



Global Environment Facility

Summary of Document GEF/C.27/10

Management Information System

Recommended Council Decision

The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.27/10, *Management Information System*, recognizes the need to establish a reliable management information system to enable the GEF and its partners to improve effectiveness across all areas of GEF business. The Council endorses the proposal outlined in the document for developing a management information system and approves US\$700,000 as a supplementary special initiative to be included in the FY06 Corporate Budget.

The Council requests the Secretariat to report on progress in establishing the Management Information System at the Council Meeting in December 2006.

Introduction

1. This document is a proposal to the GEF Council to fund the establishment of a web-enabled management information system in the GEF. The new system, centered in the Secretariat, will enable the GEF and its key partners to record project information, analyze project data and generate analytical reports in different formats. The system will enable easy access to all GEF related project information to authorized users at GEF and its key partners. Access to public domain information will also be facilitated.

Background

2. The GEF Secretariat is the coordinating node of the GEF partnership, and supports the Council in: (i) developing and implementing GEF policies and procedures; (ii) reviewing and approving projects; and (iii) assessing and improving performance. GEF is active in more than 150 countries and its activities are carried out through the three Implementing Agencies and the seven Executing Agencies. On an annual basis, nearly \$750 million worth of projects are processed through the system.

3. Over the last few years, in response to Council decisions and guidance, the Secretariat's scope of work has increased across several dimensions: (i) additional focal areas such as land degradation and POPs; (ii) introduction of Executing Agencies under the policy of expanded opportunities; (iii) increased efforts to manage demand for and supply of GEF resources across

the different focal areas; (iv) intensified pipeline management to remove non-performing concepts, proposals, and projects; and (v) accommodate variations in project cycles.

4. As GEF-4 approaches, in addition to the above functions, the GEF has to (i) operationalize the Resource Allocation Framework; and (ii) develop a performance monitoring and knowledge management function. In addition, several stakeholders have expressed the need for the GEF to have a transparent project tracking system.

5. Furthermore, to meet the current and anticipated management and tracking needs in the GEF, a reliable Project Information and Tracking System, needs to be established. One of the key recommendations of Third Overall Performance Study (OPS3) was for the Secretariat to undertake a major overhaul of its management information system.

Effort & Cost Estimates

6. The total development effort is estimated to cost **\$ 700,000**, as follows :

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| SAP Back end (36 person months): | \$ 430,000 |
| J2EE / Web Enabled Front End (13 p/m): | \$ 130,000 |
| Capital Expenditure and Licenses: | \$ 80,000 |
| Contingency (10%): | \$ 60,000 |

7. The annual costs of maintaining and operating the system, including any costs of future upgrades, will be requested as part of the GEF Corporate Budget.

8. The process of identifying and contracting a firm to undertake the detailed design and development of the MIS will follow the procurement policies of the World Bank Group, which provides administrative support to the Secretariat.