



Global Environment Facility

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GEF Council
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Agenda Item 3

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 1.

OPENING OF THE MEETING
(CEO Chairs)

1. The meeting will be opened by Monique Barbut, CEO/Chairperson of the Facility.

AGENDA ITEM 2.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON
(CEO Chairs)

2. In accordance with paragraph 18 of the Instrument, a Chairperson will be elected from among the Members of the Council. Paragraph 18 provides that the position of elected Chairperson will alternate from one meeting to another between recipient and non-recipient Council Members. The elected Chairperson at the previous Council meeting was Gerben de Jong, Council Member representing The Netherlands.
3. Consistent with paragraph 18 of the Instrument, the elected Chairperson is expected to chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 3, "Adoption of the Agenda," agenda item 4, "Statement by the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions," agenda item 5, "Relations with the Conventions," agenda item 6, "Four Year Work Program and FY09 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office," agenda item 7, "Annual Performance Report 2007 and Management Response," agenda item 8, "Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation 2008 and Management Response," agenda item 9, "Annual Monitoring Review 2007," agenda item 12, "Compliance of the GEF Agencies on the Implementation of the Recommended Minimum Fiduciary Standards," agenda item 16, "Business Plan FY09-10 and FY09 Corporate Budget," agenda item 20, "Report by the Chair of STAP," and agenda item 21, "Proposal of the Executive Director of UNEP on the Reconstitution of STAP."
4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 22, "Other Business," and agenda item 23 "Joint Summary of the Chairs."
5. The CEO/Chairperson of the Facility will chair the Council meeting during discussions of the other items on the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 3.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

6. A *Provisional Agenda* for consideration by the Council has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/C.33/1/Rev.2. The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4.

STATEMENTS BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE CONVENTIONS

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

7. The representative of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change will report on the 13th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the 3rd meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, and a representative of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants will report on recent decisions and developments of relevance to the GEF.
8. The GEF CEO will provide an overview of what was decided at the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol with respect to the establishment of a Board of the Adaptation Fund and the decision to invite the GEF to provide Secretariat services. The CEO will also explain how the GEF would respond to those recommendations, including steps taken to date, and will provide a brief report on the recently held Adaptation Fund Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5.

RELATIONS WITH THE CONVENTIONS

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

9. Document GEF/C.33/3, *Relations with the Conventions*, reports on developments of interest to the GEF occurring since the GEF Council meeting in November 2007 within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.
10. *The Council is invited to consider the report and the proposed activities to implement the guidance and decisions that have been approved by the Conferences of the Parties to the global environmental conventions. The Council is further invited to approve a decision to accept the invitation to the GEF to provide secretariat services to the Adaptation Fund from the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.*

AGENDA ITEM 6.

FOUR YEAR WORK PROGRAM AND FY09 BUDGET OF THE GEF EVALUATION OFFICE

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

11. Document GEF/ME/C.33/1, *Four Year Work Program and FY09 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office*, prepared by the GEF

Evaluation Office, contains a detailed proposal for the budget for FY09, including the implementation of OPS4, and proposals for FY10.

12. *The Council is invited to review and comment on the document. Council Members will decide on the EO Work plan and Budget under Agenda Item 16.*

AGENDA ITEM 7.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2007 AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

13. Document GEF/ME/C.33/2, *Annual Performance Report 2007*, to be presented by the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office, contains an account of project results, processes that may affect them, M&E arrangements in completed projects, an assessment of capacity development activities, a review of the "carbon footprint" policies and guidelines at the GEF Agencies, and for the first time the Evaluation Office presents a "performance matrix," of the GEF Agencies according to various parameters.
14. GEF/ME/C.33/3, *Management Response to the Annual Performance Report 2007*, prepared by the GEF Secretariat and the GEF Agencies, provides the GEF management's response to the review conducted by the GEF Evaluation Office, *GEF Annual Performance Report 2007* (GEF/ME/C.33/2).
15. *The Council is invited to review the Annual Performance Report and its recommendations, and approve the proposed Council decision, which has taken into consideration the GEF Management Response.*

AGENDA ITEM 8.

ANNUAL COUNTRY PORTFOLIO EVALUATION 2008 AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

16. Document GEF/ME/C.33/4, *Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report – 2008*, to be presented by the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office, is the first time the Evaluation Office presents a summary of conclusions and recommendations from Country Portfolio Evaluations conducted in the year: Benin, Madagascar and South Africa. The Council is invited also to take note of the three information documents on each of the country evaluations.
17. GEF/ME/C.33/5, *Management Response to the Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report – 2008*, prepared by the GEF Secretariat and the GEF Agencies, provides GEF management's

response to the evaluation conducted by the GEF Evaluation Office

18. *The Council is invited to review the Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report - 2008 and its recommendations, and approve the proposed Council decision, which has taken into consideration the GEF Management Response.*

AGENDA ITEM 9.

ANNUAL MONITORING REVIEW REPORT 2007
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

19. Document GEF/C.33/4, *Annual Monitoring Review Report 2007*, is the principal reporting instrument of the GEF Secretariat's monitoring system and provides a snap shot of the overall health of the GEF's active portfolio of projects each fiscal year. As a key part of the GEF's Results-based Management Framework, it monitors project implementation progress towards achieving global environmental objectives, and baseline identification and tracking.
20. *The Council is invited to review Annual Monitoring Review Report 2007 and to request the Secretariat to take specific steps to continue to improve its monitoring work.*

AGENDA ITEM 10.

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM: FOLLOW-UP TO THE 2007 JOINT EVALUATION
(CEO Chairs)

21. Document GEF/C.33/5, *Small Grants Program: Follow-up to the 2007 Joint Evaluation*, was developed by the SGP Steering Committee in response to the Council's request for a report on the actions taken to implement recommendations of the 2007 Joint Evaluation of the SGP (GEF/ME/C.32/2). This document also provides options for alternative SGP execution modalities.
22. *The Council is invited to review Actions taken to Implement the Recommendations of the SGP Evaluation and to request the Secretariat to undertake further actions recommended in the report to enhance the impact of the SGP.*

AGENDA ITEM 11.

CLARIFYING THE PROGRAMMATIC APPROACH IN THE GEF PORTFOLIO
(CEO Chairs)

23. This paper clarifies the programmatic approaches that the GEF has undertaken to date and elaborates on how future programmatic

approaches will be implemented. This paper further clarifies the current approval process for programmatic approaches.

24. *The Council is invited to review GEF/C.33/6, From Projects to Programs: Clarifying the Programmatic Approach in the GEF Portfolio, and to endorse the objectives and basic principles for programmatic approaches set forth in the document.*
25. *The Council is further invited to approve the procedures that are set forth in the document for developing specific Programs, including the use of the program framework document.*
26. *Finally, the Council is invited to adopt a clarification to paragraph 11 of the Project Cycle paper GEF/C.31/7/Rev. 1 – as approved in June 2007 and revised in November 2007.*

AGENDA ITEM 12.

COMPLIANCE OF THE GEF AGENCIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDED MINIMUM FIDUCIARY STANDARDS
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

27. Document GEF/C.33/Inf.6, *Report on the Compliance of the GEF Agencies on the Implementation of the Recommended Minimum Fiduciary Standards*, is a consolidation of reports prepared by the GEF Agencies at the request of the Council. These reports provide information on the Agencies' compliance with the fiduciary standards found in GEF/C.31/6, *Recommended Minimum Fiduciary Standards for GEF Implementing and Executing Agencies*, as well as on the Agencies' plans to remedy any shortfalls in compliance.
28. *The Council is invited to discuss GEF/C.33/Inf.6, Report on the Compliance of the GEF Agencies on the Implementation of the Recommended Minimum Fiduciary Standards, and to determine whether further assessment is appropriate.*

AGENDA ITEM 13.

STRATEGIC PROGRAM TO SCALE-UP THE LEVEL OF INVESTMENT IN THE TRANSFER OF ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGIES
(CEO Chairs)

29. Document GEF/C.33/7, *Elaborating a Strategic Program to Scale-up the Level of Investment in the Transfer of Environmentally-friendly Technologies*, responds to the request by the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (Decision 4/CP.13) to the GEF "to elaborate a strategic program to scale-up the level of investment for technology transfer to help developing countries address their needs for

environmentally sound technologies.” The document lays out a process for taking actions to increase investment flows in the specific technologies that hold the greatest potential for mitigation or adaptation and that are of interest to a large number of developing countries.

30. *The Council is invited to request the Secretariat to revise the document based upon comments from the Council and forward it to the subsidiary bodies of the UNFCCC for its June 2008 meeting as requested by the Bali COP in Decision 4/CP.13.*

AGENDA ITEM 14.

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO GEF IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES (CEO Chairs)

31. Document GEF/C.33/8, *Review of Administrative Expenses Allocated to GEF Implementing Agencies*, prepared by an independent Consultant, provides a factual and comprehensive understanding of the expenses incurred by the Implementing Agencies as partners of the GEF and in managing and implementing GEF projects.
32. *The Council is invited to request the GEF Secretariat to convene an inter-agency working group to develop a glossary of terms and reporting guidelines and to provide recommendations from the working group to Council in Spring 2009.*
33. *The Council is further invited to request each GEF Agency to provide to the Secretariat on an annual basis a list of staff that work full time or part time for the GEF (or estimate of staff years) and to report annually on services provided and actual aggregated expenditures on corporate activities and project cycle management, so the Secretariat can include this information in the business plans presented to Council.*

AGENDA ITEM 15.

(A) WORK PROGRAM AND (B) STATUS REPORT ON THE BRAZIL: EXTERNALLY-FIRED COMBINED CYCLE (EFCC) ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY COGENERATION PROJECT (CEO Chairs)

34. Document GEF/C.33/9, *Work Program Submitted for Council Approval*, contains the proposed work program comprised of project proposals that are recommended by the CEO for Council approval. This is the fifth work program presented for GEF Council review and approval in GEF-4 and since the GEF Resources Allocation Framework became applicable to the

biodiversity and climate change focal areas. The work program requests \$286.80 million in GEF financing.

35. *The Council is invited to review the proposed work program with a view to approving it for further development.*
36. Document GEF/C.33/10 provides a status report on one project, *Status Report on the Brazil: Externally-Fired Combined Cycle (EFCC) Advanced Technology Cogeneration Project* (PMIS #1039), that had been requested by Council when approving the June 2005 work program. The Council wanted to be able to evaluate progress made towards achievement of financial closure in this project.
37. *The Council is invited to agree that the project should be allowed to continue, as sufficient progress has been made by IFC towards achievement of financial closure and that, therefore, Tranche I (\$3m) of the project be submitted for CEO endorsement prior to June 30, 2008 and that Tranche II (\$41 million) of the project be submitted for CEO endorsement prior to June 30, 2009.*

AGENDA ITEM 16.

GEF BUSINESS PLAN FY09-10 AND FY09 CORPORATE BUDGET
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

38. The Business Plan describes the status of policy development and implementation already underway, or planned, as we enter into the second half of GEF-4 (FY07-10).
39. *The Council is invited to review GEF/C.33/11, GEF Business Plan FY09-10 and FY09 Corporate Budget, for the Secretariat, Evaluation Office, STAP and the Trustee, and to take note of the progress achieved in implementing the policy recommendations of the GEF-4 replenishment, and in meeting the targets established for programming of GEF-4 resources.*
40. *The Council is invited to take note of the business plan for FY09-10 and approve the FY09 Corporate Budget for the GEF Secretariat, Evaluation Office, STAP and the Trustee, that are presented in document GEF/C.33/11.*
41. *The Council is further invited to approve the work program of the GEF Evaluation Office, which was discussed under agenda item 6 and can be found in Document GEF/ME/C.33/1, Four Year Work Program and FY09 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office.*

AGENDA ITEM 17.

OPERATIONAL POLICIES AND GUIDANCE FOR THE USE OF NON-GRANT INSTRUMENTS
(CEO Chairs)

42. *The Council is invited to review Document GEF/C.33/12, Operational Policies and Guidance for the Use of Non-grant Instruments, provide comments and endorse the approach outlined in the document regarding the use of non-grant instruments in GEF-financed projects.*

AGENDA ITEM 18.

PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GEF STRATEGIC APPROACH TO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT
(CEO Chairs)

43. The Council is invited to review GEF/C.33/Inf.5, *Second Progress Report on the Implementation of the GEF Strategic Approach to Capacity Development*, which summarizes the key issues in the implementation of the GEF Strategic Approach to Capacity Development since the report to Council in October 2005 and informs of the next steps that will be taken to continue implementation of the GEF Strategic Approach to Capacity Development.

AGENDA ITEM 19.

PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RAF
(CEO Chairs)

44. The Council is invited to review GEF/C.33/Inf.4, *Progress Report on the Implementation of the RAF*, which describes the status of implementation of the RAF, and the progress achieved in programming under the RAF.

AGENDA ITEM 20.

REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF STAP
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

45. The Chair of STAP will be invited to make a statement to the Council on the work of STAP. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to address questions to the Chair of STAP.

AGENDA ITEM 21.

PROPOSAL OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNEP ON THE RECONSTITUTION OF STAP
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

46. *The Council is invited to review GEF/C.33/13, Proposal of the Executive Director of UNEP on the Reconstitution of STAP, and approve the proposed composition of STAP, including the proposed Chair.*

AGENDA ITEM 22.

OTHER BUSINESS

(Jointly Chaired)

47. Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item. In particular, the Council's attention is drawn to the information papers before it.

AGENDA ITEM 23.

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS

(Jointly Chaired)

48. The elected Chair and the CEO/Chairperson will present a joint summary of the conclusions of the meeting. Decisions approved by the Council during the meeting will be included in the Chairs' joint summary.

ANNEX A: PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Morning Session

09:30 – 10:00	Agenda Item 1	Opening of the Meeting (CEO)
	Agenda Item 2	Election of a Chairperson (CEO)
	Agenda Item 3	Adoption of the Agenda (Elected Chair)
10:00 – 11:00	Agenda Item 4	Statements by Executive Secretaries of the Conventions (Elected Chair)
	Agenda Item 5	Relations with the Conventions (Elected Chair)
11:00 – 12:00	Agenda Item 6	Four Year Work Program and FY09 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office (Elected Chair)
12:00 – 13:00	Agenda Item 7	Annual Performance Report 2007 and Management Response (Elected Chair)

Afternoon Session

2:30 – 3:30	Agenda Item 8	Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation 2008 and Management Response (Elected Chair)
3:30 – 4:30	Agenda Item 9	Annual Monitoring Review 2007 (Elected Chair)
4:00 – 5:30	Agenda Item 10	Small Grants Program: Follow-up to the 2007 Joint Evaluation (CEO)

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Morning Session

9:30 – 10:00	Agenda item 11	Clarifying the Programmatic Approach in the GEF Portfolio (CEO)
10:00 – 11:00	Agenda item 12	Compliance of the GEF Agencies on the Implementation of the Recommended Minimum Fiduciary Standards (Elected Chair)
11:00 – 12:00	Agenda item 13	Strategic Program to Scale-up the Level of Investment in the Transfer of Environmentally-friendly Technologies (CEO)
12:00 – 13:00	Agenda Item 14	Review of Administrative Expenses Allocated to GEF Implementing Agencies (CEO)

Afternoon Session

2:30 – 4:30	Agenda item 15	(a) Work Program (CEO)
		(b) Status Report on the Brazil: Externally-fired Combined Cycle (EFCC) Advanced Technology Cogeneration Project (CEO)

4:30 – 6:30	Agenda item 16	Business Plan FY09-10 and FY09 Corporate Budget (Elected Chair)
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Thursday, April 24, 2008

Morning Session

9:30 – 10:30	Agenda Item 17	Operational Policies and Guidance for the Use of Non-grant Instruments (CEO)
10:30 – 12:00	Agenda Item 18	Progress on the Implementation of the GEF Strategic Approach to Capacity Development (CEO)
	Agenda Item 19	Progress on the Implementation of the RAF (CEO)
12:00 – 13:00	Agenda Item 20	Report of the Chair of STAP (Elected Chair)
	Agenda Item 21	Proposal of the Executive Director of UNEP on the Reconstitution of STAP (Elected Chair)

Afternoon session

2:30 – 3:30 Meeting of the LDCF/SCCF Council

3:30 – 4:30 Meeting of donors to pledge for the climate change funds

Friday, April 25, 2008

Morning Session

9:30 – 10:30	Agenda Item 22	Other Business (Jointly Chaired)
10:30 – 11:30	Agenda Item 23	Joint Summary of the Chairs (Jointly Chaired)