



# Global Environment Facility

## Summary of Document GEF/C.28/6

### Work Program Submitted for Council Approval

#### Recommended Council Decision

The Council reviewed the proposed work program submitted to Council in document GEF/C.28/6 and approves it subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted to the Secretariat by June 23, 2006.

The Council finds that [, with the exception of \_\_\_\_\_], each project presented to it as part of the work program is or would be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures and may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the Implementing or Executing Agency, provided that the CEO circulates to the Council Members, prior to endorsement, draft final project documents fully incorporating the Council's comments on the work program accompanied by a satisfactory explanation by the CEO of how such comments and comments of the STAP reviewer have been addressed and a confirmation by the CEO that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

[With respect to \_\_\_\_\_, the Council requests 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 endorsing a project document for final approval by the Implementing or Executing Agency. Such projects may be reviewed at a further Council meeting at the request of at least four Council Members.]

#### Executive Summary

The CEO proposes to the Council the approval of this work program containing 76 full-size project (FSP) proposals requesting a total GEF allocation of \$564.660 million.

Total co-financing amounts to \$2,985.374 million which, when added to the total GEF allocation gives a total project value of \$3,550.034 million.

The proposed work program includes the following four projects that were initially submitted for Council approval in the February 2006 Intersessional Work Program. At the request of some Council members, these four projects are now being resubmitted for Council review as part of the June 2006 work program:

- (a) **Global:** *Supporting Country Early Action on Protected Areas (UNDP)*, one Council Member expressed concern regarding the adequacy of the results management framework of the project, its nature of seemingly creating a new “small” medium-sized project facility and the excessive emphasis on capacity building.
- (b) **China:** *Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Wild Relatives of Crops (UNDP)*, one Council Member has concerns regarding the indicators and baselines of the project, lack of economic and financial analysis, and issues on the incentive systems which led to concerns about the sustainability of the project.
- (c) **Ghana:** *Ghana Urban Transport (World Bank)*, one Council Member objected to this project on grounds that the project does not meet the GEF’s principle of achieving the global environmental benefits through the GEF financing of agreed incremental costs.
- (d) **Pakistan:** *Sustainable Land Management for Combating Desertification, Phase I (UNDP)*, one Council Member was very critical about the merits and value added of the activities in the project and suggested the project needs redrafting and reorientation.

This work program is the last work program to be approved under GEF-3. The Secretariat received a total of 93 full-sized project proposals requesting a total funding of \$804 million in GEF resources. The demand of the GEF resources far exceeded the available resources at the GEF Trust Fund, i.e., the Council Commitment Authority, as GEF-3 is drawing to a close by June 30, 2006. In order to stay within the commitment authority, the CEO, in consultation with the agencies has constituted for Council review a work program consisting of 76 projects, which request GEF funding of \$564.660 million.