



Agenda for GEF-8 Regional Workshop for North, West and Central Africa

4-7 October 2022; Labadi Beach Hotel; Accra, Ghana

DAY 1 – Tuesday 4th October	
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast and Registration
09:00 – 10:00	PLENARY - Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Workshop Objectives - GEFSEC • Official Opening Remarks - Minister of Environment Ghana • Group photo
10:00 – 12:30 <i>(with Coffee Break)</i>	PLENARY - GEF-8 Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programming Directions • Policies and Procedures
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 – 17:00 <i>(with Coffee Break)</i>	PLENARY - GEF-8 Programming Priorities / Objectives – Presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focal Areas • Integrated Programs
19:00 – 21:00	RECEPTION/COCKTAIL
DAY 2 – Wednesday 5th October	
09:00 – 12:30 <i>(with coffee break)</i>	Working Session 1 – Breakout Groups to discuss IP-specific programming issues as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GWP, Congo Basin, & West Africa Critical Biome 2. GRID, Sustainable Cities & Blue and Green Islands 3. Food Systems, Ecosystem Restoration & Net Zero Accelerator 4. Plastic Pollution, Clean and Healthy Ocean & Hazardous Chemicals
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 17:00 <i>(with Coffee Break)</i>	Working Session 2 – Regional Breakout Groups to discuss programming issues (<i>opportunities, challenges, and scope</i>) for each of the following specific regions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central Africa 2. Western Africa (Sahel) 3. Western Africa (Coastal) 4. North Africa
DAY 3 – Thursday 6th October, 2022	
06:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:30 <i>(with Coffee Break)</i>	PLENARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back from breakout groups and discussions • Discussion of potential priority IPs
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK



14:00 – 17:00	PLENARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency and Potential Partner Perspectives – Presentation on existing regional / country priorities and opportunities for leveraging GEF investments
Day 4 – Friday 7th October	
9:00-12:30 <i>(with Coffee break)</i>	PLENARY - IP Programming Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Agency role • Criteria for countries • Financing modality • EOI format and process • PFD preparation • Coordination platform Workshop Closure and Next steps
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 - 17:00 <i>(with coffee break)</i>	Special Session on the Great Green Wall



Working Session 1

Breakout Groups to discuss IP-specific programming issues

Objective: - To enable participants to understand the rationale, focus, and expectations of each specific IP so they can assess potential relevance and opportunities for programming in their respective regions

Process:

- 1) Participants will self-select the IPs they wish to follow
- 2) Participants will start in the room of their first IP of choice
- 3) Participants will have 10 mins to switch rooms for their third and final choices

Staff Tasks

- 1) Introduce each program based on slides
- 2) Clarify any issues or questions about the program
- 3) Facilitate discussion on criteria for country participation, baseline investments, transformation levers, stakeholder engagement (including private sector, IPLCs), and financial leverage
- 4) Take note and summarize all important questions raised or suggestions made

MEETING ROOM	Adinkra Suite (GEF Staff) <i>Jean-Marc and Susan</i>	Obuasi Suite <i>Mia and Mohamed</i>	Tent <i>Peter and Filippo</i>	Primavera <i>Lea and Ibrahima</i>
TIME				
09:30-10:20	Congo Basin	Greening Infrastructure	Food Systems	Plastic Pollution
10:30-11:20	West Africa Critical Forest Biome	Sustainable Cities	Ecosystem Restoration	Clean and Healthy Ocean
11:30-12:30	Wildlife Conservation	Blue and Green Islands	Net Zero Accelerator	Hazardous Chemicals
LUNCH				



Working Session 2

Regional Breakout Groups to discuss IP programming issues

Objective: To enable participants to discuss IP programming opportunities relevant to the specific contexts and realities of their respective regions.

Process:

- 1) Participants are expected to join one region and stay throughout
- 2) Each regional group will designate a Chair and Rapporteur
- 3) The Chair will facilitate the discussion with support from GEF Sec staff
- 4) The Rapporteur will take notes from the discussions
- 5) The Chair and Rapporteur will synthesize key highlights of the discussion for presentation to the plenary

Staff Tasks

- 1) Facilitate process for selection of Chair and Rapporteur
- 2) Address questions raised on the GEF-8 programming direction
- 3) Provide support to chair and rapporteur as needed (such as for time management, etc.)

GEF STAFF	<i>Mia & Filippo</i>	<i>Mohamed & Leah</i>	<i>Ibrahima & Susan</i>	<i>Jean-Marc & Peter</i>
TIME				
04:00- 15:00	North Africa	West Africa (Coastal)	West Africa (Sahel)	Central Africa