

52<sup>nd</sup> GEF Council Meeting  
May 23 – 25, 2017  
Washington, D.C.

Agenda Item 03

## **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Agenda Item 01.**

**Opening of the Meeting**  
(CEO Chairs)

1. The meeting will be opened by Naoko Ishii, CEO/Chairperson of the Facility.

**Agenda Item 02.**

**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 Council Members from developed and developing countries. The elected Chairperson at the previous Council meeting was Mr. Carlos Raul Delgado, the Council Member representing Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and Venezuela.
3. Consistent with paragraph 18 of the Instrument, the Elected Chairperson is expected to Chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 03, "Adoption of the Agenda", agenda item 05, "Update on GEF-7 Replenishment", agenda item 06, "Proposed Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Council Members, Alternates, and Advisers", agenda item 07, "Updated Vision of the GEF Relationship with the Civil Society", agenda item 08, "Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel", agenda item 09, "Semi-Annual Evaluation Report May 2017", agenda item 10, "Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions", and agenda item 14, "Executive Session".
4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 15, "Other Business", and agenda item 16, "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 03.**

**Adoption of the Agenda**  
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

6. In addition to this document GEF/C.52/02/Rev.01, *Annotated Provisional Agenda*, a Provisional Agenda for consideration by the Council has been issued as document GEF/C.52/01/Rev.01.

7. *The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.*

**Agenda Item 04.**

**Update on GEF 2020**  
(CEO Chairs)

8. Following the Council request at its 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting to the Secretariat to arrange for discussions on the GEF's long-term strategy at Council Meetings on an annual basis, the CEO will address the Council on the ongoing implementation of the GEF 2020 Strategy, opening the floor for comments.

**Agenda Item 05.**

**Update on GEF-7 Replenishment**  
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

9. Following the recent meeting in Paris, the CEO will address the Council on the ongoing process of the GEF-7 Replenishment, opening the floor for comments.

**Agenda Item 06.**

**Proposed Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Council Members, Alternates, and Advisers**  
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

10. Document GEF/C.52/04, *Proposed Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Council Members, Alternates, and Advisers*, proposes, following up on a Council request by the 51<sup>st</sup> Council meeting, a Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Council Members, Alternates, and Advisers, which has been prepared by an Ad-Hoc Working Group, assisted by the legal counsel of the US Council Member as well as by the Secretariat's legal counsel. The proposed policy is contained in Annex I and Terms of Reference for the Council Ethics Committee is contained in Annex II, and are presented for approval.
11. Under this agenda item we will also discuss document GEF/C.52/Inf.11, *Steps taken to Enhance the GEF's Transparency, Accountability and Integrity Policies and Practices*.
12. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.52/04, Proposed Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Council Members, Alternates, and Advisers, approves the Policy as contained in Annex I and the Terms of Reference for the Ethics Committee as contained in Annex II.*

**Agenda Item 11.**

**GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY18  
(CEO Chairs)**

13. Document GEF/C.52/06, *GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY18*, presents the update of the GEF Business Plan for GEF-6 and FY18 budget request to cover expenses of the four central GEF entities for their activities under the GEF Trust Fund: Secretariat; the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP); the Trustee; and the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO). It also includes budget requests for the Secretariat and Trustee for their activities under the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF), and the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT).
14. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.52/06, GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY18, takes note of the business plan, and approves a FY18 corporate budget from the GEF Trust Fund of \$35.485 million, comprised of:*
  - (a) \$22.465 million as core budget and \$1.825 million as Special Initiative for the GEF Secretariat;*
  - (b) \$2.698 million for STAP;*
  - (c) \$2.936 million as core budget and \$315,000 as Special Initiative for the Trustee; and*
  - (d) \$5.246 million for the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO)*
15. *The Council also approves a total FY18 administrative budget for the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) of \$21,000, comprised of the following allocations from the NPIF to cover the Secretariat's and Trustee's expenses for NPIF administration and implementation:*
  - (a) \$15,000 for the GEF Secretariat; and*
  - (b) \$6,000 for the Trustee*
16. *The Council also approves a total of \$935,700 for the FY17 and FY18 budget for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) Trust Fund, comprised of the following allocations to cover the Secretariat's and Trustee's expenses for CBIT administration and implementation:*
  - (a) \$320,000 for FY17 and \$490,000 for FY 18 for the GEF Secretariat; and*

*(b) \$72,700 for FY17 and \$53,000 for FY18 for the Trustee*

17. *The Council requests the Secretariat, in consultation with STAP and the Trustee, to present a combined FY19 corporate budget and business plan for discussion at its 2018 spring meeting.*

**Agenda Item 12.**

**Work Program**  
(CEO Chairs)

18. Document GEF/C.52/05/Rev.01, *Work Program*, requests a total of \$226.5 million of GEF trust fund resources and \$20.3 million in associated Agency fees, and has an indicative amount of \$1.4 billion in co-financing, meaning that each dollar provided by GEF is matched by \$6.1 in co-financing. The recommended Work Program consists of 30 projects and one program proposed in accordance with the GEF 2020 strategy and the GEF-6 Programming Directions framework. The Work Program has a strong emphasis on international waters, and chemicals and waste, and enhances funding for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), resulting in a fairly balanced programming among focal areas in GEF-6 to date.
19. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.52/05/Rev.01, Work Program for GEF Trust Fund, approves the Work Program comprising 30 project concepts and one programmatic frameworks, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by June 8, 2017.*
20. *Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$246.8 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees.*

**Agenda Item 07.**

**Updated Vision of the GEF Relationship with the Civil Society**  
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

21. This session will serve as an opportunity for the Ad-Hoc Council Working Group on GEF and Civil Society to present its work towards developing the elements of an updated vision for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) engagement at the GEF, and a plan to achieve it, as presented in document GEF/C.52/Inf.12.

**Agenda Item 08.**

**Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel**

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

22. The Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will be invited to make a statement to the Council on the work of the Panel. A written report of the Chairperson can be found in document GEF/STAP/C.52/Inf.01/Rev.01, *Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel*. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to comment on the report, address questions to the Chairperson, and provide guidance to the Panel, as appropriate.

**Agenda Item 09.**

**Semi-Annual Evaluation Report May 2017 and Management Response**

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

23. Document GEF/ME/C.52/01/Rev.01, *Semi-Annual Evaluation Report May 2017*, summarizes the key conclusions from the 9 evaluations completed between October 2016 and May 2017, provided in full in the information documents listed below. The document also includes updates on the Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS6), the knowledge management activities of the Office, and the budget and staffing of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO). Finally, the Management Action Record on the status of recommendations is also included as an Information document.
24. Document GEF/ME/C.52/02, *Management Response to the Semi-Annual Evaluation Report May 2017*, provides a response from the GEF Secretariat to the Independent Evaluation Office regarding findings and conclusions of ongoing GEF IEO studies.
25. Draft decision: *Regarding the Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the Independent Evaluation Office. The Council, having reviewed the "Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: May 2017," approves the IEO Budget for FY18. The Council, having reviewed the "Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: May 2017," endorses the recommendations of the evaluations.*

**Agenda Item 10.**

**Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions**  
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

26. The Council will host a panel composed by the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions that are present at the meeting, followed by the Chair opening the floor for comments.
27. Document GEF/C.52/03, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, provides the Council with an update on the activities of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in support of the following multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs): the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Montreal Protocol) and the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The document also provides information on relations between the GEF Secretariat and other international conventions, institutions, and fora.
28. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.52/03, Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions, welcomed the report and requested the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.*

**Agenda Item 13.**

**Tackling Global Environmental Challenges through the Integrated Approach Pilot Programs**  
(CEO Chairs)

29. The Council will be addressed on the ongoing implementation of the Integrated Approach Pilot Programs by their lead Agencies, followed by the Chair opening the floor for comments.

**Agenda Item 14.**

**Executive Session**  
(Elected Chairperson Chairs – Executive Session)

30. The Selection and Review Committee will provide an oral update based on its mid-year check in with the CEO and the IEO Director. Other issues may also be discussed.

**Agenda Item 15.**

**Other Business**  
(Jointly Chaired)

- 31. Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item.
- 32. The Chair will inform the Council of possible dates for holding the 2018 Fall Council meeting.

**Agenda Item 16.**

**Joint Summary of the Chairs**  
(Jointly Chaired)

- 33. 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, May 23, 2017**

09:00 – 09:30	<b>Agenda Item 01.</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting</b> (CEO Chairs)
	<b>Agenda Item 02.</b>	<b>Election of a Chairperson</b> (CEO Chairs)
	<b>Agenda Item 03.</b>	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b> (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
09:30 – 10:30	<b>Agenda Item 04.</b>	<b>Update on GEF 2020</b> (CEO Chairs)
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Agenda Item 05.</b>	<b>Update on GEF-7 Replenishment</b> (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Agenda Item 06.</b>	<b>Proposed Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Council Members, Alternates, and Advisers</b> (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
12:00 – 13:30		<b>CEO Lunch with Council Members and Alternates</b> (MC-C1 East Dining Room)
12:00 – 13:30		<b>General Lunch</b> (MC Atrium)
13:30 – 15:00	<b>Agenda Item 11.</b>	<b>GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY18</b> (CEO Chairs)
15:00 – 17:00	<b>Agenda Item 12.</b>	<b>Work Program</b> (CEO Chairs)
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Agenda Item 07.</b>	<b>Updated Vision of the GEF Relationship with the Civil Society</b> (Elected Chairperson Chairs)

**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**

09:00 – 10:00	<b>Agenda Item 08.</b>	<b>Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel</b> (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
10:00 – 12:30	<b>Agenda Item 09.</b>	<b>Semi-Annual Evaluation Report May 2017 and Management Response</b> (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
12:30 – 14:00		<b>General Lunch</b> (MC Atrium)
14:00 – 16:00	<b>Agenda Item 10.</b>	<b>Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions</b> (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Agenda Item 13.</b>	<b>Tackling Global Environmental Challenges through the Integrated Approach Pilot Programs</b> (CEO Chairs)

**Thursday, May 25, 2017**

09:00 – 09:30	<b>Agenda Item 14.</b>	<b>Executive Session</b> (Elected Chairperson Chairs – Executive Session)
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Agenda Item 15.</b>	<b>Other Business</b> (Jointly Chaired)
10:00 – 11:00		<b>LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting</b>
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Agenda Item 16.</b>	<b>Joint Summary of the Chairs</b> (Jointly Chaired)
12:00 – 13:30		<b>General Lunch</b> (MC Atrium)