



## Constituency Meeting before 64<sup>th</sup> GEF Council Meeting May 18-20, 2023

Venue:  
**HILTON DUSHANBE**  
**EXECUTIVE LOUNGE – 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
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<b>DAY 1 – 18 May, 2023: Meeting / Executive Lounge – 12<sup>th</sup> floor</b>		
8:30 – 9:00	<b>REGISTRATION in front of Conference Room</b>	
9:00 – 9:30	<b>Session 1: Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming remarks by Chairman of Committee of Environmental Protection Under the Government of The Republic of Tajikistan</li> <li>• Welcome remarks by GEF Council Member</li> <li>• Introduction of participants</li> <li>• Adoption of Agenda</li> </ul>	Bahodur Sheralizoda Gabriela Blatter Participants
9:30 – 10:30	<b>Session 2: Items to be discussed at the 64<sup>th</sup> GEF Council Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Program for GEF Trust Fund (overview)</li> <li>• GBFF Trust Fund Establishment</li> <li>• GBFF Programing Directions</li> <li>• Relation with Conventions and Other International Institutions</li> </ul>	Alla Ljungman Chizuru Aoki GEF Secretariat
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Continued Session 2: Items to be discussed at the 64<sup>th</sup> GEF Council Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy Coherence Paper</li> <li>• Knowledge and Learning Strategy</li> <li>• Updated GEF Communication and Visibility Policy</li> <li>• Overview of the Independent Evaluation Office Reports</li> </ul>	Alla Ljungman GEF Secretariat
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Session 3: Information on Seventh GEF Assembly / August 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft program</li> <li>• and logistical details</li> <li>• Attendance by Constituency members</li> <li>• Constituency lunch or dinner and/or bilateral meetings</li> </ul>	Alla Ljungman Gabriela Blatter GEF Secretariate All
14:30 – 15:00	<b>Session 4: Overview of other GEF Instruments and their use in the GEF-8 Programing Cycle</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country Engagement Strategy in GEF-8</li> <li>• GEF Small Grants Program 2.0 (SGP 2.0)</li> <li>• Non-grant Instrument (NGI), Enabling Activities, etc.</li> </ul> Questions and Answers session	Alla Ljungman Paola Ridolfi GEF Secretariat All



15:00-15:45 (6:00-6:45 in Washington DC)	<b>Session 5: Update on the Work Program and implementation of the Integrated Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on the GEF-8 Integrated Programs process</li> <li>• Discussion of the Work Program</li> <li>• Question and Answer Session</li> </ul>	Evelyn Swain GEF Secretariat (via Zoom)
15:45 – 16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16:15 – 17:15	<b>Session 7: Constituency Member Countries' discussion on the interaction with the Agencies and the GEF Secretariat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed session for constituency members only</li> </ul>	Constituency member countries only (closed session)
17:15 – 17:30	<b>Session 8: Summary of the first day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap-up and summary of the first day</li> </ul>	Gabriela Blatter
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Bilateral Meetings upon request.</b> Zoom link will be arrange for the GEF Operational Focal Points and Secretariat Colleagues to connect	Constituency member countries GEF Secretariat
18:30	<b>Dinner hosted by the Government of Tajikistan</b>	

<b>DAY 2 – 19 May: Meeting/ Executive Lounge – 12<sup>th</sup> floor</b>		
9:00 – 10:30	<b>Session 9: GEF-8 programming strategies of the Constituency Members</b> Presentation of the programming strategy of each Constituency Member and technical, and financial support required (15 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Azerbaijan</li> <li>• Kazakhstan</li> <li>• Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>• Questions and Answers session after each presentation</li> </ul>	FP Azerbaijan FP Kazakhstan FP Kyrgyz Republic All
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Continued Session 9: GEF-8 programming strategies of the Constituency Members</b> Presentation of the programming strategy including technical, and financial support required as well as any updates on regional and national strategic environmental initiatives and upcoming conferences (15 -20 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tajikistan</li> <li>• Turkmenistan</li> <li>• Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Questions and Answers session after each presentation</li> </ul>	FP Tajikistan FP Turkmenistan FP Uzbekistan All
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 – 15:15	<b>Session 10: GEF Agencies' Projects and Programs within the GEF focal areas in the member countries of the Constituency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation</li> <li>• Questions and Answers session</li> </ul>	GEF Agencies All
15:15 – 15:30	<b>Session 11: The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia, the role and mandate in Central Asia</b>	CAREC Zafar Makhmudov



15:30 – 16:00	<b>Session 12: Swiss Bilateral Development Projects and Programs with the focus on environment and GEF focal areas in the member countries of the Constituency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation</li> </ul> Questions and Answers session	Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) All
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Session 13: Discussion of open issues</b>	All
17:00 – 17:15	<b>Session 14: Closing Remarks</b>	
17:15 – 18:00	<b>Bilateral Meetings upon request.</b> Zoom link will be arranged for the GEF Operational Focal Points and Secretariat Colleagues to connect	Constituency member countries GEF Secretariat
<b>Dinner free</b>		

<b>DAY 3 – May 20, 2023: Site Visit</b>		
7:30	<b>Pick up at Hotel – Hilton Dushanbe</b>	All
	<b>Site Visit (see detailed itinerary in attached GEF CM Field Trip Agenda)</b>	
18:00-18:50	<b>Return to the Hotel/Stop at the Dushanbe airport</b>	

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