reduction of delays in submission of terminal evaluations and improve the information concerning project status.*

5. The GEF Evaluation Office will assess the reporting systems of new Agencies that enter the GEF partnership and closely support their terminal evaluation review process.

6. The Office will seek ways to improve the use of data on completed projects to find innovative, new and potentially interesting correlations and perspectives.