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EXCERPTS FROM THE JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.64/04/Rev.01, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, approves the Work Program comprising 45 projects and programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 27, 2023¹.
2. Total GEF resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$1.397 billion, including GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Documents (PFD):
3. Regional (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama). Mesoamerica Critical Forest Biome Integrated Program (GEFID: 11273). Agency: FAO, IUCN; GEF Project Financing: \$58,147,493; Co-financing: \$438,166,265.
4. Global (Belize, Cabo Verde, Comoros, Cuba, Maldives, Mauritius, Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Seychelles, St. Lucia, Timor Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Vanuatu). Blue and Green Island Integrated Programme. (GEFID: 11250). Agency: FAO, WWF-US, IUCN, UNDP, World Bank, UNEP. GEF Project Financing: \$121,183,945; Co-financing: \$733,790,102.

¹ The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries that are state sponsors of terrorism; in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons; (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; or (iii) do not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security forces; and in light of its policies related to development projects in China and Cuba; and in light of its concerns related to project implementation risks in Venezuela, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 11286 in China, Cuba, and Venezuela.

The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries that are state sponsors of terrorism; in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons; and in light of its policies related to development projects in Cuba, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF projects 11285 and 11250 in Cuba.

The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons, and in light of its policies related to development projects in Nicaragua, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 11273 in Nicaragua.

The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons; (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; or (iii) do not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security forces, and in light of its policies related to development projects in China, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 11271 in China.

The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries that have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 11110 in Ethiopia.

The United States, in light of its concerns related to project implementation risks, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF projects 11115, 11198, and 11108 in Venezuela.

5. Regional (Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo DR, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe). Congo Critical Forest Biome Integrated Program. (GEFID: 11241) Agency: IFAD, CI, IUCN, UNEP. GEF Project Financing: \$56,259,439. Co-financing: \$428,640,177.
6. Regional (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela). Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program Phase 3. (GEFID: 11198) Agency: WWF-US, CI, World Bank, FAO, UNDP. GEF Project Financing: \$88,644,185. Co-financing: \$557,827,180.
7. Global (Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, India, Jordan, Lao PDR, Morocco, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa). Circular Solutions to Plastic Pollution . (GEFID: 11181) Agency: WWF-US, UNIDO, UNEP, UNDP. GEF Project Financing: \$96,280,581. Co-financing: \$595,778,545.
8. Global (Cambodia, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ecuador, India, India, Mongolia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Pakistan, Peru, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Trinidad and Tobago). Eliminating hazardous chemicals from supply chains. (GEFID: 11169). Agency: FAO, UNEP, UNDP, UNIDO. GEF Project Financing: \$45,674,998. Co-financing: \$295,245,000.
9. Regional (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone). Guinean Forests (GEF-8 Amazon, Congo and Critical Forest Biomes Integrated Program). (GEFID: 11142) Agency: FAO, CI, IUCN. GEF Project Financing: \$20,077,828. Co-financing: \$59,664,406.
10. Global (Angola, Brazil, Cambodia, Chad, Congo DR, Cote d'Ivoire, Haiti, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Peru, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam). Ecosystem Restoration. (GEFID: 11118) Agency: UNDP, CI, IFAD, UNEP, World Bank, FAO, IUCN. GEF Project Financing: \$183,859,244. Co-financing: \$1,627,501,995.
11. Regional (Lao PDR, Papua New Guinea, Thailand). Indo-Malaya Critical Forest Biome Integrated Program. (GEFID: 11102). Agency: FAO, IUCN, UNDP. GEF Project Financing: \$38,216,208. Co-financing: \$185,597,817.
12. Global (Chile, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Viet Nam). Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator Integrated Programme. (GEFID: 11085). Agency: UNIDO, ADB, UNDP, UNEP, CAF, FAO. GEF Project Financing: \$98,678,187. Co-financing: \$695,182,970.
13. Global. Global Programme to Support Countries to Upscale Integrated Electric Mobility Systems (GEF ID 11074). Agency: UNEP, ADB, World Bank, EBRD; GEF Project Financing: \$22,257,385; Co-financing: \$129,356,667.
14. India. Guarantee Mechanism for Renewable Biogas Initiative (GEF ID: 11068). World Bank; GEF Project financing: \$13,761,468; Co-financing: \$705,000,000.

15. Regional. LAC. Yield Lab Opportunity Fund I: Accelerating technology and local innovation for sustainable and decarbonized food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean (GEF ID: 11066). Agency: IADB; GEF Project financing: \$6,000,000; Co-financing: \$44,000,000.
16. Chile. Green Hydrogen Facility to Support a Green, Resilient and Inclusive Economic Development (GEF ID: 11065). Agency: World Bank; GEF Project financing: 13,761,469; Co-financing: \$450,000,000.
17. Regional: Asia and Pacific. Natural Capital Fund (NCF): Investing in Nature-Positive Agri-Food Enterprises in Asia and the Pacific (GEF ID: 11062) Agency: ADB; GEF Project financing: \$13,761,469; Co-financing: \$646,350,000.
18. Brazil. Empowering Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) to manage biodiversity data and information as a strategy to conserve their territories, safeguard traditional knowledge, and promote integrated biodiversity management (GEF ID: 11269). Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$6,192,695; Co-financing: \$49,450,000.
19. Brazil. Biodiversity Wildlife Territories (GEF ID: 11268). Agency: FUNBIO; GEF Project Financing: \$16,872,477; Co-financing: \$51,000,000.
20. Chile. Strengthening inter-institutional coordination for the mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation in national, regional and local public policies in Chile (GEF ID: 11208). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$3,776,941; Co-financing: 25,681,614.
21. Venezuela. Strengthening management to combat threats from Aquatic Invasive Alien Species in Venezuela (GEF ID: 11115). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$6,000,000; Co-financing: \$35,940,000.
22. China. Green hydrogen energy integrated demonstration application project in China (GEF ID: 11271). Agency: UNIDO; GEF project financing: \$16,000,000; Co-financing: \$160,900,000.
23. Argentina. Accelerating low-emission and resilient community energy in Argentina. (GEF ID: 11073). Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$4,701,497; Co-financing: \$32,000,000.
24. Brazil. Promoting zero-emission buildings in Brazil through climate technologies and policies (EDinova) (GEF ID11072). Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$9,167,443; Co-financing: \$66,657,355.
25. Chile. Supporting the shift to a low-emission, circular construction in Chile. (GEF ID: 11071). Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$2,963,699; Co-financing: \$20,200,000.
26. Eswatini. Reduced risks on human health & the environment through reduction of POPs & U-POPs in Eswatini (GEF ID: 11272) Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$4,935,000; co-financing: \$31,140,000.

27. Global (Sierra Leone, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uruguay). Shifting to Zero Waste Against Pollution (SWAP) Initiative (GEF ID: 11211). Agency UNDP; GEF project financing: \$26,700,000; Co-financing: \$216,691,545.
28. Regional (Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa). Fortifying Infrastructure for Responsible Extinguishments (FIRE): (GEF ID: 11110). Agency UNEP; GEF project financing: \$10,000,000; Co-financing: \$45,000,000.
29. Regional (Ecuador, Costa Rica, Colombia, and Panama). Beyond 30x30: Securing resilience in the Eastern Tropical Pacific through enhanced transboundary cooperation (GEF ID: 11267). Agency: CI; GEF Project Financing: \$14,378,899; Co-financing: \$53,383,037.
30. Regional (Eswatini, Mozambique, South Africa). Strengthening integrated transboundary management of the Incomati and Maputo river basins (GEF ID. 11180). Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$7,105,936; Co-financing: \$23,600,000.
31. Global (Costa Rica, Kenya and Vanuatu). Plastic Reduction in the Oceans: Sustaining and Enhancing Actions on Sea-based Sources (PRO-SEAS). (GEF ID: 11166). Agency: FAO; GEF project financing: \$7,105,936; Co-financing: \$49,151,264.
32. Regional (Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Jordan, Sudan, and Yemen). Promoting sustainable fisheries management in the Red Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (RedSeaFish project). (GEF ID 11113). Agency: FAO; GEF project financing: \$6,192,694; Co-financing: \$40,300,000.
33. Regional (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela). Towards a Better Understanding of the Amazon Aquifer Systems for its Protection and Sustainable Management (GEF ID 11108). Agency: UNEP and IADB; GEF Project Financing: \$13,461,468; Co-Financing: \$131,236,473.
34. Regional (Angola, Namibia, South Africa). Mainstreaming Climate-Resilient Blue Economy in the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem (BCLME) Region (GEF ID: 11282). Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$10,484,931; Co-financing: \$25,000,000.
35. Mexico. Ecosystem restoration and sustainable livelihoods in the Biocultural Corridor of the Central West of Mexico (COBIOCOM) (GEF ID: 11249). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$8,932,420; Co-financing: \$51,156,135.
36. Honduras. Generating opportunities for livelihoods and biodiversity through participatory governance of natural resources and the economic diversification of the communities of the central forest corridor of Honduras (GEF ID: 11213). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$5,329,453; Co-financing: \$39,900,000.
37. Panama. Strengthening ecological connectivity in natural and productive landscapes between the Amistad and Darien biomes (GEF ID: 11209). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$6,585,388; Co-financing: \$42,800,000.

38. Georgia. Transforming Policy and Investment through Improving Ecosystem Management and Restoration of Degraded Drylands of Dedoplistskaro Biosphere Reserve in Georgia to Generate Multiple Environmental and Socio-Economic Benefits (GEF ID 11141). Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$3,552,970; Co-financing: \$24,875,000.
39. Lebanon. Community-based Wildfire Risk Management in Lebanon's Vulnerable Landscapes (GEF ID 11117). Agency: World Bank; GEF Project Financing: \$3,458,000; Co-financing: \$126,000,000.
40. Djibouti. Sustainable management of water and rangeland resources for enhanced climate resilience of rural communities in Djibouti (GEF ID 11284); GEF Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$2,977,523 (GEF Trust Fund) and \$18,048,624 (LDCF); Co-financing: \$66,300,000.
41. Zambia. Climate-resilient ecosystem restoration and sustainable land management in the Central and Southern Provinces of Zambia (GEF ID 11212); GEF Agency: FAO; GEF project financing: \$8,265,283 (LDCF) and \$3,544,809 (GEF Trust Fund); Co-financing: \$91,200,000.
42. Global. Eighth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme (GEFID: 11285). Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing \$126,186,603; Co-financing: \$126,187,000.
43. Global (Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Seychelles, Somalia, Sri Lanka, St Vincent & Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor Leste, Trinidad & Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela). Umbrella Programme to Support NBSAP Update and the 7th National Reports (GEF ID: 11286). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$28,400,000.
44. Global (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros,
45. Congo, Congo DR, Cook Islands, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Moldova, Montenegro, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Palau, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tonga, Türkiye, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Zambia, Angola, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Micronesia, Namibia, Nauru, Nicaragua, North Macedonia, Qatar, Serbia, Uganda, Zimbabwe). Umbrella Programme to Support NBSAP Update and the 7th National Reports (GEF ID: 11281). Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$36,435,000
46. Global (Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cook Islands, Eritrea, Ghana, Mali, Micronesia, Mongolia, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, Venezuela, Cote d'Ivoire, Thailand).

Technology Needs Assessment Phase V Project (GEF ID11099). Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$5,100,000.

47. With respect to the following 2 projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:

48. Haiti. Land degradation neutrality initiative in Southern Haiti (GEF ID: 11238). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$5,417,361.00; Co-financing: \$20,175,990.00.

49. Paraguay. Global Opportunities for the Long-Term Development of the Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining Sector in Paraguay - planetGOLD Paraguay (GEF ID 11112). Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$3,000,000; Co-financing: \$22,000,000.

50. With respect to the PIFs and PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs and PFDs (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the Work Program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

51. With respect to any PIF approved in this Work Program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

52. Following previous Council decisions related to UNDP GEF Management, all projects included in the Work Program implemented by UNDP shall be circulated by email for Council review at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval. Project reviews will take into consideration the relevant findings of the external audit and management responses and note them in the endorsement review sheet that will be made available to the Council during the 4-week review period.

53. The Council, recalling its decision 9/2022 and having considered the report on Lead Agency Selection Process for the Clean and Healthy Ocean Integrated Program, notes the technical and analytical steps taken by the GEF Secretariat and endorses the agency selection to lead the Clean and Healthy Ocean Integrated Program