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(Prepared by the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel)

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**STAP Secretariat
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1. The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) met 7-9 March 2005, in UNEP's offices at 1707 H Street, NW, and at the GEF Secretariat's offices, 1770 G Street, NW, Washington DC. (Annex A lists the participants.) This was the first meeting of STAP since the appointment of Yolanda Kakabadse, as the new Chair until end June 2006. (Yolanda replaced Julia Carabias, who had served as Chair from July 2002 to December 2004.) Apologies for absence were received from Hubert Savenije. The main business of the meeting was to consider papers on targeted research, and science and technology and the GEF: further decisions were made on implementing the FY05/06 work programme, agreed in October 2004. Focal area sessions were held to discuss specific activities in the work programme. The meeting was preceded by, and concluded with, a closed meeting of the Panel.

Welcome, and introductory remarks

2. The meeting was formally opened by Yolanda Kakabadse, the Chair of STAP, (YK) who welcomed, Len Good, the CEO and Chairman of the GEF, (LG) representatives of the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies (IAs) to the meeting.
3. After welcoming, the new STAP chair, LG provided an update on discussions about the Resource Allocation Framework (RAF), and spoke about the relevance of STAP's work to the GEF, offering some ideas about future directions.
4. The GEF was facing a difficult June Council meeting, with discussions about replenishment, and three motions for a vote on RAF, tabled by the United States and Canada, Europe and Japan, and by recipient countries. But LG was hopeful that RAF would be resolved: the level of engagement displayed at a recent consultation meeting in Paris had been encouraging.

5. The Council still faced three tricky problems on RAF: what percentage of resources should be allocated to individual countries; how to base country allocations on performance indicators, such as quality of governance, accountability, and other macro indicators; and arrears.
6. LG asked the Panel to consider the implications of RAF for its work, for example, should the GEF continue to invest in low greenhouse gas-emitting energy technologies (OP7). He suggested that STAP could also:
 - a. assist the GEF with its integration agenda, by helping to shape OPs 12 and 15, and by pursuing targeted research on interlinkages;
 - b. help to strengthen the GEF's strategies on capacity building and knowledge management;
 - c. engage in the discussion on sustainable "livelihoods," i.e. bringing the environment and development agendas together; and
 - d. help to improve the project cycle (quality at entry), and develop ways to measure incremental costs.
7. LG also commented briefly on the two main agenda items: targeted research, and science and technology in the GEF. On targeted research, he was not surprised by the conclusions in the paper, "Targeted research and the GEF," particularly the lack of country-driven targeted research proposals. He welcomed STAP's suggestion that there should be a request for proposals to the international scientific community on one or two targeted research topics. And STAP had an important role in looking at how successful the GEF had been in using science and technology.
8. LG noted that the relationship between GEF and STAP continued to improve, and he looked forward to strengthening these ties further with the new STAP Chair.
9. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Assistant Executive Director of UNEP and Director of the Division of GEF Coordination, (AD) on behalf of Dr. Klaus Topfer, Executive Director of UNEP, welcomed Yolanda Kakabadse as the new STAP Chair. YK had been a

special guest at UNEP's Governing Council in February. He offered his full support to YK on behalf of UNEP, UNDP, and the World Bank. Although YK was new to STAP, she was not new to the GEF family, and had clearly demonstrated that she was fully prepared to take on her new role as the Chair of STAP.

Reports

a. World Bank

10. Rohit Khanna, Senior Operations Officer, Environment Department, reported that the World Bank had delivered its largest portfolio (\$30 million) to the GEF Council in 2003-2004: the total portfolio was now \$2.7 billion, plus a further \$13 billion in co-financing.
11. The Bank had undertaken a number of new activities including: "adjustment lending" in the Cameroon forest project; building a new relationship in the Black Sea-Danube, through an international waters project; a review of the state of technology of the thermal portfolio and OP 7, with a paper for the June Council meeting; and impact studies, which asked what had been the long-term impact of GEF projects. (The first study would look at energy efficiency projects in Poland, Mexico and Japan, and a second would look at protected areas.)

b. UNDP

12. Bo Lim, Principal Technical Adviser and Chief Capacity Development and Adaptation Cluster, (BL) reported on UNDP's GEF portfolio: a \$90 million work programme had been submitted to the Council in November 2004, with \$203 million in co-financing; and for the February 2005 intercessional work programme, a \$45 million work programme had been submitted, with co-financing of \$207 million. (A full report was circulated.)

13. BL also provided an update on the UNDP's ongoing strategies, and activities by focal area. UNDP was relying less on targeted research, and moving towards knowledge management systems, by analysing lessons learned, and developing programming kits. UNDP had also decided to focus its efforts in developing a framework for capacity development indicators, currently on hold, pending further discussion with the GEF Office of Monitoring and Evaluation.
14. UNDP had initiated a dissemination tool on good practices in biodiversity, modelled on the IW-LEARN project. UNDP also planned to develop methodologies and best practices for assisting protected areas to move towards financial sustainability, and to assist in removing barriers to ecosystem services in global markets.
15. UNDP had now had a decade of experience in projects to provide heat and hot water in Central and Eastern Europe. In June 2005, UNDP would publish the lessons learned from these projects, as well as from landfill gas and biomethanation projects. In August 2005, UNDP would also publish its experiences and lessons learned from the biomass energy programmes. UNDP was working to scale-up initiatives on the productive uses of renewable energy, and in June 2005, it would publish a kit on practical programming guidance, and lessons learned.
16. UNDP is working with 48 least developed countries and small island developing states (SIDS), which have not completed their National Action Plans, to develop capacity and mainstream sustainable land management: UNDP would also develop knowledge management products.
17. UNDP had started to operationalise pathway III of the GEF's "Strategic Approach to Enhance Capacity Building". The project aims to build capacity for mainstreaming the global environment into regional development policy, the planning and budgetary processes. It will strengthen national capacities for improved reporting capabilities to the global environmental conventions, through integrated and coordinated

environmental monitoring. Pilot projects are planned in regions where there is momentum towards meeting EU environmental standards.

18. Other issues: the GEF National Dialogue Initiatives, included a new presentation on STAP; and the Small Grants Programme had about 5,500 approved projects in 83 countries, with an extra 10 countries to be added each year up to 2008.

c. UNEP

19. Ahmed Djoghlaif (AD) said that UNEP had submitted a portfolio of \$80 million to Council, including 12 full-sized projects, 7 of which focussed on Africa, demonstrating UNEP's continued commitment to NEPAD.
20. AD reported on the major outcomes of the 23rd Session of UNEP's Governing Council, 21-25 February 2005, at UNEP's headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, which had been attended by over 1,000 participants. These included: adoption of the Bali Strategy Plan (BSP) on Technology Support and Capacity Building; a recommendation to implement the Memorandum of Understanding between UNEP and UNDP, the first MOU between the two UN bodies, which seeks to strengthen the implementation of the BSP; strengthening the link between the environment and the challenges of achieving the Millennium Development Goals; approval of \$144 million for UNEP's biennial programme 2006-2007; an agreement to enhance early warning systems in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami; further development of UNEP's mercury programme; and strengthening UNEP's activities in SIDS, and continuing to ensure that SIDS activities contribute to the outcomes of the Mauritius meeting.
21. AD presented also the Nairobi Communiqué adopted by the Global Ministerial Environmental Forum and which will be submitted to the United Nations Summit review of the MDG to be held in New York in September 2005. He noted the call for a substantial replenishment of GEF 4 contained in the Communiqué. He also

informed the participants on the outcomes of the Retreat of the UNEP's Senior Management Group called by the Executive Director immediately after the Governing Council of UNEP aimed at equipping UNEP to meet the new challenges arising from the implementation of the decisions adopted by the governments including those having an operational nature.

22. AD also indicated that the second UNEP/GEF Annual Review Meeting was held in Nairobi on 25-30 October 2004 with the participation of the head of the Office of the M&E of the GEF, the OPS 3 team. The Secretary of STAP also attended the meeting.
23. AD also presented the planned UNEP's activities in support to the celebration of the International Year on Deserts and Desertification, including the support to the second World Festival on Deserts and the possible preparation in 2006 of a special issue of the UNEP's Global Environment Outlook on Deserts and Desertification.

GEF Secretariat

24. Ramesh Ramankutty, Head, Operations and Business Strategy, GEF Secretariat, (RR) said that good progress had been made in developing robust indicators to measure the value of biodiversity, but less progress had been made with climate change indicators, especially changes in CO₂ intensity. The GEF Secretariat's work on climate change indicators would be shared with STAP. A private sector strategy was being developed for the June Council meeting: an inter-agency team would set up very soon, and would include STAP. (It was agreed that Anjali Shanker would represent STAP on the inter-agency team.)
25. The Council would not have time to discuss the project cycle paper in June, initially prepared for the November 2004 meeting. RR highlighted the need to streamline the project cycle process, and, as part of that, the role and timing of the STAP roster expert review. RR also noted the need to develop operational guidelines on adaptation, on which STAP's help would be welcomed. (It was agreed that Habiba Gitay and Anand Patwardhan would represent STAP on the adaptation Task Force.)

26. Gonzalo Castro, Team Leader, GEF Secretariat Biodiversity, reported that a consensus had been reached on the biodiversity strategy, with only minor refinements needed to produce a final version. He also noted that STAP's work on mainstreaming biodiversity had been fundamental to fine-tuning Strategic Priority 2.
27. Moctar Toure, Team Leader, Land and Water Resources, GEF Secretariat, introduced the GEF Secretariat's paper on integration, "Integrated Natural Resources Management in the GEF" (available separately).
28. In discussion a number of members expressed concern about the lack of STAP participation in the development of GEF's strategy documents for the Council, and the integration paper. (The Land Degradation strategy had had STAP participation, and the document had been distributed. The Biodiversity and Climate Change Strategies were distributed at the meeting. The International Waters strategy is due shortly, and would be distributed to STAP.) On STAP's participation in GEF Task Forces, it was decided that:
- a. there would be a nominated STAP member for each Task Force, who would receive the agenda and papers in advance of each meeting, and minutes afterwards.
 - b. the GEF Secretariat would provide a list of Task Forces.
 - c. STAP would nominate members for each Task Force.
29. The implications of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment for the GEF were discussed: it was agreed that it would be useful if STAP were to consider these, including the priorities and gaps for targeted research.

Targeted research (TR) and the GEF

30. Cristian Samper made a presentation on the “Targeted Research in the GEF”, which drew on a paper of the same title, and included a preliminary analysis of GEF targeted research projects, and other projects with a research component, from a draft background paper “Review and Analysis of GEF Experiences with Targeted Research and Other Research Projects”, which had been circulated for information purposes.

31. Following discussion, STAP decided:

- i. to adopt a more proactive approach on targeted research.
- ii. the STAP Chair would discuss with the GEF CEO, and heads of the Implementing Agencies, how to involve STAP at an early stage of project development.
- iii. STAP would develop criteria which would enable the GEF Secretariat and Implementing Agencies to identify projects with research components, but which were not TR projects per se.
- iv. the consultant would be asked to revise the background paper in the light of comments submitted to the STAP Secretariat.
- v. the STAP Chair would make a presentation on the importance of TR, and other overarching S&T issues, at the June Council meeting.
- vi. STAP would develop a top-down approach to TR and develop one or two focussed topics, embodying both natural and social science components, in consultation with the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies. (It subsequently proposed that one topic would be invasives, with an emphasis on interlinkages, see para 41(a) below.)
- vii. the STAP Secretariat would revisit how project concepts at pipeline entry stage were brought to the attention of STAP members.
- viii. personal communication between STAP, GEF Secretariat, and the Implementing Agencies should be strengthened.

32. STAP noted that: TR projects identified could either go through the PDF A (\$25k) and PDF B (\$350k) route, or a RFP (Request for Proposals) could be published in a scientific journal. If the RFP process were followed, the GEF Secretariat suggested that STAP: develop two or three ideas; work closely with a consultant to draw up TORs; introduce a concept note into the pipeline, which would then be reviewed by the GEF Secretariat; and an advertisement would be placed for a RFP (\$5m). Bob Watson, Chief Scientist at the World Bank, offered to champion on STAP TR proposals.
33. STAP also noted: the GEF Secretariat's offer that resources would be available in GEF 3 for TR, and confirmation that there were no major obstacles; and the GEF Secretariat's statement that there would be 5% set asides in GEF 4 for global/regional projects for both biodiversity and climate change, from which resources could be used for TR. (\$50 m each for biodiversity and climate change, with \$10-15m of this for TR.)

Science and technology and the GEF

34. YK introduced a discussion paper on "The role of Science and Technology (S&T) in the GEF".
35. In light of the discussions, STAP decided:
- i. to give further consideration to this topic at its retreat in June, with an emphasis on the positive: it would not, therefore, offer an S&T annex for OPS3.
 - ii. a STAP working group (Yolanda Kakabadse, Habiba Gitay, Anjali Shanker, Anand Patwardhan, Peter Schei) would develop a short (ideally no more than one page) policy statement on the strategic importance of S&T for the GEF.
 - iii. the STAP Chair would write to the GEF CEO and heads of the Implementing Agencies about the use made of the STAP roster of experts.

Integration

36. Andrea Kutter and Gonzalo Castro (GEF Secretariat) made a presentation on “Integration in the GEF context” (copy available).

Interlinkages and sustainable consumption and production

37. Habiba Gitay, Vice-Chair, STAP, made a presentation on “Exploiting the interlinkages between the focal areas of the GEF”, which proposed holding a STAP workshop to identify and evaluate the major interlinkages affecting, and affected by climate change, and how these may be taken into account, in a practical way, in GEF activities. (Pursuant to Article 9 of the STAP Rules of Procedure, the issue of a potential conflict of interest between Ian Noble, a staff member of the World Bank, and his wife, Habiba Gitay, the Vice-chair of STAP, was raised in relation to the planned STAP workshop on interlinkages. However, the Chair's decision that terms of reference for the workshop should be developed in close consultation with the GEF Secretariat and all the GEF partners, including the World Bank, made the issue of a possible conflict of interest irrelevant.)

38. Peter Hennicke introduced a concept note on “Exploiting environmental and socio-economic interlinkages: how can GEF contribute to sustainable consumption and production (SCP)?” This took forward the conceptual design tool developed by STAP in its Interlinkages report, and considered how convention-driven interventions interlinked with commitments on SCP and sustainable development.

39. In light of the discussion, STAP decided that:

- i. an interlinkages workshop should be held, in response to the request from the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies; and

- ii. a working group of STAP members (Habiba Gitay, Anne Kapuscinski, Peter Hennicke) and the GEF Secretariat (Dick Hosier, Andrea Kutter) would develop a revised note on the objectives, TOR, process, and timing for the workshop, ensuring that the workshop was not a purely climate change activity, and included socioeconomic aspects.

Office of Monitoring and Evaluation

40. Rob van den Berg (Director) and Siv Tokle (GEF Office of Monitoring and Evaluation, GEFOME) made a presentation (copy available). GEF OME would undertake three main types of activities: management, e.g. the project cycle; identifying and measuring results, and indicators; and global trends in the environment. STAP could assist GEFOME in the following ways: by developing a vision of STAP's role in GEF4, with a four year plan, identifying possibilities for collaboration with GEFOME; by assisting with a number of ad hoc exercises, e.g. an assessment of UNEP's support for biosafety capacity building; by advising on a paper to be developed over the summer on impact assessments; on Knowledge Management – an inter-agency Task Force would be setup within a couple of months; and on impact assessment, where the questions needed to be sharpened and the attribution of GEF impacts projects carefully examined.

Adaptation

41. Boni Biagini, Climate Change team (GEF Secretariat) made a presentation on adaptation to climate change (copy available). It was agreed, in the light of this presentation and ensuing discussion, that Anand Patwardhan would revise the concept note (copy available), "Adaptation to climate change: integrating adaptation into development".

FY05/06 work programme

42. Reports from breakout groups:

(a) Biodiversity

- Mainstreaming biodiversity
 - i. STAP's advice on mainstreaming biodiversity in production landscapes and sectors will be ready for presentation at the June Council (Brian Huntley, Peter Schei).
 - ii. a report of the workshop will be published by the GEF Secretariat in its working paper series; and this will also be submitted to a scientific journal (Brian Huntley, Peter Schei).
 - iii. a concept note on mainstreaming biodiversity in water bodies would be developed for the October STAP meeting, with a view to holding a workshop in the second half of FY2006; this might focus on particular issues, e.g. marine protected areas and rebuilding fishstocks, coastal wetlands, mangroves (Anne Kapuscinski, Brian Huntley, Peter Schei, Angela Cropper).

- Biosafety
 - i. copies of the biosafety source book "Environmental Risk Assessment of Genetically Modified Organisms, A case study of Bt Maize in Kenya" (series editors: Anne Kapuscinski and Peter Schei) had been widely distributed to partners in developing countries. Copies will also be sent to STAP members (STAP Secretariat).
 - ii. a workshop on the environmental biosafety of transgenic fish will be held 17-21 October 2005 at the WorldFish Center in Penang, Malaysia (Anne Kapuscinski and Peter Schei). There will also be one or two day preparatory meeting for the leading authors in July in Washington DC.

- Invasive species (targeted research)

STAP to produce a revised concept note for a TR project on the importance of invasive species and climate change on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and land management/use change. A teleconference will be held in mid-April to develop this further (Brian Huntley, Peter Schei, Habiba Gitay).
- Biodiversity strategy paper

STAP supports the framework, and will help the GEF Secretariat articulate strategic priority number 4 (Brian Huntley, Peter Schei, Anne Kapuscinski, Cristian Samper).

(b) Climate change

- Liquid biofuels
 - i. a workshop will be held in New Delhi, India, 29 August-1 September; this will develop guidance for submission to the GEF Council in June 2006 (Anjali Shanker, Peter Hennicke, Anand Patwardhan, Thomas Johansson).
 - ii. background papers will be commissioned on lifecycle analysis (GHG emissions and energy balance), a synthesis paper on technologies, environmental impacts, economic and development benefits etc, and on the impacts on biodiversity, and how to reduce them (STAP Secretariat).
 - iii. STAP members from other focal areas will also be involved (Peter Schei, Saburo Matsui, Tim Williams).
- Modern bioenergy

A revised concept note will be presented at the October STAP meeting, after a teleconference in the next 1-2 months to discuss the note further (Thomas Johansson, Anjali Shanker, Anand Patwardhan, Habiba Gitay, Tim Williams).

- Energy efficiency of new buildings in developing countries
The concept note will be revised in the light of comments from the World Bank, and others, for discussion at the October STAP meeting, with a view to holding a workshop in China in the second half of FY06 (Peter Hennicke, Thomas Johansson).

- Private sector strategy
The GEF Secretariat will develop a private sector strategy by the end of 2005 (Anjali Shanker to represent STAP).

(c) International waters

- Managing the subsurface environment
 - i. a workshop will be held in New Delhi, 19-21 September 2005, hosted by UNESCO (Hubert Savenije, Angela Cropper, Saburo Matsui).
 - ii. this will focus primarily on managed artificial recharge of aquifers, with two subsidiary topics – deep fresh water renewable aquifers, and waste disposal.
 - iii. STAP members from biodiversity, climate change and land degradation should be involved in workshop.
 - iv. a revised concept note, and TOR for a consultant will be circulated (STAP Secretariat).

- Groundwater and small developing states (SIDS)
 - i. a workshop will be held 28 November-1 December in Barbados (Angela Cropper, Hubert Savenije, Saburo Matsui).
 - ii. a revised concept note, and TOR for a consultant will be circulated (STAP Secretariat).

- Upstream-downstream linkages
Further work will be placed on hold, pending FAO and IIED reports on this issue, due at the end of 2005.

(d) POPs

- Soil remediation
 - i. TOR for a consultant's study to be revised (Sani Ibrahim, Saburo Matsui).
 - ii. a consultant to be commissioned (STAP Secretariat).
 - iii. a decision on whether to hold a workshop will be made in the light of the consultant's report.
- Update on non-combustion technologies
TOR for a consultant's study to update STAP's 2004 report will be drawn up for discussion at the October STAP meeting (Saburo Matsui and Sani Ibrahim).

(e) Land degradation

- Best practices in the restoration and rehabilitation of drylands
 - i. a draft report will be distributed for comment to the GEF Secretariat, Implementing Agencies and STAP in late April (Habiba Gitay, Tim Williams).
 - ii. a final version of STAP's advice will be distributed in June, for submission to the GEF Council in November 2005 (Habiba Gitay, Tim Williams).
- Sustainable land management (SLM) in drylands
 - i. the GEF Secretariat, Implementing Agencies, workshop participants and those invited, but who did not take part, will be sent a draft of the

revised paper for comment in late March or early April (Tim Williams, Habiba Gitay).

- ii. a final version will be completed in June, and advice submitted to November Council. The advice will offer an analysis of incremental costs; recommend an economic evaluation of global benefits for SLM projects; and will propose guidelines for SLM projects (Tim Williams, Habiba Gitay).

– Other

STAP will assist in a UNDP-led working group the development of land degradation indicators (Habiba Gitay, Tim Williams).

(See Annex B: a calendar of STAP (and GEF) events in calendar 2005.)

Organisational matters

43. STAP decided:

- i. to accept gratefully Len Good's kind offer to host all future STAP meetings in the GEF Secretariat's offices, 1707 H Street NW (STAP Secretariat).
- ii. there will be a STAP retreat in either Quito or Tobago, 24-27 June, with participation by the GEF Secretariat and Implementing Agencies on 25-26 June (Yolanda Kakabadse, STAP Secretariat).
- iii. the next STAP meeting will be 5,6,7 October in Washington, DC.
- iv. a template for inviting participants to workshops will be developed (STAP Secretariat).
- v. a password-protected intranet for STAP members will be revisited (STAP Secretariat).

Annex A

Those attending (throughout or in part):

STAP Members

Yolanda Kakabadse, Chair

Habiba Gitay, Vice-Chair

Angela Cropper

Peter Hennicke

Brian Huntley

Sani Ibrahim

Thomas Johansson

Anne Kapuscinski

Saburo Matsui

Anand Patwardhan

Cristian Samper

Peter Schei

Anjali Rambaud-Measson Shanker

Timothy Williams

(Apologies for absence were received from Hubertus Savenije.)

GEF Secretariat

Len Good, CEO and Chairman, GEF

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Bo Lim, Principal Technical Adviser and Chief Capacity Development and Adaptation
Cluster

World Bank

Bob Watson, Chief Scientist and Director of the Environmentally and Socially
Sustainable Development Network

Enos Esikuri

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Todd Johnson

Rohit Khanna

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Annex B

STAP calendar to end 2005

June 2	GEF NGO Consultations
June 3, 6 - 8	GEF Council Meeting
June 9 - 10	Replenishment Meeting
June 24 - 27	STAP retreat (Quito)
July (or August)	One day preparatory meeting for transgenic fish workshop (DC)
August 29 - September 1	Biofuels workshop (Delhi)
August 31 - September 1	Replenishment Meeting
September 19 - 22	Managed artificial recharge workshop (Delhi)
October 5 - 7	STAP Meeting (DC)
October 12 - 13	Replenishment Meeting
October 17 - 21	Transgenic fish workshop (Penang)
November 7 - 9	GEF Council Meeting
November 10 - 11	Replenishment Meeting
November 28 - December 1	Groundwater & SIDS workshop (Barbados)

To be scheduled:
Interlinkages workshop
Adaptation workshop