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59<sup>TH</sup> GEF COUNCIL MEETING  
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Agenda Item 21

## **SUMMARY OF THE CHAIR**

#### OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was opened by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Facility.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The Council decided to remove Agenda Item 13, *Updates to the GEF Evaluation Policy*, and adopted the provisional agenda set forth in document GEF/C.59/01/Rev.01.

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL

3. Ms. Rosina Bierbaum, the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, made a statement to the Council on the activities undertaken by the Panel.

#### RELATIONS WITH THE CONVENTIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

4. Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, Ms. Elizabeth Mrema, Acting Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary of the Basel Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, addressed the Council.

#### DECISIONS APPROVED

5. The Council approves the following decisions with respect to its agenda items:

*Decision on Agenda Item 03.                      The GEF Monitoring report 2020*

6. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.59/03/Rev.01, *The GEF Monitoring Report 2020*, welcomes the report, its framework tracking effectiveness and efficiency, as well as progress in reporting on results. The Council requests the Secretariat, in collaboration with Agencies, to continue to assess implementation progress made by projects and programs to ensure the timely delivery of expected global environmental benefits and to engage with Agencies on ways to improve and adapt to the current operating context affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Decision on Agenda Item 04.                      Eight Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund*

7. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.59/04, *Eighth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund*, requests the Trustee, in cooperation with the Secretariat, to initiate the discussions on the eighth replenishment of resources of the GEF Trust Fund.

*Decision on Agenda Item 05.*

*GEF's Private Sector Engagement Strategy*

8. The Council, having reviewed Document GEF/C.59/07/Rev.01, *GEF's Private Sector Engagement Strategy*, endorses the Private Sector Engagement Strategy and notes the Implementation Plan contained in the Information Document GEF/C.59/Inf.18. The Council requests the GEF Secretariat to report annually on its implementation. Recognizing that international conditions will evolve over time, the Council agrees to review the GEF Private Sector Engagement Strategy as appropriate and needed.

*Decision on Agenda Item 06.*

*Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*

9. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.59/06/Rev.02, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, approves the Work Program comprising 60 projects and 2 programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 11, 2021<sup>1</sup>.

10. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$409.2 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs), Program Framework Documents (PFDs), and Non-expedited Enabling Activity:

11. **Global (Madagascar):** Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Impact Program- Addendum III<sup>2</sup>, FAO, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 9,874,117][GEF ID: 10726]

12. **China:** Yangtze River Basin Biodiversity Conservation Programme, IUCN, [GEF Program Financing: \$6,422,018][GEF ID: 10710]

13. **Regional (Africa):** COVID-19 Off-Grid Recovery Platform, AfDB, [GEF Project Financing: \$13,000,000][GEF ID: 10667]

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<sup>1</sup> *The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries that are state sponsors of terrorism; and in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons; (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; or (iii) do not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security forces, opposes the following projects and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF project 10655 in Belarus, China, Cuba, Eritrea, and Zimbabwe; projects 10673, 10701, 10707, 10710, 10711, and 10722 in China; and project 10670 in Cuba. Further, the United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons, and policies related to development projects in Nicaragua, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 10674 in Nicaragua.*

<sup>2</sup> *Program 10726 is an Addendum to Program 10201 which was approved by Council in its June 2019 meeting. Therefore, Program Addendum 10726 in its entirety will be merged into program 10201 upon Council approval of the December 2020 Work Program*

14. **Regional (Congo DR, Madagascar, Namibia):** Strengthening the Implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks in Southern Africa (SINBF), UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,858,390][GEF ID: 10584]
15. **Colombia:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Cienaga Grande de Santa Marta, IADB, [GEF Project Financing: \$8,219,178][GEF ID: 10567]
16. **Fiji:** Safeguarding Marine & Terrestrial Biodiversity in Fiji (SAMBIO), CI, [GEF Project Financing: \$7,255,491][GEF ID: 10675]
17. **Gambia:** Effective Implementation of Access and Benefit Sharing of the Nagoya Protocol and Integration into Planned Co-management Arrangements in the Nyambai Forest Park of The Gambia, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,074,886][GEF ID: 10677]
18. **India:** Mainstreaming Natural Capital Values into Planning and Implementation for Sustainable Blue Economic Growth in Indian Coastal Districts, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,046,347][GEF ID: 10385]
19. **Mexico:** Green and Inclusive Recovery in Mexico (GreenMex): Making High-value Ecosystems and Rural Livelihoods More Resilient and Sustainable in a Post COVID-19 Scenario, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$10,103,670][GEF ID: 10717]
20. **Philippines:** Philippine Rise Integrated Conservation for Enduring Legacies through Ecosystem Support Services (PRICELESS), CI, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,662,844][GEF ID: 10568]
21. **Sao Tome and Principe:** Improving Biodiversity Mainstreaming in the Agro-forestry and Fishery Sectors in São Tomé and Príncipe, IFAD, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,543,379][GEF ID: 10570]
22. **Senegal:** Promoting cleantech innovation for climate action in Senegal, UNIDO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,342,018][GEF ID: 10715]
23. **Azerbaijan:** Towards a Land Degradation-Neutral Azerbaijan, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,091,781][GEFID: 10708]
24. **Bahamas:** Integrated Landscape Management for Addressing Land Degradation, Food Security and Climate Resilience Challenges in The Bahamas, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,329,452][GEF ID: 10694]
25. **Lesotho:** Regeneration of Livelihoods and Landscapes (ROLL) Project, IFAD, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 3,502,968][GEF ID: 10723]

26. **Pakistan:** Combating Land Degradation through Integrated and Sustainable Range and Livestock Management to Promote Resilient Livelihoods in Northern Punjab, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,183,105][GEF ID: 10693]
  
27. **Global (Albania, Burkina Faso, India, Montenegro, Uganda):** Phasing Out Mercury Measuring Devices in Healthcare, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$7,980,000][GEF ID 10716]
  
28. **Ethiopia:** Promotion of Circular Economy in the Textile and Garment Sector through the Sustainable Management of Chemicals and Waste in Ethiopia, UNIDO, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,000,000][GEF ID: 10683]
  
29. **Paraguay:** POPs and Mercury-free Solutions for Environmentally Sound Waste Management in Paraguay, UNIDO, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,000,000][GEF ID: 10682]
  
30. **Regional (Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Montenegro, Tunisia):** Build a Blue and Stronger Mediterranean, through the Mediterranean Network of Effective and Sustainable MPAs, CI, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,000,000][GEF ID: 10685]
  
31. **Regional (Fiji, Indonesia, Madagascar, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Tanzania):** Reefs, Resilient Communities, WWF-US, [GEF Project Financing: \$7,000,000][GEF ID: 10575]
  
32. **Regional (Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu):** Enhancing Water-Food Security and Climate Resilience in Volcanic Island Countries of the Pacific, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$6,000,000][GEF ID: 10712]
  
33. **Regional (Guinea, Guinea-Bissau):** Integrated Natural and Water Resources Management Project in the Corubal River Basin, IUCN, [GEF Project Financing: \$6,300,000][GEF ID: 10508]
  
34. **Regional (Indonesia, Timor Leste):** Management of Indonesian and Timor-Leste Transboundary Watersheds (MITLTW), CI, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 4,999,541][GEF ID: 10679]
  
35. **Regional (Philippines, Viet Nam):** Blue Horizon: Ocean Relief through Seaweed Aquaculture, WWF-US, [GEF Project Financing: \$6,000,000][GEF ID: 10573]
  
36. **Regional (Afghanistan, Tajikistan):** Institutionalising Transboundary Water Management between Tajikistan and Afghanistan for the Panj River Sub Basin, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 7,991,781][GEF ID: 10714]

37. **Chile:** Restoration of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at the Landscape Scale on Productive Agroforestry Areas and their Natural Environment, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,674,032][GEF ID: 10718]
38. **China:** Innovating Eco-Compensation Mechanisms in Yangtze River Basin (YRB), ADB, [GEF Project Financing: \$8,073,396][GEF ID: 10711]
39. **Iraq:** Promotion of Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Land Degradation Neutrality in Highly Degraded Landscapes of Iraq, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,538,128][GEF ID: 10672]
40. **Philippines:** Sustainable Management of Natural Resources towards Rehabilitation and Preservation of the Key Biodiversity Area along Bataan Province to Manila Bay, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,731,050][GEF ID: 10704]
41. **Sri Lanka:** Natural Capital Values of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in Sri Lanka Integrated into Sustainable Development Planning, IUCN, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,656,194][GEF ID: 10552]
42. **Benin:** Strengthening Human and Natural Systems Resilience to Climate Change through Mangrove Ecosystems Conservation and Sustainable Use in Southern Benin<sup>3</sup>, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,689,726][GEF ID: 10166]
43. With respect to the following 8 projects, the Council requested 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's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency.
44. **Madagascar:** Inclusive Conservation of Sea Turtles and Seagrass Habitats in the North and North-west of Madagascar, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 3,370,320][GEF ID: 10696]
45. **Venezuela:** Integrated Management of Multiple Use Landscapes and High Conservation Value Forest for Sustainable Development of the Venezuelan Andean Region, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,329,452][GEF ID: 10678]
46. **Nicaragua:** Sustainable Integrated Management of Biodiversity in the Indio-Maiz Biological Reserve, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,977,626][GEF ID: 10674]

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47. **Brazil:** Strengthening Participatory Natural Resource Management Processes for Sustainable Economic Development, Conservation of Biodiversity and Maintenance of Carbon Stocks in Amazon Wetlands, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,411,644][GEF ID: 10706]
48. **Indonesia:** Strengthening Capacities for Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species (SMIAS) in Indonesia, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,416,210][GEF ID: 10705]
49. **Thailand:** Accelerating the Adoption and Life-cycle Solutions to Electric Mobility in Thailand, UNIDO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,913,465][GEF ID: 10681]
50. **Panama:** Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development through Productive Innovation and Competitiveness of the Rural Sector, World Bank, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,505,936][GEF ID: 10709]
51. **Madagascar:** Evaluation of Natural Capital to Support Land Use Planning, Improved Management Effectiveness of Terrestrial Protected Areas, Deployment of SLM Practices and Creation of Eco-Villages in Central Madagascar, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,653,425][GEF ID: 10389]
52. In light of the recent audit report by the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) of UNDP GEF Management, all projects [below] included in the Work Program implemented by UNDP shall be circulated by email for Council review at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval. This shall take place as actions of the Management Action Plan that address the OAI recommendations are being implemented, as well as the independent, risk-based third-party review of compliance by UNDP with the GEF Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards is being completed. Project reviews will take into consideration the relevant findings of the external audit and the management responses and note them in the endorsement review sheet that will be made available to Council during the 4-week review period.
53. **China:** Transformational Wildlife Conservation Management in China, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,786,073][GEF ID: 10701]
54. **Haiti:** Improving the Flow of Ecosystem Services in Biologically-rich Watersheds of the Southern Region of Haiti, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,055,479] [GEF ID: 10684]
55. **Indonesia:** Investing in the Komodo Dragon and other Globally Threatened Species in Flores (IN-FLORES), UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 6,284,018][GEF ID: 10728]
56. **Mexico:** Fostering Sustainable, Legal and Traceable Use and Trade of Wild Native Species in Mexico, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$9,791,743][GEF ID: 10689]

57. **Tanzania:** Building the resilience of forest biodiversity to the threats of climate change in Tanzania's Nature Forest Reserves, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,837,010][GEF ID: 10690]
58. **China:** Facilitating Cleaner and Energy Efficient Phosphate Chemicals Industry in China (PhosChemEE) Project, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 9,343,379][GEF ID: 10722]
59. **Pakistan:** Combating Climate Change through the Promotion and Application of Sustainable Biomass Energy Technologies in Pakistan (PASBET), UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,439,041][GEF ID: 10720]
60. **China:** Green Production and Sustainable Development in Secondary Aluminum, Lead, Zinc and Lithium Sectors in China, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$15,750,000][GEF ID: 10673]
61. **Panama:** Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes Containing POPs and Mercury, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,730,000][GEF ID: 10721]
62. **Peru:** Environmentally Sound Management of PCBs, Mercury and Other Toxic Chemicals in Peru, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 4,725,000][GEF ID: 10419]
63. **Philippines:** Reduction of POPs and UOPs through Integrated Sound Management of Chemicals, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 6,562,500][GEF ID: 10686]
64. **Regional (Angola, Namibia):** Enhanced Water Security and Community Resilience in the Adjacent Cuvelai and Kunene Transboundary River Basins, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 11,167,890][GEF ID: 10565]
65. **Regional (Ecuador, Peru):** Implementation of the Strategic Action Programmes and the National Strategic Action Plans for the Integrated Water Resources Management in the Puyango-Tumbes, Catamayo-Chira and Zarumilla Transboundary Aquifers and River Basins, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$8,000,000][GEF ID: 10700]
66. **Bangladesh:** Community-based Management of Tanguar Haor Wetland in Bangladesh, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,050,913][GEF ID: 10702]
67. **Cuba:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change Mitigation in Sustainable Tourism Development in Cuba, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 3,598,630][GEF ID: 10670]



68. **Kyrgyz Republic:** Integrated Community-based Management of High Value Mountain Ecosystems in Southern Kyrgyzstan for Multiple Benefits, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,639,726][GEF ID: 10692]
69. **Myanmar:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Restoring Forest Landscape Connectivity in Bago Region, Myanmar, UNDP/WWF-US, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 7,122,693][GEF ID: 10699]
70. **Solomon Islands:** Safeguarding Solomon Islands Endemic and Globally Threatened Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services from Key Threats, particularly Invasive Alien Species and Unsustainable Land Use Practices (SAFE project), UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 7,845,662][GEF ID: 10698]
71. **Benin:** Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality and Securing Climate Resilience in the Niger Valley, Alibori Sud-Borgou Nord-2KP and Zou-Couffo Agricultural Development Areas of Benin <sup>4</sup>, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,566,667][GEF ID: 10688]
72. **Mali:** Climate Security and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Central Regions of Mali for Peacebuilding, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,639,726][GEF ID: 10687]
73. **Global (Afghanistan, Argentina, Bahamas, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo DR, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Jamaica, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Micronesia, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Venezuela, Togo, Tonga, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zimbabwe, China, Palau, Nepal):** GEF SGP 7th Operational Phase - Strategic Implementation using STAR Resources Mainly in LDCs and SIDs (Part 3), UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 43,235,008][GEF ID: 10655]
74. **China:** Enabling China to Prepare Its Fourth National Communication, and Biennial Update Reports on Climate Change, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 4,566,210][GEF ID: 10707]
75. With respect to the PIFs and Non-expedited Enabling Activity approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs and Non-expedited Enabling Activity (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on

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the Work Program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

76. With respect to any PIF and Non-expedited Enabling Activity approved in this Work Program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

77. With respect to the PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, the final child project documents fully incorporating and addressing the Council's and STAP reviews shall be circulated for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

78. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 59th session of the Work Program is part of the associated Annex 1 appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

*Decision on Agenda Item 08.*

*Report of the Working Group on Governance*

79. The Council, having considered Document GEF/C.59/08/Rev.01, Report of the Working Group on Governance, endorses the suggested recommendations of the Working Group on Governance. The Council requests the GEF Secretariat and the Independent Evaluation Office to report to the Council on the implementation of the recommendations no later than the 60th Council Meeting. In line with the recommendations, the Council decides to: 1) Receive and consider, rather than endorse, future evaluation reports and related recommendations and discuss the Management Responses and Management Action Records to evaluations in the Council before deciding to endorse them – or not. 2) Pilot for one year an adjusted co-chairing arrangement and to appoint the elected Chairperson from among its Members for the duration of one year instead of just one meeting, in order to facilitate a stronger involvement of the elected Chairperson in providing input into agenda, the chairing of the meeting and the meeting report. 3) Consider at its 61st Meeting an assessment of the pilot and proposed options for the future including but not limited to recommending to amend paragraph 18 of the Governing Instrument.

80. The Council, having considered Document GEF/C.59/08/Rev.01, Report of the Working Group on Governance, further decides to extend the mandate of the Ad-hoc Working Group on Governance till June 30, 2022. The Working Group will:

- a. Monitor the implementation of the decision adopted by the Council based on the recommendations of that document and make any additional recommendations, if deemed necessary.

- b. Follow the pilot on co-chairing arrangements and make recommendations to the Council at its 61<sup>st</sup> session as may be necessary.
- c. Propose any additional actions that contribute to an improved and strengthened governance of the GEF partnership including accountability, transparency in programming decisions, review criteria and selection of agencies and of projects, respective roles and functions of and interaction between the GEF Assembly, GEF Council, GEF Secretariat, GEF Agencies and GEF focal points.

*Decision on Agenda Item 09.*

*Evaluation of GEF Engagement in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations*

81. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/E/C.59/01, *Evaluation of GEF Support in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations*, and the Management Response, endorses the following recommendations:

- a. The GEF Secretariat should use the project review process to provide feedback to Agencies to identify conflict and fragility-related risks to a proposed project and develop measures to mitigate those risks.
  - b. To improve conflict-sensitive programming while also providing flexibility to Agencies and projects, the GEF Secretariat could develop guidance for conflict-sensitive programming.
  - c. To improve conflict-sensitive design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of GEF projects, the GEF Secretariat together with the Agencies should leverage existing platforms for learning, exchange, and technical assistance.
  - d. The current GEF Environmental and Social Safeguards could be expanded to provide more details so that GEF projects address key conflict-sensitive considerations.
5. The GEF Secretariat could consider revising its policies and procedures so that GEF-supported projects can better adapt to rapid and substantial changes common in fragile and conflict-affected situations

*Decision on Agenda Item 10.*

*Evaluation of GEF Interventions in the Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining Sector*

82. The Council, having reviewed the document GEF/E/C.59/02, *Evaluation of GEF Interventions in the Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining Sector*, and the Management Response, endorses the following recommendations:

- a. The GEF partnership and the Minamata Convention should continue to encourage high mercury use countries to become more involved in the Convention.
- b. The GEF partnership should increase project focus on policy interventions that help governments put into place the necessary framework to formalize artisanal and small-scale gold miners and monitor the sector
- c. The GEF partnership should seek opportunities for multi-focal area ASGM interventions and measure co-benefits beyond the Chemicals and Waste focal area.
- d. The planetGOLD global platform should make available results and lessons learned from completed ASGM projects and provide more detailed information on NAP and GOLD program child projects.

*Decision on Agenda Item 11.*

*Evaluation of the Role of Medium Size Projects (MSP) in the GEF Partnership Knowledge Management*

83. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/E/C.59/03, *Evaluation of the Role of Medium-sized Projects in the GEF Partnership*, and the Management Response, endorses the following recommendations:

- a. The MSP should continue to be primarily used for developing innovative projects.
- b. Midterm and final evaluations should be conducted on MSPs designed as innovative or transformative, to provide lessons for scaling up or replication.

*Decision on Agenda Item 12.*

*Evaluation of Knowledge Management in the GEF (2020)*

84. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/E/C.59/04, *Evaluation of Knowledge Management in the GEF (2020)*, and the Management Response, endorses the following recommendations:

- a. The GEF partnership should develop a clear KM strategy
- b. The GEF partnership should invest in a technical solution that strengthens the KM system.

*Decision on Agenda Item 14.*

*Proposal for Responsible Investment Options for the GEF Trust Fund*

85. The Council, having reviewed the document GEF/C.59/12, *Proposal of Responsible Investment Options for the GEF Trust Fund*, prepared by the Trustee, provides its consent to the Trustee to implement the proposed Sustainable Bond Strategy for the GEF Trust Fund. The Council also notes that the proposed Sustainable Bond Strategy and the default ESG Integration

approach, already in implementation since July 2019, collectively address the GEF-7 policy recommendation for the Trustee to develop options for a responsible investment strategy for the financial management of the GEF funds held in trust.

*Decision on Agenda Item 15.                      The Impact of COVID-19 on GEF Project Preparation and Implementation: Overview of Responses from across the GEF Partnership*

86. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.59/11, *The Impact of COVID-19 on GEF Project Preparation and Implementation: Overview of Responses from Across the GEF Partnership*, takes note of the report, and approves an exceptional authorization for the CEO to grant exceptions to the Project Cancellation Policy, as follows:

- a. The CEO may grant extensions to cancellation deadlines for all project types for a total of up to 24 months, replacing the references to extensions of 12 months and 6 months in paras 5(d) and 6(d) respectively of the Cancellation Policy
- b. This authorization is effective through the final day of the 60th Council meeting.

87. The Council further requests that the Secretariat continue to monitor the impacts of the pandemic on GEF operations, report to Council and take necessary actions within its authority.

*Decision on Agenda Item 16.                      Report on the Assessment of GEF Agencies' Compliance with the GEF Minimum Fiduciary Standards*

88. The Council, having reviewed document, GEF/C.59/05/Rev.02, *Report on the Assessment of GEF Agencies' Compliance with GEF Minimum Fiduciary Standards*, welcomes the assessment and takes note of the findings, including the agency certificates of compliance as well as agency action plans to address areas of non-compliance (in Annex 1).

89. The Council approves the action plans submitted by Agencies to achieve full compliance as summarized in paragraphs 28-67 of this document and further detailed in the letters provided by Agencies in Annex 1 and decides that these Agencies may continue to act in their full capacity as GEF Agencies and seek GEF financing while they implement their timebound action plans.

90. The Council approves AFDB's request for additional time to complete its self-assessment.

91. The Council also requests that:

- a. those agencies which have self-assessed as not in full compliance with the minimum standards start implementing their agreed action plans according to

the timelines set out in the plans and provide biannual updates to the Secretariat, ahead of every Council meeting, on implementation progress, until they have completed implementation of the action plans and come into full compliance with each minimum standard;

- b. the Secretariat report to the Council on progress made by GEF Agencies in implementing their action plans, based on the updates provided by the Agencies and, as needed, further expert assessment and consultation with the Agencies; and to provide a summary of overall progress to Council at its subsequent meetings on the implementation of the GEF Minimum Fiduciary Standards.
- c. the Secretariat notify Council when GEF Agencies have met their commitments set out in their respective action plans to achieve full compliance.
- d. In the light of recently available audit information relating to GEF-funded projects implemented by UNDP, the Council requests the following further actions prior to its consideration of a compliance assessment relating to UNDP:
  - i. In accordance with GEF Policy on Monitoring Agency Compliance with GEF Policy, but on an accelerated time frame, the Secretariat will initiate the steps for an independent, Risk-Based, Third-Party Review of compliance by UNDP with the GEF Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards. The Review will be completed by October 1, 2021.
  - ii. The Review will be carried out by an independent expert or experts as per paragraph 9 of the Policy on Monitoring Agency Compliance, and follow the scope set out in paragraphs 10 – 12. As one input to this Review, UNDP will submit to the Secretariat an updated self-assessment of its compliance by May 1, 2021.
- e. The Secretariat will report back to Council on the results of this Review at the 61st meeting of Council in December 2021, with a decision for Council consideration.
- f. UNDP will provide regular (monthly) progress reports of the implementation of high-risk recommendations of the OAI's audit report to the GEF CEO. The CEO will update Council on implementation recommendations and identify any concerns or delays in their implementation.

*Decision on Agenda Item 17.*

*Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*

92. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.59/10, *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.

*Decision on Agenda Item 18.*

*Update on the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund*

93. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.59/09, *Update on the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund*, took note of the good progress made by the GEF Secretariat in managing the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF), and decided to extend the operation of the NPIF until December 31, 2023 to allow the Completion (terminal evaluation) and Closure of all the 13 projects funded by the NPIF.

*Decision on Agenda Item 19.*

*Report of the Selection and Review Committee*

94. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.59/13, Report of the Selection and Review Committee (SRC):

(a) Takes note of the FY 2021 performance objectives for the GEF CEO; and

(b) Requests the SRC to present the performance evaluations of the IEO Director and the GEF CEO for the Council's review at its 60th meeting.

*Decision on Agenda Item 20.*

*Other Business*

95. The Council decides that it will hold its 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting back to back with the 7th GEF Assembly the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 and the 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting during the week of December 6, 2022.

96. The Council requests that matters related to UNDP will be on the agenda of the 60th meeting of the Council in June 2021. Council will be informed by UNDP and by the GEF Secretariat about the latest developments on the matter.

**CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

The meeting closed on December 11, 2020.

Annex I - Table 1

**Global Environment Facility**  
**Table 1: Record of GEF Trust Fund Resources Requested for Projects/Programs and Resulting Council Decisions**  
**Council Meeting, December 7 - 11, 2020**

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						Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
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<b><u>Impact Programs</u></b>												
1	10726 <sup>5</sup>	FAO	Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Impact Program- Addendum III	Madagascar	Multi Focal Area	9,874,117	888,671	10,762,788	9,874,117	888,671	10,762,788	177,734
<b><u>Sub-total Impact Programs</u></b>						<b>9,874,117</b>	<b>888,671</b>	<b>10,762,788</b>	<b>9,874,117</b>	<b>888,671</b>	<b>10,762,788</b>	<b>177,734</b>
<b><u>Other Programs</u></b>												
2	10710	IUCN	Yangtze River Basin Biodiversity Conservation Programme	China	Biodiversit y	6,422,018	577,982	7,000,000	6,422,018	577,982	7,000,000	115,596
<b><u>Sub-total Other Programs</u></b>						<b>6,422,018</b>	<b>577,982</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>6,422,018</b>	<b>577,982</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>115,596</b>
<b><u>Non-Grant Instrument</u></b>												
3	10667	AfDB	COVID-19 Off-Grid Recovery Platform	Regional	Climate Change	13,000,000	1,170,000	14,170,000	13,000,000	1,170,000	14,170,000	234,000
<b><u>Sub-total Non-Grant Instrument</u></b>						<b>13,000,000</b>	<b>1,170,000</b>	<b>14,170,000</b>	<b>13,000,000</b>	<b>1,170,000</b>	<b>14,170,000</b>	<b>234,000</b>

<sup>5</sup> Program 10726 is an addendum to program 10201 which was approved by Council in its June 2019 meeting. Therefore, program addendum 10726 in its entirety will be merged into program 10201 upon Council approval of the December 2020 Work Program.



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<b>Stand-Alone Full-sized Projects</b>												
<b>Biodiversity</b>												
4	10584	UNEP	Strengthening the Implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks in Southern Africa (SINBF)	Regional (Congo DR, Madagascar, Namibia)	Biodiversity	2,858,390	271,547	3,129,937	2,858,390	271,547	3,129,937	54,309
5	10706	FAO	Strengthening participatory natural resource management processes for sustainable economic development, conservation of biodiversity and maintenance of carbon stocks in Amazon Wetlands.	Brazil	Biodiversity	3,411,644	324,106	3,735,750	3,411,644	324,106	3,735,750	64,821
6	10701	UNDP	Transformational wildlife conservation management in China	China	Biodiversity	5,786,073	549,677	6,335,750	5,786,073	549,677	6,335,750	109,935
7	10567	IADB	Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Cienaga Grande de Santa Marta	Colombia	Biodiversity	8,219,178	780,822	9,000,000	8,219,178	780,822	9,000,000	156,164
8	10675	CI	Safeguarding Marine & Terrestrial Biodiversity in Fiji (SAMBIO)	Fiji	Biodiversity	7,255,491	652,994	7,908,485	7,255,491	652,994	7,908,485	130,599

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9	10677	UNEP	Effective Implementation of Access and Benefit Sharing of the Nagoya Protocol and Integration into Planned co-management Arrangements in the Nyambai Forest Park of The Gambia	Gambia	Biodiversity	3,074,886	292,114	3,367,000	3,074,886	292,114	3,367,000	58,423
10	10684	UNDP	Improving the flow of ecosystem services in biologically-rich watersheds of the Southern region of Haiti	Haiti	Biodiversity	5,055,479	480,271	5,535,750	5,055,479	480,271	5,535,750	96,054
11	10385	UNEP	Mainstreaming Natural Capital Values into Planning and Implementation for Sustainable Blue Economic Growth in Indian Coastal Districts	India	Biodiversity	3,046,347	289,403	3,335,750	3,046,347	289,403	3,335,750	57,881
12	10728	UNDP	Investing in the Komodo Dragon and other globally threatened species in Flores (IN-FLORES)	Indonesia	Biodiversity	6,284,018	596,982	6,881,000	6,284,018	596,982	6,881,000	119,396
13	10705	FAO	Strengthening Capacities for Prevention, Control and Management of	Indonesia	Biodiversity	4,416,210	419,540	4,835,750	4,416,210	419,540	4,835,750	83,908

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			Invasive Alien Species (SMIAS) in Indonesia									
14	10696	UNEP	Inclusive conservation of sea turtles and seagrass habitats in the north and north-west of Madagascar	Madagascar	Biodiversit y	3,370,320	320,180	3,690,500	3,370,320	320,180	3,690,500	64,036
15	10717	FAO	Green and Inclusive Recovery in Mexico (GreenMex): Making high-value ecosystems and rural livelihoods more resilient and sustainable in a post COVID-19 scenario.	Mexico	Biodiversit y	10,103,670	909,330	11,013,000	10,103,670	909,330	11,013,000	181,866
16	10689	UNDP	Fostering sustainable, legal and traceable use and trade of wild native species in Mexico	Mexico	Biodiversit y	9,791,743	881,257	10,673,000	9,791,743	881,257	10,673,000	176,251
17	10674	FAO	Sustainable Integrated Management of Biodiversity in the Indio-Maíz Biological Reserve	Nicaragua	Biodiversit y	2,977,626	282,874	3,260,500	2,977,626	282,874	3,260,500	56,575
18	10709	World Bank	Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development through Productive	Panama	Biodiversit y	3,505,936	333,064	3,839,000	3,505,936	333,064	3,839,000	66,613

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			Innovation and Competitiveness of the Rural Sector									
19	10568	CI	Philippine Rise Integrated Conservation for Enduring Legacies through Ecosystem Support Services (PRICELESS)	Philippines	Biodiversit y	3,662,844	329,656	3,992,500	3,662,844	329,656	3,992,500	65,931
20	10570	IFAD	Improving biodiversity mainstreaming in the agro-forestry and fishery sectors in São Tomé and Príncipe	Sao Tome and Principe	Biodiversit y	3,543,379	336,621	3,880,000	3,543,379	336,621	3,880,000	67,324
21	10690	UNDP	Building the resilience of forest biodiversity to the threats of climate change in Tanzania's Nature Forest Reserves	Tanzania	Biodiversit y	4,837,010	459,516	5,296,526	4,837,010	459,516	5,296,526	91,903
<b>Sub-total Biodiversity Projects</b>						<b>91,200,244</b>	<b>8,509,954</b>	<b>99,710,198</b>	<b>91,200,244</b>	<b>8,509,954</b>	<b>99,710,198</b>	<b>1,701,991</b>
<b>Climate Change Mitigation Projects</b>												
22	10722	UNDP	Facilitating Cleaner and Energy Efficient Phosphate Chemicals Industry in China	China	Climate Change	9,343,379	887,621	10,231,000	9,343,379	887,621	10,231,000	177,525

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			(PhosChemEE) Project									
23	10720	UNDP	Combating Climate Change through the Promotion and Application of Sustainable Biomass Energy Technologies in Pakistan (PASBET)	Pakistan	Climate Change	3,439,041	326,709	3,765,750	3,439,041	326,709	3,765,750	65,342
24	10715	UNIDO	Promoting cleantech innovation for climate action in Senegal	Senegal	Climate Change	2,342,018	210,782	2,552,800	2,342,018	210,782	2,552,800	42,156
25	10681	UNIDO	Accelerating the adoption and life- cycle solutions to electric mobility in Thailand	Thailand	Climate Change	2,913,465	276,779	3,190,244	2,913,465	276,779	3,190,244	55,356
<b><u>Sub-total Climate Change Mitigation Projects</u></b>						<b>18,037,903</b>	<b>1,701,891</b>	<b>19,739,794</b>	<b>18,037,903</b>	<b>1,701,891</b>	<b>19,739,794</b>	<b>340,379</b>
<b><u>Land Degradation Projects</u></b>												
26	10708	FAO	Towards a Land Degradation-Neutral Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan	Land Degradatio n	2,091,781	198,719	2,290,500	2,091,781	198,719	2,290,500	39,744
27	10694	UNEP	Integrated Landscape Management for Addressing Land Degradation, Food Security and Climate Resilience	Bahamas	Land Degradatio n	5,329,452	506,298	5,835,750	5,329,452	506,298	5,835,750	101,260

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			Challenges in The Bahamas									
28	10723	IFAD	Regeneration of Livelihoods and Landscapes (ROLL) Project	Lesotho	Land Degradation	3,502,968	332,782	3,835,750	3,502,968	332,782	3,835,750	66,556
29	10693	FAO	Combating land degradation through integrated and sustainable range and livestock management to promote resilient livelihoods in Northern Punjab	Pakistan	Land Degradation	2,183,105	207,395	2,390,500	2,183,105	207,395	2,390,500	41,479
<b>Sub-total Land Degradation Projects</b>						<b>13,107,306</b>	<b>1,245,194</b>	<b>14,352,500</b>	<b>13,107,306</b>	<b>1,245,194</b>	<b>14,352,500</b>	<b>249,039</b>
<b>Chemicals and Waste Projects</b>												
30	10716	UNEP	Phasing out mercury measuring devices in healthcare	Global (Burkina Faso, India, Montenegro, Uganda, Albania)	Chemicals and Waste	7,980,000	758,100	8,738,100	7,980,000	758,100	8,738,100	151,620
31	10673	UNDP	Green Production and Sustainable Development in Secondary Aluminum, Lead, Zinc and Lithium Sectors in China	China	Chemicals and Waste	15,750,000	1,417,500	17,167,500	15,750,000	1,417,500	17,167,500	283,500

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32	10683	UNIDO	Promotion of circular economy in the textile and garment sector through the sustainable management of chemicals and waste in Ethiopia	Ethiopia	Chemicals and Waste	3,000,000	285,000	3,285,000	3,000,000	285,000	3,285,000	57,000
33	10721	UNDP	Environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes containing POPs and Mercury	Panama	Chemicals and Waste	2,730,000	259,350	2,989,350	2,730,000	259,350	2,989,350	51,870
34	10682	UNIDO	POPs and mercury-free solutions for environmentally sound waste management in Paraguay	Paraguay	Chemicals and Waste	4,000,000	380,000	4,380,000	4,000,000	380,000	4,380,000	76,000
35	10419	UNDP	Environmentally sound management of PCBs, Mercury and other toxic chemicals in Peru	Peru	Chemicals and Waste	4,725,000	448,875	5,173,875	4,725,000	448,875	5,173,875	89,775
36	10686	UNDP	Reduction of POPs and UPOPs through integrated sound management of chemicals	Philippines	Chemicals and Waste	6,562,500	623,437	7,185,937	6,562,500	623,437	7,185,937	124,687
<b>Sub-total Chemicals and Waste Projects</b>						<b>44,747,500</b>	<b>4,172,262</b>	<b>48,919,762</b>	<b>44,747,500</b>	<b>4,172,262</b>	<b>48,919,762</b>	<b>834,452</b>
<b>International Waters Projects</b>												

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37	10575	WWF-US	Coral Reef Rescue: Resilient Coral Reefs, Resilient Communities	Global (Fiji, Indonesia, Madagascar, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Tanzania)	International Waters	7,000,000	630,000	7,630,000	7,000,000	630,000	7,630,000	126,000
38	10565	UNDP	Enhanced Water Security and Community Resilience in the Adjacent Cuvelai and Kunene Transboundary River Basins	Regional (Angola, Namibia)	International Waters	11,167,890	1,005,110	12,173,000	11,167,890	1,005,110	12,173,000	201,022
39	10700	UNDP	Implementation of the Strategic Action Programmes and the National Strategic Action Plans for the Integrated Water Resources Management in the Puyango-Tumbes, Catamayo-Chira and Zarumilla Transboundary Aquifers and River Basins	Regional (Ecuador, Peru)	International Waters	8,000,000	760,000	8,760,000	8,000,000	760,000	8,760,000	152,000
40	10712	FAO	Enhancing water-food security and climate resilience in volcanic island countries of the Pacific	Regional (Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu)	International Waters	6,000,000	570,000	6,570,000	6,000,000	570,000	6,570,000	114,000



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41	10508	IUCN	Integrated transboundary water resources management in the Corubal basin between Guinée and Guinée-Bissau	Regional (Guinea, Guinea-Bissau)	International Waters	6,300,000	567,000	6,867,000	6,300,000	567,000	6,867,000	113,400
42	10679	CI	Management of Indonesian and Timor-Leste Transboundary Watersheds (MITLTW)	Regional (Indonesia, Timor Leste)	International Waters	4,999,541	449,959	5,449,500	4,999,541	449,959	5,449,500	89,992
43	10685	CI	Build back a blue and stronger Mediterranean	Regional (Lebanon, Montenegro, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia)	International Waters	5,000,000	450,000	5,450,000	5,000,000	450,000	5,450,000	90,000
44	10573	WWF-US	Blue Horizon: Ocean Relief through Seaweed Aquaculture	Regional (Philippines, Viet Nam)	International Waters	6,000,000	540,000	6,540,000	6,000,000	540,000	6,540,000	108,000
<b>Sub-total International Waters Projects</b>						<b>54,467,431</b>	<b>4,972,069</b>	<b>59,439,500</b>	<b>54,467,431</b>	<b>4,972,069</b>	<b>59,439,500</b>	<b>994,414</b>
<b>Multi Focal Area Projects</b>												
45	10714	FAO	Institutionalising transboundary water management between Tajikistan and Afghanistan for the Panj River Sub Basin	Regional (Afghanistan, Tajikistan)	Multi Focal Area	7,991,781	759,219	8,751,000	7,991,781	759,219	8,751,000	151,844

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46	10702	UNDP	Community-based Management of Tanguar Haor Wetland in Bangladesh	Bangladesh	Multi Focal Area	4,050,913	384,837	4,435,750	4,050,913	384,837	4,435,750	76,967
47	10718	FAO	Restoration of biodiversity and ecosystem services at the landscape scale on productive agroforestry areas and their natural environment	Chile	Multi Focal Area	5,674,032	539,033	6,213,065	5,674,032	539,033	6,213,065	107,807
48	10711	ADB	Innovating Eco-Compensation Mechanisms in Yangtze River Basin (YRB)	China	Multi Focal Area	8,073,396	726,604	8,800,000	8,073,396	726,604	8,800,000	145,321
49	10670	UNDP	Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation in sustainable tourism development in Cuba	Cuba	Multi Focal Area	3,598,630	341,870	3,940,500	3,598,630	341,870	3,940,500	68,374
50	10672	UNEP	Promotion of Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Land Degradation Neutrality in Highly Degraded Landscapes of Iraq	Iraq	Multi Focal Area	4,538,128	431,121	4,969,249	4,538,128	431,121	4,969,249	86,224

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51	10692	UNDP	Integrated Community-based Management of High Value Mountain Ecosystems in Southern Kyrgyzstan for Multiple Benefits	Kyrgyz Republic	Multi Focal Area	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	50,155
52	10389	UNEP	Evaluation of Natural Capital to Support Land Use Planning, Improved management effectiveness of Terrestrial Protected Areas, deployment of SLM practices and Creation of Eco-Villages in Central Madagascar	Madagascar	Multi Focal Area	5,653,425	537,075	6,190,500	5,653,425	537,075	6,190,500	107,415
53	10699	UNDP, WWF-US	Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and restoring forest landscape connectivity in Bago Region, Myanmar	Myanmar	Multi Focal Area	7,122,693	658,807	7,781,500	7,122,693	658,807	7,781,500	131,761
54	10704	FAO	Sustainable Management of Natural Resources towards Rehabilitation and Preservation of the Key Biodiversity Area along Bataan	Philippines	Multi Focal Area	2,731,050	259,450	2,990,500	2,731,050	259,450	2,990,500	51,890

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			Province to Manila Bay									
55	10698	UNDP	Safeguarding Solomon Islands endemic and globally threatened biodiversity and ecosystem services from key threats, particularly invasive alien species and unsustainable land use practices (SAFE project)	Solomon Islands	Multi Focal Area	7,845,662	745,338	8,591,000	7,845,662	745,338	8,591,000	149,068
56	10552	IUCN	Natural Capital Values of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in Sri Lanka Integrated into Sustainable Development Planning	Sri Lanka	Multi Focal Area	2,656,194	238,706	2,894,900	2,656,194	238,706	2,894,900	47,741
57	10678	FAO	Integrated management of multiple use landscapes and high conservation value forest for sustainable development of the Venezuelan Andean Region	Venezuela	Multi Focal Area	5,329,452	506,298	5,835,750	5,329,452	506,298	5,835,750	101,260

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<b><u>Sub-total Multi Focal Area Projects</u></b>						<b>67,905,082</b>	<b>6,379,132</b>	<b>74,284,214</b>	<b>67,905,082</b>	<b>6,379,132</b>	<b>74,284,214</b>	<b>1,275,826</b>
<b><u>Multi-Trust Fund Projects</u></b>												
58	10688	UNDP	Restoring and Enhancing the Value of Degraded Lands and Forest Ecosystems for Enhanced Climate Resilience in Benin (PIRVaTEFoD-Benin)	Benin	Multi Focal Area	4,566,667	433,833	5,000,500	4,566,667	433,833	5,000,500	86,767
59	10166	FAO	Strengthening human and natural systems resilience to climate change through mangrove ecosystems conservation and sustainable use in southern Benin	Benin	Multi Focal Area	2,689,726	255,524	2,945,250	2,689,726	255,524	2,945,250	51,105
60	10687	UNDP	Climate security and sustainable management of natural resources in the central regions of Mali for peacebuilding	Mali	Multi Focal Area	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	50,155
<b><u>Sub-total Multi-Trust Fund Projects</u></b>						<b>9,896,119</b>	<b>940,131</b>	<b>10,836,250</b>	<b>9,896,119</b>	<b>940,131</b>	<b>10,836,250</b>	<b>188,026</b>
<b><u>Small Grants Programme</u></b>												

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61	10655	UNDP	GEF SGP 7th Operational Phase - Strategic Implementation using STAR Resources mainly in LDCs and SIDs (Part 3)	Global (Afghanistan, Argentina, Bahamas, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo DR, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Jamaica, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Micronesia, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Venezuela, Togo, Tonga, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Yemen,	Multi Focal Area	43,235,008	1,729,400	44,964,408	43,235,008	1,729,400	44,964,408	345,880

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				Zimbabwe, China, Palau, Nepal)								
<b><u>Sub-total Small Grants Programme</u></b>						<b>43,235,008</b>	<b>1,729,400</b>	<b>44,964,408</b>	<b>43,235,008</b>	<b>1,729,400</b>	<b>44,964,408</b>	<b>345,880</b>
<b><u>Non-expedited Enabling Activity</u></b>												
62	10707	UNDP	Enabling China to Prepare Its Fourth National Communication, and Biennial Update Reports on Climate Change	China	Climate Change	4,566,210	433,790	5,000,000	4,566,210	433,790	5,000,000	-
<b>Sub-total Non-expedited Enabling Activity</b>						<b>4,566,210</b>	<b>433,790</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>4,566,210</b>	<b>433,790</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						<b>376,458,938</b>	<b>32,720,476</b>	<b>409,179,414</b>	<b>376,458,938</b>	<b>32,720,476</b>	<b>409,179,414</b>	<b>6,457,338</b>





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**Table 2: Record of Multi Trust Fund Programs/Projects submitted under the GEF and LDCF/SCCF Trust Funds and Resulting Council**  
**Decisions**  
**Council Meeting, December 7-11, 2020**

							Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Program / Project Type	Trust Fund	Project Grant Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Grant Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
1	10688	UNDP	Restoring and Enhancing the Value of Degraded Lands and Forest Ecosystems for Enhanced Climate Resilience in Benin (PIRVaTEFoD- Benin)	Benin	FSP	GEFTF	4,566,667	433,833	5,000,500	4,566,667	433,833	5,000,500	86,767
						LDCF	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	84,858
Sub-total							9,032,877	858,123	9,891,000	9,032,877	858,123	9,891,000	171,625
2	10166	FAO	Strengthening human and natural systems resilience to climate change through mangrove ecosystems conservation and sustainable use in southern Benin	Benin	FSP	GEFTF	2,689,726	255,524	2,945,250	2,689,726	255,524	2,945,250	51,105
						LDCF	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	4,466,210	424,290	4,890,500	84,858

							Project Funding Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			Project Funding Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	GEF ID	Agency	Title	Country	Program / Project Type	Trust Fund	Project Grant Requested	Agency Fee Requested	Total Amount Requested	Project Grant Approved	Agency Fee Approved	Total Amount Approved	20% of Agency fee to be committed by Trustee
Sub-total							7,155,936	679,814	7,835,750	7,155,936	679,814	7,835,750	135,964
3	10687	UNDP	Climate security and sustainable management of natural resources in the central regions of Mali for peacebuilding	Mali	FSP	GEFTF	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	2,639,726	250,774	2,890,500	50,155
						LDCF	4,872,831	462,919	5,335,750	4,872,831	462,919	5,335,750	92,584
Sub-total							7,512,557	713,693	8,226,250	7,512,557	713,693	8,226,250	142,739
GRAND TOTAL							23,701,370	2,251,630	25,953,000	23,701,370	2,251,630	25,953,000	450,327

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**Table 3: Record of GEF Trust Fund Resources Requested and Resulting Council Decisions**  
**Council Meeting, December 7-11, 2020**  
**Summary of Council Decisions**

**GEF TF**

Funding status as of 12/11/2020      \$ 658,533,158  
Approvals by Council                      \$ 409,179,414  
Funding status after Council Meeting    \$ 249,353,744

<u>Agency</u>	GEFTF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$			GEFTF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$			
	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	Project Financing	Agency Fee	Total	20% of Agency Fee to be Committed by Trustee
<b>Projects/Programs Funding</b>							
ADB	8,073,396	726,604	<b>8,800,000</b>	8,073,396	726,604	<b>8,800,000</b>	145,321
AfDB	13,000,000	1,170,000	<b>14,170,000</b>	13,000,000	1,170,000	<b>14,170,000</b>	234,000
BOAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CI	20,917,876	1,882,609	<b>22,800,485</b>	20,917,876	1,882,609	<b>22,800,485</b>	376,522
DBSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBRD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FAO	65,474,194	6,120,159	<b>71,594,353</b>	65,474,194	6,120,159	<b>71,594,353</b>	1,224,032
FECO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FUNBIO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IADB	8,219,178	780,822	<b>9,000,000</b>	8,219,178	780,822	<b>9,000,000</b>	156,164
IFAD	7,046,347	669,403	<b>7,715,750</b>	7,046,347	669,403	<b>7,715,750</b>	133,881

<b><u>Agency</u></b>	<b>GEFTF Amounts Requested for Funding in US\$</b>			<b>GEFTF Amounts Approved by Council in US\$</b>			
	<b>Project Financing</b>	<b>Agency Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Project Financing</b>	<b>Agency Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>20% of Agency Fee to be Committed by Trustee</b>
IUCN	15,378,212	1,383,688	<b>16,761,900</b>	15,378,212	1,383,688	<b>16,761,900</b>	276,738
UNDP	170,167,643	13,604,453	<b>183,772,096</b>	170,167,643	13,604,453	<b>183,772,096</b>	2,634,134
UNEP	35,850,948	3,405,838	<b>39,256,786</b>	35,850,948	3,405,838	<b>39,256,786</b>	681,168
UNIDO	12,255,483	1,152,561	<b>13,408,044</b>	12,255,483	1,152,561	<b>13,408,044</b>	230,512
World Bank	3,505,936	333,064	<b>3,839,000</b>	3,505,936	333,064	<b>3,839,000</b>	66,613
WWF-US	16,569,725	1,491,275	<b>18,061,000</b>	16,569,725	1,491,275	<b>18,061,000</b>	298,255
<b>Total</b>	<b>376,458,938</b>	<b>32,720,476</b>	<b>409,179,414</b>	<b>376,458,938</b>	<b>32,720,476</b>	<b>409,179,414</b>	<b>6,457,338</b>