

***Dialogue with
Multilateral Environmental Agreement Secretariats
and GEF***

Monday, November 27, 2017
3:00pm-5:00pm
MC Building, MC 4-800
1818 H Street NW, Washington, DC

The GEF Secretariat is organizing a dialogue with Secretariats of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) at the margins of the 53rd GEF Council. This session aims to provide an opportunity to discuss the key outcomes of recent Conference of the Parties (COPs) related to the GEF, and issues to be taken into consideration for the remainder of the GEF-6 period and GEF-7 to facilitate the implementation of Conventions.

Suggested discussion questions may include the following:

1. What are key outcomes and decisions/guidance of relevance to the GEF from the recent COPs, including UNCCD COP 13, Minamata COP 1, and UNFCCC COP 23? Taking into consideration the outcomes of the Stockholm COP 8 and CBD COP 13 also, what are priorities to be addressed particularly in the GEF-7 replenishment?
2. What is the current thinking of the Conventions on the facilitation of private-public sector financing opportunities, and where can the GEF be helpful?
3. What are, if any, additional considerations for integrated programing and addressing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in GEF-7 from the Convention perspectives?

The dialogue is also an opportunity to discuss the proposed Rio Conventions Project Preparation Facility, which the Executive Secretaries of CBD, UNCCD, and UNFCCC called to establish in a joint press release on 13 November 2017.

The dialogue brings together senior representatives of Secretariats of all Conventions that the GEF serves as a/the financial mechanism, and the GEF Secretariat representatives. The dialogue is open to Council members and other participants to the GEF Council meeting.

Provisional Agenda
(as of 27 November 2017)

Time	Agenda Item
3:00-3:10	Registration and Coffee
3:10-3:20	Opening Remarks and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gustavo Fonseca, Director of Programs, GEF
3:20-4:10	Dialogue on Recent COP Outcomes and Implications <p>Representatives of the Convention Secretariats are requested to provide a summary and update of recent Conferences of the Parties (COPs) and decisions/guidance of relevance to the GEF (5 minutes each).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, BRS Secretariat Claudia ten Have, Senior Programme Coordination Officer, Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury Melchiade Bukuru, Chief of UNCCD Liaison Office Amy Fraenkel, Director, Mainstreaming, Cooperation and Outreach Division, CBD Secretariat <p>Discussions will provide an opportunity to further elaborate on the suggested questions and additional topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator: Chizuru Aoki, Lead Environmental Specialist, GEF
4:10-4:50	Update on Proposed Rio Conventions Project Preparation Facility <p>UNFCCC, UNCCD, and CBD Secretariat representatives are requested to provide an introduction to the proposed concept, including its aims, gaps to be filled, expected outcomes, and the potential role of the GEF.</p>
4:50-5:00	Way forward and Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gustavo Fonseca, GEF