

65<sup>TH</sup> GEF COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2023

VIRTUAL MEETING

Agenda Item 07

## **JOINT SUMMARY OF THE GEF COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS**

## OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was opened by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Facility. Tom Bui, Council Member for Canada, acted as Elected Chairperson, as per Decision 2/2023 adopted on March 06, 2023.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The Council adopted the provisional agenda set forth in document GEF/C.65/01.

## DECISIONS APPROVED

3. The Council approves the following decisions with respect to its agenda items:

**Decision 23/2023**                      *Global Environment Facility Strategy for Knowledge Management and Learning*

4. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.65/03/Rev.01, *Global Environment Facility Strategy for Knowledge Management and Learning*, approves the strategic directions proposed for knowledge management and learning, and encourages the GEF Secretariat to engage with Agencies and STAP in facilitating implementation of the Strategy.

**Decision 24/2023**                      *Enhancing Policy Coherence through GEF Operations*

5. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.65/04, *Enhancing Policy Coherence through GEF Operations*, endorses the outlined approach and requests the GEF Secretariat to work along the outlined action areas.

**Decision 25/2023**                      *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*

6. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.65/05, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, welcomes the report and requests the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

**Decision 26/2023**                      *Other Business*

7. The Council decides that it will hold its 66<sup>th</sup> meeting during the week of February 05, 2024, the 67<sup>th</sup> during the week of June 17, 2024, and the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting during the week of December 16, 2024. The 66<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> Council Meetings will be held in Washington, D.C. in a hybrid format and the 68<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be virtual.

## CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed on October 10, 2023.