

GEF Council Meeting  
November 16-18, 2010  
Washington, D.C.

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 Mr. Frank Fass-Metz, the Council Member from Germany.
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, "Report by the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel," agenda item 5, "Statements by Executive Secretaries of the Conventions," agenda item 6, "Relations with the Conventions," agenda item 7, "Progress Report of the Evaluation Office Director," agenda item 8, "Review of the Earth Fund," agenda item 9, "Evaluation of the Strategic Priority for Adaptation," and agenda item 10, "Revised Monitoring and Evaluation Policy."
4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 18, "Other Business," and agenda item 19, "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.39/1.
7. *The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 4.

REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL  
ADVISORY PANEL  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

8. The Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel will be invited to make a statement to the Council on the work of the Panel. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to address questions to the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel. A written report of the Chair can be found in document GEF/C.39/Inf.12, *Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel to the Council*.
9. *The Council is invited to comment on the report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel and to provide guidance to the Panel, as appropriate.*

AGENDA ITEM 5.

STATEMENTS BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE  
CONVENTIONS  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

10. The representative of the Convention on Biological Diversity will report on the recent decisions and developments under the Convention related to the activities of the GEF, in particular the outcomes of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Nagoya, Japan in October. The representative of the Montreal Protocol will report on the recent decisions and developments under the Convention related to the activities of the GEF. The Manager of the secretariat of the Adaptation Fund Board will provide an overview of what the Adaptation Fund Board has accomplished since the last Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6.

RELATIONS WITH THE CONVENTIONS  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

11. Document GEF/C.39/3, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, reports on developments of interest to the GEF occurring since the GEF Council meeting in June 2010 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, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, as well as other conventions and institutions of particular interest to the GEF.
12. *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.*

AGENDA ITEM 7.

**PROGRESS REPORT OF THE EVALUATION OFFICE DIRECTOR**  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

13. Document GEF/ME/C.39/1, *GEF Evaluation Office: Progress Report of the Director*, to be presented by the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office, provides important information to the Council on the on-going work of the Evaluation Office and the Office's role during GEF-5, including an initial discussion on a full integration of OPS5 into this work. The document also presents a way forward on improved financial management in the office, information on the selection of countries for the upcoming country portfolio evaluations, the work of the Office supporting the monitoring and evaluation of adaptation issues, and the support for the community of practice regarding evaluating climate change and development.
14. *The Council is invited to review the document and take note of the on-going and expected work of the Evaluation Office and the outlines of the work plan for GEF-5 that the Office is preparing, and to request the Office to prepare a detailed work plan and budget for the GEF-5 period at its meeting in May 2011.*

AGENDA ITEM 8.

**REVIEW OF THE EARTH FUND**  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

15. Document GEF/ME/C.39/2, *Review of the Global Environment Facility Earth Fund*, to be presented by the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office, presents an independent review of the efficiency and relevance to the GEF of the Earth Fund.
16. Document GEF/ME/C.39/3, *Management Response to the Review of the Global Environment Facility Earth Fund*, prepared by the GEF Secretariat and the GEF Agencies, provides the GEF management's response to the evaluation conducted by the GEF Evaluation Office.
17. *The Council is invited to review both the documents and approve the proposed Council decision, which has taken into consideration the GEF Management Response.*

AGENDA ITEM 9.

**EVALUATION OF THE STRATEGIC PRIORITY FOR ADAPTATION**  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

18. Document GEF/ME/C.39/4, *Evaluation of the Strategic Priority for Adaptation*, discusses the evaluation of the SPA pilot and the conclusions and recommendations reached from this evaluation.
19. Document GEF/ME/C.39/5, *Management Response to the Evaluation of the Strategic Priority for Adaptation*, prepared by the GEF Secretariat and the GEF Agencies, provides the GEF management's response to the evaluation conducted by the GEF Evaluation Office.
20. *The Council is invited to review both the documents and approve the proposed Council decision, which has taken into consideration the GEF Management Response.*

AGENDA ITEM 10.

**REVISED MONITORING AND EVALUATION POLICY**  
(*Elected Chairperson Chairs*)

21. Document GEF/ME/C.39/6, *Revision of the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy*, provides the information basis for a Council decision to adopt the changes proposed for the Policy itself.
22. *The Council is invited to approve the revised GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy contained in Annex 1 and request the GEF Evaluation Office to proceed with its publication and wide dissemination.*

AGENDA ITEM 11.

**GEF FY11-14 BUSINESS PLAN**  
(*CEO Chairs*)

23. Document GEF/C.39/4, *Business Plan for FY 11-14*, outlines plans for the implementation of GEF-5 policy recommendations and for programming resources during GEF-5.
24. *The Council is invited to consider the document and request the Secretariat to present a combined FY12 budget and FY12-14 business plan for discussion at its May 2012 meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 12.

**WORK PROGRAM**  
(*CEO Chairs*)

25. Document GEF/C.39/5, *Work Program Submitted for Council Approval*, contains the proposed work program comprised of programmatic approaches and project proposals that are recommended by the CEO for Council endorsement and approval. This is the first work program presented for GEF Council review and approval in GEF-5 and since the GEF System of Transparent

Allocation of Resources became applicable to the biodiversity, climate change and land degradation focal areas. The work program requests \$157.68 million in GEF financing.

26. *The Council is invited to review the proposed work program with a view to approving it for further development.*

AGENDA ITEM 13.

**RESULTS-BASED MANAGEMENT AND KNOWLEDGE  
MANAGEMENT WORK PLAN FOR GEF-5  
(CEO Chairs)**

27. Document GEF/C.39/6, *Results-based Management and Knowledge Management Work Plan for GEF-5*, contains the steps the GEF Secretariat proposes to take to implement results-based management and knowledge management during GEF-5.
28. *The Council is invited to approve the proposal put forward in the document and to request the GEF Secretariat to implement the plan accordingly and to comply with the timeline detailed in Annex 1 of the document.*

AGENDA ITEM 14.

**BROADENING THE GEF PARTNERSHIP  
(CEO Chairs)**

29. Document GEF/C.39/7/Rev.1, *Broadening of the GEF Partnership under Paragraph 28 of the Instrument: Key Policy Issues*, sets forth the Secretariat's proposals for the basic policies to broaden the range of entities that are able to work directly with the GEF Secretariat and the GEF Trustee in assisting countries to develop and implement projects.
30. Document GEF/C.39/8/Rev.1, *Accreditation Procedure for GEF Project Agencies*, sets forth the Secretariat's proposal for an accreditation procedure for new GEF Project Agencies to be accredited under paragraph 28 of the GEF Instrument.
31. *The Council is invited to review both the documents and to approve the proposed accreditation procedure and all its criteria and standards, including the Value-added Review and review criteria, as proposed in the documents. The Council is further invited to request the GEF Secretariat to begin implementation of this broadening access policy and the Evaluation Office to conduct an evaluation on the outcome of this reform, to be initiated two years after the first five new GEF Project Agencies have been accredited.*

AGENDA ITEM 15.

**FEES AND MANAGEMENT COSTS  
(CEO Chairs)**

32. Document GEF/C.39/9, *Rules and Guidelines for Agency Fees and Project Management Costs*, attempts to define each expense category and to present guidelines on how GEF funds provided to the Agencies are expected to be used, in an effort to monitor the use of Agency fees and project management costs across all Agencies.
33. *The Council is invited to request all the GEF Agencies to follow the rules and guidelines outlined in this document and to collaborate with the Secretariat on an annual reporting format.*

AGENDA ITEM 16.

ENHANCING THE WORK OF CSOs IN THE GEF PARTNERSHIP  
(CEO Chairs)

34. Document GEF/C.39/10, *Enhancing the Engagement of Civil Society Organizations in the Operations of the GEF*, provides a review of the policies and actions implemented by the GEF to streamline public involvement and Civil Society Organizations' (CSOs) participation in GEF-funded projects. The document also provides options for further enhancing the GEF's engagement with CSOs through its operations.
35. *The Council is invited to request the GEF Secretariat to work with countries, Agencies, the GEF NGO Network and other partners to implement the proposed activities through regular GEF operations.*

AGENDA ITEM 17.

ENHANCING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CONVENTIONS IN THE GEF PARTNERSHIP  
(CEO Chairs)

36. Document GEF/C.39/11, *Strengthening Relations with the Conventions in the GEF Network*, outlines the activities and processes in which the GEF already engages that characterize its relations with the conventions that it serves, and suggests further steps that might be taken to strengthen those relations in the future.
37. *The Council is invited to request the Secretariat, STAP and other relevant actors to take all feasible steps, as appropriate, including those listed in the document, to strengthen the relations between the GEF and the conventions that it serves.*

AGENDA ITEM 18.

OTHER BUSINESS  
(Jointly Chaired)

27. Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 19.

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS  
*(Jointly Chaired)*

28. 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.



## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

### ***Tuesday, November 16, 2010***

#### *Morning Session*

09:30 – 10:30	Agenda Item 1 Agenda Item 2 Agenda Item 3	Opening of the Meeting (CEO Chair) Election of Chairperson (CEO Chair) Adoption of the Agenda (Elected Chair)
10:30 – 11:30	Agenda Item 4	Report by the Chair of STAP (Elected Chair)
11:30 – 12:30	Agenda Item 5 Agenda Item 6	Statements by the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions (Elected Chair) Relations with the Conventions (Elected Chair)

#### *Afternoon Session*

2:30 – 3:15	Agenda Item 7	Progress Report of the Evaluation Office Director (Elected Chair)
3:15 – 4:15	Agenda Item 8	Review of the Earth Fund (Elected Chair)
4:15 – 5:00	Agenda Item 9	Evaluation of the SPA (Elected Chair)
5:00 – 6:00	Agenda Item 10	Revised Monitoring and Evaluation Policy (Elected Chair)

### ***Wednesday, November 17, 2010***

#### *Morning Session*

9:00 – 11:00	Agenda Item 11 Agenda Item 12	GEF FY11-14 Business Plan (CEO Chair) Work Program (CEO Chair)
11:00 – 12:00	Agenda Item 13	Results-based Management and Knowledge Management Work Plan for GEF-5 (CEO Chair)

#### *Afternoon Session*

2:00 – 3:30	Agenda Item 14	Broadening the GEF Partnership (CEO Chair)
3:30 – 4:30	Agenda Item 15	Fees and Management Costs (CEO Chair)
4:30 – 5:30	Agenda Item 16	Enhancing the Work of CSOs in the GEF Partnership (CEO Chair)

### ***Thursday, November 18, 2010***

*Morning Session*  
**10:00 – 12:00**

***LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting***  
***LDCF/SCCF Pledging Meeting***

*Afternoon Session*

2:00 – 3:00

Agenda Item 17

Enhancing the Participation of the Conventions in  
the GEF Partnership (CEO Chair)

3:00 – 4:00

Agenda Item 18

Other Business (Jointly Chaired)

Agenda Item 19

Joint Summary of the Chairs (Jointly Chaired)