



Global Environment Facility

Summary of Document GEF/C.33/9

Work Program Submitted for GEF Council Approval

Recommended Council Decision

The Council reviewed the proposed work program submitted to Council in document GEF/C.33/9 and approves the work program comprising ___ project concepts and endorses the concepts and objectives of ___ programmatic approaches, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted to the Secretariat by May 9, 2008.

The approved work program is comprised of ___ free-standing Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and 10 programmatic approaches, which contain ___ PIFs as follows:

[List of free-standing PIFs and PIFs from within programmatic approaches approved by Council]

With respect to the programmatic approaches, the Council endorses their objectives and requests that future full-sized project PIFs to be financed under these programmatic approaches be included in work programs submitted to the Council for approval:

[List of programmatic approaches endorsed as part of the work program]

With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, either under one of the programmatic approaches or as a stand alone PIF, the Council requests the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive a copy of the draft final project document that is submitted to the CEO for endorsement. Council Members may 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 GEF Agency. Such projects may be reviewed at a further Council meeting at the request of at least four Council Members.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. 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 cover note describes how the proposed concepts relate to the strategic objectives and programming coherence of, and make a collective contribution to, the GEF approved strategies.

2. The proposed work program consists of 49 new full-sized project proposals (PIFs) requesting GEF project grants totaling \$260.14 million (see Annex A for the financial details of proposals). Associated with these projects are requests for Agency fees totaling \$26.67 million for the GEF Agencies to meet their project cycle management costs, resulting in a total GEF Trust Fund financing of \$286.80 million requested through this work program.

3. Of the 49 PIFs submitted in this work program, 28 are stand-alone projects and 21 are projects under the programmatic approaches (PAs). The relatively large share of the projects under the PAs (over 40 percent) and the increased number of PAs¹ follow the trend of increased submission of programmatic approaches that started in the November 2007 work program, which included three PAs. This trend responds to Council decision of December 2006, calling for shifting the work program from being project-based to being program-based in line with GEF strategies and policies. The work program as a whole presented a much more coherent strategy in achieving the objectives of GEF-4.

¹ There are 10 programmatic approaches submitted for Council review and endorsement (see Annex A-1 for detailed projects under the programs)