



GEF/C.38/2
June 10, 2010

GEF Council Meeting
June 29 – July 2, 2010
Washington, D.C

Agenda Item 3

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 1.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

(CEO Chairs)

The meeting will be opened by Monique Barbut, CEO/Chairperson of the Facility.

AGENDA ITEM 2.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

(CEO Chairs)

In accordance with paragraph 18 of the Instrument, a Chairperson will be elected from among the Members of the Council. Paragraph 18 provides that the position of elected Chairperson will alternate from one meeting to another between recipient and non-recipient Council Members. The elected Chairperson at the previous Council meeting was Mr. Ricardo Ward, Council Member representing the Caribbean Constituency.

Consistent with paragraph 18 of the Instrument, the elected Chairperson is expected to chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 3, "Adoption of the Agenda," agenda item 4, "Statements by Executive Secretaries of the Conventions," agenda item 5, "Relations with the Conventions," agenda item 6, "Report by the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel," agenda item 7, "Four-year Work Program and Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office," agenda item 8, "Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report-2010 and Management Response," agenda item 9, "Annual Performance Report- 2009 and Management Response," agenda item 10, "Annual Monitoring Report," agenda item 16, "Agency Progress Meeting Minimum Fiduciary Standards," and agenda item 19, "GEF Selection and Review Committee."

The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 18, "Other Business," and agenda item 20, "Joint Summary of the Chairs."

The CEO/Chairperson of the Facility will chair the Council meeting during discussions of the other items on the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 3.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

A *Provisional Agenda* for consideration by the Council has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/C.38/1/Rev.1.

The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4.

STATEMENTS BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE CONVENTIONS

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

The representative of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change will report on the 15th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the 5th meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the representative of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants will report on recent decisions and developments of relevance to the GEF.

The Manager of the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat will provide an overview of what was decided at the recent meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol with respect to the Adaptation Fund and what the Adaptation Fund Board has accomplished since the last Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5.

RELATIONS WITH THE CONVENTIONS

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

Document GEF/C.38/3, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, reports on developments of interest to the GEF under the multilateral environmental conventions: the Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The document also provides information on relations of the GEF with other international conventions and institutions.

The Council is invited to consider the report and the proposed activities to implement the guidance and decisions that have been approved by the Conferences of the Parties to the global environmental conventions.

AGENDA ITEM 6.

REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

The Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel will be invited to make a statement to the Council on the work of the Panel. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to address questions to the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel.

The Council is invited to comment on the report of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, document GEF/C.38/Inf.3, and to provide guidance to the Panel, as appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM 7.

**FOUR-YEAR WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE GEF
EVALUATION OFFICE**
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

Document GEF/ME/C.38/1, *Four-Year Work Program and Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office*, prepared by the GEF Evaluation Office, contains proposals for the general direction of the Office's work during GEF-5, as well as a proposal for a change in the structure of the budget of the Office during GEF-5.

The Council is invited to review and comment on the document and approve the proposed Council decision.

AGENDA ITEM 8.

**ANNUAL COUNTRY PORTFOLIO EVALUATION REPORT-2010 AND
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE**
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

Document GEF/ME/C.38/2, *Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report-2010*, prepared by the GEF Evaluation Office, presents a summary of conclusions and recommendations from Country Portfolio Evaluations finalized since the previous report: Moldova and Turkey.

Document GEF/ME/C.38/3, *Management Response to the Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report-2010*, prepared by the GEF Secretariat with input from the GEF Agencies, provides GEF management's response to these evaluations conducted by the GEF Evaluation Office.

The Council is invited to review both documents and approve the proposed Council decision, which has taken into consideration the GEF Management Response and to take note of the two information documents on each of the country evaluations.

AGENDA ITEM 9.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT-2009 AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

Document GEF/ME/C.38/4, *Annual Performance Report-2009*, prepared by the GEF Evaluation Office, presents an overview of performance issues as emerging from terminal evaluations, as well as additional performance studies and the management action record of the GEF.

Document GEF/ME/C.38/5, *Management Response to the Annual Performance Report-2009*, prepared by the GEF Secretariat with input from the GEF Agencies, provides GEF management's response to the evaluation conducted by the GEF Evaluation Office.

The Council is invited to review both documents and approve the proposed Council decision, which has taken into consideration the GEF Management Response.

AGENDA ITEM 10.

ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

Document GEF/C.38/4, *Annual Monitoring Report*, provides an overview of key findings arising out of the AMR 2009 process, which monitors project implementation progress, progress towards achieving global environmental objectives, and baseline identification and tracking.

The Council is invited to review document GEF/C.38/4 and approve the decision associated with the document.

AGENDA ITEM 11.

STREAMLINING THE PROJECT CYCLE AND REFINING THE PROGRAMMATIC APPROACH

(CEO Chairs)

Document GEF/C.38/5, *Streamlining the Project Cycle and Refining the Programmatic Approach*, offers ideas for streamlining the GEF project cycle and refining the GEF programmatic approach. The document also outlines the responsibilities for both project and program monitoring in the context of the GEF Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) process.

The Council is invited to agree to the proposed project cycle as well as to the two types of GEF programmatic approaches, as recommended in document GEF/C.38/5.

AGENDA ITEM 12.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE EXECUTION OF SELECTED GEF ACTIVITIES WITH DIRECT ACCESS
(CEO Chairs)

Document GEF/C.38/6, *Policies and Procedures for the Execution of Selected Activities with Direct Access by Recipient Countries*, outlines the operational procedures for two categories of activities for which the GEF may provide resources directly to recipient countries.

The Council is invited to approve the proposal contained in GEF/C.38/6 for eligible national entities in recipient countries to receive resources from the GEF Trust Fund for specific categories of activities and to otherwise approve the decision associated with this document.

AGENDA ITEM 13.

COUNTRY SUPPORT PROGRAM
(CEO Chairs)

Document GEF/C.38/7/Rev.1, *Reforming the Country Support Program and Procedures for Implementation*, outlines a proposal for reforming the GEF Country Support Program (CSP) as called for in the *Policy Recommendations of the Fifth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund* to bring the GEF's country support activities – both the current CSP program and the National Dialogue Initiative – under more coordinated management.

The Council is invited to approve the proposal for the Secretariat to execute a reformed Country Support Program according to the procedures set out in this document, to direct the Trustee to set aside \$26 million in GEF Trust Fund resources for use by the Secretariat to fund these activities, and to otherwise approve the decision associated with this document.

AGENDA ITEM 14.

BROADENING THE PARTNERSHIP BY OPERATIONALIZING PARAGRAPH 28 OF THE GEF INSTRUMENT
(CEO Chairs)

Document GEF/C.38/8, *Broadening the GEF Partnership by Operationalizing Paragraph 28 of the GEF Instrument*, presents a

proposal in response to the GEF-5 policy recommendations on allowing additional agencies referred to in paragraph 28 of the GEF Instrument to cooperate with the Secretariat and Trustee directly to assist recipient countries in preparing and implementing GEF-financed projects. The proposal recommends a process for accrediting new entities that will be able to receive GEF resources directly for projects.

The Council is invited to approve the approach for operationalizing paragraph 28 of the GEF Instrument and accrediting new Project Executing Entities as outlined in the document.

AGENDA ITEM 15.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR THE STAR
(CEO Chairs)

Document GEF/C.38/9, *GEF-5 Operational Procedures for the System for a Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR)*, further clarifies some operational rules and procedures related to the practical application of the STAR under GEF-5, which starts on July 1, 2010.

The Council is invited to review document GEF/C.38/9, approve the procedures described in the document and request the GEF Secretariat to implement the STAR accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM 16.

AGENCY PROGRESS MEETING MINIMUM FIDUCIARY STANDARDS
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

Document GEF/C.38/10, *Agency Progress Meeting GEF's Minimum Fiduciary Standards*, reviews the actions that have been taken by the seven GEF Agencies that have yet to fully comply with GEF's fiduciary standards, and presents items still outstanding as well as their expected completion time.

The Council is invited to review document GEF/C.38/10 and approve the decision associated with the document.

AGENDA ITEM 17.

INVESTMENT GUIDELINES FOR GEF'S SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND REDD-PLUS PROGRAM
(CEO Chairs)

Document GEF/C.38/Inf.4, *Investment Guidelines for GEF's Sustainable Forest Management and REDD-Plus Program*, explains the rationale and provides a detailed investment strategy for

the GEF-5 expansion of a financial incentive mechanism pioneered under GEF-4 dedicated to forests, which will include the latest developments in new and innovative financing opportunities for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and REDD-plus.

The Council is invited to review document GEF/C.38/Inf.4 and comment on the strategy detailed in the document

AGENDA ITEM 18.

OTHER BUSINESS

(Jointly Chaired)

Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item. In particular, the Council's attention is drawn to the information papers before it.

AGENDA ITEM 19

GEF SELECTION AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

(Elected Chairperson Chairs—Executive Session)

Document GEF/C.38/11, sets forth the proposal of the Council Selection and Review Committee (SRC) for a transparent process for reviewing and adjusting the salary of the GEF CEO. The SRC will deliver its oral report to the Council under this agenda item.

The Council is invited to listen to the Report of the SRC and consider the proposal of the SRC in document GEF/C.38/11 and adopt the decision to establish a transparent process for reviewing and adjusting the salary of the GEF CEO contained in the document.

AGENDA ITEM 20.

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS

(Jointly Chaired)

The elected Chair and the CEO/Chairperson will present a joint summary of the conclusions of the meeting. Decisions approved by the Council during the meeting will be included in the Chairs' joint summary.

ANNEX A: PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

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Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Morning Session

09:00 – 10:00	Agenda Item 1	Opening of the Meeting (CEO Chair)
	Agenda Item 2	Election of a Chairperson (CEO Chair)
	Agenda Item 3	Adoption of the Agenda (Elected Chair)
10:00 – 11:30	Agenda Item 4	Statements by Executive Secretaries of the Conventions (Elected Chair)
	Agenda Item 5	Relations with the Conventions (Elected Chair)
11:30 – 12:00	Agenda Item 6	Report by the Chair of STAP (Elected Chair)

Afternoon Session

2:30 – 3:30	Agenda Item 7	Four-year Work Program and Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office (Elected Chair)
3:30 – 4:30	Agenda Item 8	Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report-2010 and Management Response (Elected Chair)
	Agenda Item 9	Annual Performance Report-2009 and Management Response (Elected Chair)
4:30 – 5:00	Agenda Item 10	Annual Monitoring Report (Elected Chair)
5:00 – 6:30	Agenda Item 11	Streamlining the Project Cycle and Refining the Programmatic Approach (CEO Chair)

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Morning Session

9:00 – 10:30	Agenda Item 12	Policies and Procedures for the Execution of Selected GEF Activities with Direct Access (CEO Chair)
10:30 – 11:30	Agenda Item 13	Country Support Program (CEO Chair)
11:30 – 1:00	Agenda Item 14	Broadening the Partnership by Operationalizing Paragraph 28 of the GEF Instrument (CEO Chair)

1:00 – 2:00 Agenda Item 15 Operational Procedures for the STAR (CEO Chair)

Afternoon Session

3:30 – 5:00 Agenda Item 16 Agency Progress on Meeting Minimum Fiduciary Standards (Elected Chair)

5:00 – 6:30 Agenda Item 17 Investment Guidelines for GEF’s Sustainable Forest Management and REDD-Plus Program (CEO Chair)

Thursday, July 01, 2010

Morning Session

9:00 – 10:00 Agenda Item 19 GEF Selection and Review Committee (Elected Chair-Executive Session)

10:00 – 12:00 LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting

Afternoon Session

2:00 – 3:00 Agenda Item 18 Other Business (Jointly Chaired)

3:00 – 4:00 Agenda Item 20 Joint Summary of the Chairs (Jointly Chaired)