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## **Introduction**

1. In accordance with its Programme of Work, the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel II (STAP II) held its sixth meeting from June 21-23, 2000 at the Conference Room of the Capitol Hotel and the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India.

### ***Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting***

2. The opening plenary of the Sixth Meeting of STAP II commenced at 9.00 a.m. on June 21, 2000 at the Hotel Capitol, Bangalore, India. The meeting was opened by Prof. Madhav Gadgil, Chairman of STAP who welcomed the participants to Bangalore, India. He expressed appreciation on behalf of the Indian Institute of Science which co-hosted the STAP meeting for convening the meeting in Bangalore, India.
3. The Meeting was also addressed by Prof. M. Vijayan, Associate Director of the Indian Institute of Science who gave an overview of the history of the Institute. He also welcomed the participants to Bangalore; reiterated the Institute's support for Prof. Gadgil in his capacity as Chairman of STAP and expressed on behalf of the Institute the significance they attached to having one of their faculty staff as Chairman of STAP. He also offered the availability of the wealth of expertise concentrated at the Institute to STAP and the GEF.

### ***Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Draft Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work***

#### **A. Agenda and Organization of Work**

4. The meeting adopted the draft provisional agenda and organization of work with minor modifications contained in documents UNEP/GEF/STAP II/6/2/Add.1 and UNEP/GEF/STAP II/6/2/Add.3.

#### **B. Participation**

5. The STAP members attending the meeting were Prof. Madhav Gadgil, Dr. Christine Padoch, Dr. Setijati Sastrapradja, Prof. Jose Sarukhan, Prof. Paola Rossi Pisa, Dr. Michel Colombier, Dr. Zhou Dadi, Prof. Shuzo Nishioka, Prof. Dennis Anderson and Prof. Angela Wagener.
6. The representatives from the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies who attended the meeting were Dr. Ken King, Assistant CEO; Dr. Colin Rees; Dr. Allan Miller (GEF Secretariat); Dr. Rafael Asenjo (UNDP); Dr. Lars Vidaeus (World Bank); Ahmed Djoghla, (UNEP); Dr. Mark Griffith and Ms. Anne-Marie Verbeken (STAP Secretariat).
7. Dr. John Mugabe, consultant to the GEF Capacity Development Initiative (CDI) also participated in the meeting.

### ***Agenda Item 3: Report by the GEF Secretariat, Implementing Agencies and Subsidiary Bodies of the Conventions on Issues Relevant to STAP***

8. The Assistant CEO of the GEF gave an overview of some of the main programmatic activities undertaken in recent months, namely: the Heads of Agencies Meeting, which called for a New Agenda for the GEF under the caption "Driving for Results"; the outcomes of the May GEF Council Meeting and the implications of a number of decisions made by Council for STAP work programme; and the Senior GEF Retreat and implications for STAP.
9. The Assistant CEO highlighted a number of issues addressed by the GEF Council at its May meeting which have implication for STAP work. These are summarised as follows:

- **Biosafety Protocol:** At the request of the GEF Council, the GEF Secretariat will submit to the GEF Council to its next meeting an initial strategy for assisting countries to prepare for the entry into force of the protocol on biosafety. STAP input was requested to review the initial strategy before its submission to the GEF Council.
  - **Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs):** The Council requested the GEF Secretariat to elaborate an options paper to expand the scope of GEF interventions in the area of POPs and/or the elements of a new operational programme dedicated to the phasing out of POPs. In light of the recommendations made by the STAP Brainstorming on POPs, specific suggestions should be submitted by STAP for possible inclusion into the options paper.
  - **Agrobiodiversity:** The GEF Secretariat was mandated by the GEF Council to develop an operational programme on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity Importance to Agriculture. In light of STAP inputs to the Elements Paper, additional input will be required by STAP in the preparation of the operational programme.
  - **Second Overall Programme Study:** In view of the timetable for the completion of the Second GEF Overall Performance Study in September 2001, STAP input is required in the impact reviews of the GEF portfolio to be undertaken by the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies between September 2000 and March 2001.
  - **Review of Operational Programmes:** The Council requested the Secretariat to review the structure of the operational programmes as a whole, their relationship to each other, and to share with the Council its views as to the future evolution of the operational programmes. STAP input into the review of the Operational Programmes was considered necessary.
10. With respect to the outcomes of the senior GEF Retreat the following issues were raised for consideration by the Panel under the relevant Agenda items, namely:
- **Integration of STAP Activities with GEF Annual Planning Cycle:** The organisation of STAP work to coincide more closely with the GEF Annual Planning Cycle (see Figure 1) to ensure that emerging science and technology issues are directly fed into the GEF corporate business planning process.
  - **Greater co-ordination and linkage of the STAP selective reviews with Monitoring and Evaluation Work Programme:** In this regard the need for a clear timetable for STAP's input into the Monitoring and Evaluation processes was highlighted by STAP members if STAP is to make a meaningful contribution to the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation efforts.
  - **Mobilization of Scientific Networks:** Strengthening the use of Networks to mobilise the wider scientific and technical community in GEF work.
11. In addition, the Assistant CEO informed the meeting of the establishment of the GEF Land and Water Resources (LWR) team, which is co-ordinated by Herbert Acquay as Team Leader.
12. The representative from UNDP gave an update of two major GEF initiatives being co-ordinated by UNDP, namely; the Country Dialogue Workshops (CDW) and the Capacity Development Initiative (CDI). With respect to the former, the meeting was informed that three workshops have been convened to date, and the response has been very positive. The issue of STAP's participation in the dialogue workshops was raised by Panel Members. The meeting was informed that no resources have been allocated in the project for STAP's participation in the dialogue workshops.
13. With respect to the CDI, the meeting was brought up-to-date in the first phase which consist of a comprehensive assessment of capacity development needs, undertaken on a regional basis in

Africa, Asia/Pacific; East Europe and Central Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The meeting was informed that in each region, teams of three regional experts, in biodiversity, climate change and land degradation, will prepare regional assessments reports of countries' needs for capacity development. In addition to regional assessments, two additional assessments are being undertaken focusing on the needs of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) as well as the special capacity needs of the scientific and technical community.

14. Other activities which were reported to be undertaken during the assessment phase included assessments of the GEF portfolio to be carried out by each Implementing Agency; consultations with other bilateral and multi-lateral agencies and NGOs and inputs from the Conventions Secretariats.
15. The representative from UNEP brought the meeting up-to-date on the implementation of the UNEP's Action Plan on Complementarity with GEF activities, approved by the GEF Council at its Thirteenth Meeting. In this regard, mention was made of the Joint Meeting of the Bureaus of UNEP; namely the Committee of Permanent Representatives and High Level Committee of Ministers and Officials (HLCOMO); held on 3 April, 2000 in Geneva. At that meeting the quality of the relationship between UNEP and the GEF was recognised, as well as the progress made in the Implementation of the Action Plan.
16. In connection with the implementation of the Action Plan, specific reference was made to the UNEP Strategic Partnership. The meeting was informed of the preliminary results of the various electronic fora conducted under the auspices of the partnership. These included fora on the Land and Water Initiative, Agrobiodiversity and Biosafety. Reference was also made to a number of other activities being implemented under the partnership, namely, the UNEP Mapping and Tracking System which provides an overview of GEF activities; the PV Hydro Study and the Clearing House Mechanism.
17. The meeting was also brought up-date on the GEF activities at the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity held at UNEP headquarters from May 2000. Specific reference was made to STAP's participation in the GEF Biosafety Workshop. Other activities which were specifically highlighted included the session on the Land and Water Initiative for Africa and the Facilitation Committee of the Convention to Combat Desertification. Reference was also made to STAP's involvement in a number of UNEP/GEF funded projects namely, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, the proposed Land Degradation/Soil Assessment, Biosafety (GIWA) and Adaptation.
18. The meeting was also informed of the outcome of the Sixth Special Session of the UNEP Governing Council held in Malmo, Sweden from 29-31 May, 2000, with particular emphasis being placed on the Global Environment Ministers Forum. Key areas which were highlighted, for which UNEP will take the lead include global environment challenges; the private sector and civic society. The Declaration resulting from the meeting – the Malmo Declaration – will be considered at the Millennium Meeting to be convened by United Nations General Assembly in September 2000.
19. The representative from the World Bank highlighted the main elements of the Bank's Environmental strategy which was presented to the GEF Council in May 2000. The major challenge was identified as how to achieve poverty alleviation and reduction while at the same time addressing issues of the global environment.

***Agenda Item 4: Report of the STAP Chairman, Panel Members and the STAP Secretariat on Intersessional Activities***

20. The STAP Chairman reported on his participation in both the NGO Consultation and the fifteenth meeting of the GEF Council held in May 9-11, 2000. The Chairman reported that the Council's

response to STAP's work was positive. Reference was made to the specific issues which were highlighted in the Joint Summary of the Chairs which have implications for STAP work; namely the initial strategy on the biosafety protocol; options paper to expand the scope of GEF interventions in the area of POPs and/or the elements of a new operational programme; the elaboration of an operational programme on agrobiodiversity; review of GEF operational programmes and the second overall performance study.

21. These issues were addressed substantively under the relevant agenda items.

***Agenda Item 5: Procedures for Developing STAP Work Programme***

22. These agenda items 5,6 and 7 were considered together because of the interlinkages between them. For the purpose of this report however, these agenda items are addressed under two agenda items; agenda item 5 and agenda items 6 and 7, respectively.

23. The overall context for the discussion on the above agenda items 5, 6 and 7 was provided by a presentation by the STAP Secretariat which outlined the Procedures adopted by STAP II in the development of its work programme and implementation of activities since September 1998 contained in UNEP/GEF/STAP II/6/5/Add.1, an overview of STAP II activities, origin of the demand modalities employed, outputs and impacts on GEF policy and Operational Framework (September 1998 – June 2000) contained in UNEP/GEF/STAP II/6/5/Add.2 and STAP Work Programme for 2001 contained in UNEP/GEF/STAP II/6/6/Add.1.

24. In addition, the Assistant CEO provided an overview of the GEF Annual Planning Cycle contained in UNEP/GEF/STAP II/6/5/Add.3, identifying the timing of various inputs required from STAP and the relevant sections of the Draft Action Plan with implications for STAP.

25. A number of substantive issues were discussed including:

- (i) ***Further Integration of STAP Work with the GEF Annual Planning Cycle:*** Two critical points were identified for the integration of STAP's Work in the Annual Planning Cycle: (a) preparation of the Corporate Business Plan<sup>1</sup>. This is usually finalized in September and is based in part on the conclusions and the recommendations of the Project Status Review (PSR) including the conclusions of STAP. Immediately preceding the preparation of the Corporate Business Plan are two important activities. The Project Implementation Review (July – November) which reviews the Implementing Agencies experiences from the implementation of projects and in which STAP participates and the Programme Status Review (commences in April) which may identify gaps in the programmes as well as emerging issues, including scientific and technical issues, which could be referred to STAP for its consideration and (b) Corporate Work Plan and Budget: These are important follow-ups to the Corporate Business Plan and involves the preparation of annual work plans for each GEF unit, including STAP, consisting of specific budgeted scheduled activities. The deadline for the annual work plan is around February, whereas the budget is prepared in March for consideration at the May GEF Council Meeting.
- (ii) ***Feedback Mechanism on STAP's Work:*** Concerns were raised by Panel members about the nature of the feedback received from the GEF Secretariat and Implementing Agencies on the strategic advice they provide. The need for a transparent feedback mechanism was recognised. It was agreed that feedback to STAP's activities will be channeled through the Executive Co-ordinators of the Implementing Agencies and the Team Leaders in the GEF Secretariat with responsibility for the particular issue being addressed by STAP.

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<sup>1</sup> GEF Corporate Business Plan is a three-year plan of work to implement GEF strategy. The timing of the Business Plan is determined by the date of the Council Meeting at which it is considered.

- (iii) ***Greater Interaction with and Participation of Focal Area Specialists:*** The Panel concluded that it would be desirable if mechanisms could be put in place to facilitate greater discussion with focal area specialists in the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies on the substantive demand identified for STAP to address, particularly in the conceptualization phase of planning for implementation.
- (iv) ***STAP Meeting:*** A major issue expressed by the Panel under this theme is the need for additional time for STAP members to interact and for the STAP ad-hoc Working Group and task teams to discuss substantive issues which have been referred to STAP.

The meeting took note of the recommendation of the GEF Retreat held in June 2000 regarding the convening of STAP meetings to coincide with the GEF Planing Cycle. To this end, the meeting agreed in principle to convene two meetings of STAP a year with the possibility of convening extraordinary meetings as the need arises.

- (v) ***Enhancing Complementarity between STAP Work Programme and Work Programme of the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Unit:*** There was general agreement that the GEF can benefit from further enhancing the complementarity of STAP activities and those of the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit. Panel members, however, were very specific that the Work Programme of the M&E Unit should clearly outline where STAP's inputs were necessary and the timetable for achieving those goals as well as a need for a formal process to facilitate STAP's input in M&E issues. It was also agreed that efforts would be made at the corporate level to facilitate the process leading to greater complimentarity between the M&E Unit and STAP Work Programmes and a formal mechanism for engaging STAP in M&E Work.

***Agenda Item 6: STAP Work Programme for FY01; and Agenda Item 7: Additional Priority Areas Identified by the GEF Secretariat for Consideration for Inclusion into STAP FY01 Work Programme***

26. After consideration of the STAP Work Programme and Budget for FY01 contained in UNEP/GEF/STAP II/6/6/Add.1; the additional priority areas identified by the GEF Secretariat for Consideration for inclusion into STAP Work Programme contained in UNEP/GEF/STAP II/6/7 and the requirements of the GEF, particularly those relating to the preparation of the Second GEF Overall Performance. The following Work Programme was agreed to by the Panel for FY01.

- **Portfolio Review and Planning for Impact Studies:** Preparatory Discussion on GEF Impact Studies, September 18-19, 2000 (in conjunction with STAP Meeting). The work session will be structured in two phases (a) an overview of the overall process for the Impact Studies and (b) focal area specific sessions, to be convened after (a);
- **Seventh Meeting of STAP II**, September 20-21, 2000, Washington, D.C.;
- **Portfolio Review and Impact Studies**, October 2000 to March 2001. This will be executed as an integral part of the Corporate Portfolio Review and Impact Studies. It was agreed that STAP in that process will use the modality of the selective review as an integral part of the overall corporate exercise and focus on scientific and technical dimensions. In this regard, suggested criteria which could guide STAP's selection and input in the process were outlined as:
  - ★ Projects that are highly innovative in terms of science, (including the social sciences) technology and/or with significant element of risk;
  - ★ The extent to which indicators have been utilized;

- ★ The extent to which the GEF intervention has advanced the state of science and technology in the target area/country.
- Brainstorming on Climate Change Portfolio and Learning Curves, March 2001 (in conjunction with the Eighth Meeting of STAP);
- Brainstorming on Integrated Land and Water Management, Dryland Biodiversity and Interlinkages with the GEF Focal Areas (after March 2001 – timing to be worked out with GEF Land and Water Resources (LWR team);
- Brainstorming on Integrated Management (ecosystem approach, guidelines on integrated management approach);
- Brainstorming/Workshop on Indicators (Remote Sensing, Bio-Indicators etc.);
- Expert Group Workshop on Adaptation (June 2000).

27. STAP Work Programme for FY01 is contained in Annex 1 of this report.

***Agenda Item 8: Capacity Development Initiative: Assessment of Scientific and Technical Capacity***

28. This agenda item was introduced by the STAP Chairman who gave an overview of the activities already undertaken by STAP on this issue. It included a submission on behalf of STAP by the STAP Chair at the CDI Steering Committee Meeting of February 14-15, 2000 as well as the STAP Chair participation in the meetings of the CDI Steering Committee.
29. Dr. John Mugabe, consultant to the CDI, provided an update of what is being done in the context of the assessment of scientific and technical development needs, the framework being used for the analysis of the outcome of the assessment. The focus of the assessment to date has been on a number of specific issues, namely; the nature of scientific and technical capacities required to address global environmental issues in the GEF focal areas:
- The analysis of national and regional reports to determine global environmental priorities of respective regions associated with scientific and technical capacity needs and gaps. As a framework for this analysis elements of capacity development were identified as creation of capacity (i.e. skills, institutional building etc.) enhancement of capacity; capacity mobilization; capacity conversion and capacity utilization.
  - The role of science and technology associations at the national, regional and international levels. An assessment of their work programme and the role they have played or playing in addressing global environmental issues is an integral part of this component.
  - Ways and means by which STAP could mobilize scientific and technical associations to build capacities.
30. After much discussion on the issue of capacity development the Panel concluded that for capacity building to be effective it must be targeted (for example, building capacity for the use of taxonomic information). Once the specific area is clearly identified, capacity could be built to address the issue under consideration. The Panel considered this to be the most effective means of building capacity to address global environmental issues.

***Agenda Item 9: Biosafety***



31. The STAP Team Leader for this issue provided a progress report on the STAP Selective Review of the UNEP/GEF Pilot Biosafety Enabling Activity Project related to the following themes: the review process, project implementation and outcomes, and recommendations for future action.
32. In addition, a number of issues were highlighted in the draft report, including, but not limited to, scientific and technical issues arising from the implementation of activities of the Pilot Project, as well as in the implementation of the National Biosafety Frameworks; ways and means to enhance scientific and technical capacity of the activities of participating countries in terms of risk assessment and risk management and scientific and technical issues that need to be addressed by the contemplated regional/sub-regional centres of expertise.
33. Based upon the content of the various reports reviewed by STAP, the following issues were highlighted in the context of any follow-up action to Pilot Phase Project.
  - (i) **Time Factor:** It is obvious that the project has promoted awareness among the participating countries on the need of establishing legal frameworks to assess and manage the risk of the products of biotechnology, in particular LMOs and ONTs. However, the time allocated for the project implementation was considered by STAP not to be sufficient.
  - (ii) **The continuation of the project:** All participating countries expressed the desire to continue with the project implementation considering the elements of biosafety framework is now in place. They stressed the need to enhance the capacity building to conduct the risk assessment and risk management. STAP is of the opinion that legal frameworks/regulation/law should be accompanied by the competence of human resources.
  - (iii) **The Project Expansion:** The regional workshops recommended that the project should be expanded to countries which need assistance from GEF. Considering this recommendation, STAP is in the opinion that before the first meeting of the ICCP of the CBD is convened, a scientific and technical meeting should be convened to address issues such as, but not limited to:
    - (a) The critical mass of the scientists that are need to implement the framework;
    - (b) The institutional issues to implement the framework, since many countries lack institutional mechanism to mobilize the existing scattered scientists;
    - (c) The development of scientific and technological competence in biotechnological/biosafety;
    - (d) To develop closer collaboration with the existing biotechnology agencies.
34. The meeting was also informed of the GEF Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting on Biosafety to be convened on July 4, 2000 and the need for STAP's input vis-à-vis the conclusions of the Selective Review.

***Agenda Item 10: Background to the STAP Brainstorming on Power Sector Reform***

35. The STAP Team Leader for this activity gave a brief overview of the structure and content of the STAP brainstorming on Power Sector Reform. The meeting was informed that since the brainstorming session will be convened immediately after the STAP meeting, the report will be tabled at the Seventh Meeting of STAP II to be convened in September 2000.

***Agenda Item 11: Annual Review of the STAP Roster of Experts***

36. The STAP Secretariat gave a brief overview of the use of the roster of experts for FY2000. The process and timetable for undertaking the Annual Review of the Roster were also outlined. These included:

➤ **Collation of Documentation: June/July 2000**

- Collate project documents and the technical reviews for distribution to the panel members at the Sixth Meeting of STAP. Panel members are to be requested to review the technical reviews of project proposals within their areas of expertise, to comment on the reviews and to evaluate the performance of the reviewers;
- Requests to the Implementing Agencies to complete and submit outstanding performance evaluations of the reviewers and any additional information that might be required for the review of the performance of the roster;
- Collection of information submitted by Implementing Agencies;
- Bilateral discussions with the Implementing Agencies and GEF Secretariat on all roster issues. Topics for discussion to be provided in advance of the meetings.
- Preparation of preliminary analysis of the use of the roster in FY00 and presentation of results of update exercise

➤ **Compilation of Information on Review of the Reviewer – August/September, 2000**

- STAP members to submit their comments and evaluations;
- Consolidation of STAP members comments per focal area;
- Circulation of consolidated STAP comments for further STAP input;
- Preparation of first draft of the Annual Review;
- Review of Draft Annual Review by GEF Secretariat and Implementing Agencies;
- Discussion and finalization of the Annual Review at the Seventh Meeting of STAP.

➤ **Submission to GEF Council – October/November 2000**

- Submission of Annual Review to the GEF Secretariat for transmission to the GEF November Council Meeting.

37. The timetable as set out by the STAP Secretariat was endorsed by the Panel.

38. In addition, the Implementing Agencies inquired whether it was possible for them to be kept update on the frequency of use of roster experts. The process for the identification and filling of the gaps in the Roster of Experts was also outlined by the STAP Secretariat.

***Agenda Item 12: The Land and Water Initiative for Africa: Scientific and Technical Dimensions***

39. The proposed Work Programme of the GEF Land and Water Resources (LWR) team (UNEP/GEF/STAP II/6/12/Add.1) submitted by the GEF Secretariat were used as the basis for discussion on this agenda item.

40. The meeting was informed of the establishment of the GEF Land and Water Resources (LWR) team on March 16, 2000 with responsibility for land, water and related natural resource programmes. The team is specifically responsible for the Operational Programmes on: Waterbody-based (OP#8); Integrated Land and Water Multiple Focal Area (OP#9); Contaminant-based Program (OP#10) and Integrated Ecosystem Management (OP#12).

41. The meeting considered the requests made by the LWR team for STAP's input and endorsed them. The Secretariat was mandated to include requests of the LWR team in the STAP Work Plan for FY2001. These included:

**(a) Support to the Case Studies on Community-based Approaches to Integrated Land and Water Management**

As part of the Africa Land and Water Initiative the LWR team will be undertaking case studies on the implementation of community-based approaches to land and water management. The specific objectives of the case studies are to compile, synthesize, and disseminate good practice. The case studies are to be undertaken jointly by the GEF Secretariat; the GEF NGO Network and STAP. In addition to its participation in the review of the case studies, STAP will support workshop of scientific and technical experts, NGOs and other practitioners to discuss the draft case studies and emerging lessons.

**(b) Handbook on Integrated Ecosystem Management**

STAP was requested to facilitate the preparation of a handbook on integrated ecosystem management, with special emphasis on land and water resources. The handbook is intended to facilitate greater adoption of integrated ecosystem management approaches. It is intended to clarify the principles underlying integrated ecosystem management and provide operational guidelines on the use of this approach in conservation planning and implementation based in good practice.

The STAP Team Leader for Land and Water Resources Issue was mandated in collaboration with the STAP Secretariat to follow-up the implementation of these demands may be LWR team with its Team Leader.

***Agenda Item 13: The Programmatic Approach: Implications for STAP***

42. The Assistant CEO gave a brief overview of the programmatic approach being implemented by the GEF. The progress made by the GEF in the implementation of this approach was noted by STAP.

***Agenda Item 14: Cross-Cutting Issues: Benefiting from Synergies between GEF Focal Areas***

43. Because of the lack of sufficient time to address this issue in detail, the Panel deferred the issue to its next meeting in September, 2000.

***Agenda Item 15: Any Other Business***

44. The following issues were raised under this agenda item:

**(a) Commercialisation of Fuel Cell Buses: Potential Roles for the GEF.**

At the request of UNDP, STAP considered this issue in great detail. STAP's strategic advice on this issue is contained in a separate report entitled "Strategic Advice on the Commercialization of Fuel Cell Buses".

**(b) Thirteenth Session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA), UNFCCC, Lyon, France, 11-15 September, 2000. Prof. Shuzo Nishioka was selected to represent STAP at this meeting.**

***Agenda Item 16: Adoption of the Report***

45. The meeting considered the draft conclusions and entrusted the STAP Secretariat to incorporate the comments made.

***Agenda Item 17: Closing of the Meeting***

46. The meeting was closed at 6.00 p.m. on Friday, June 23, 2000 with a reception hosted by the Indian Institute of Sciences.

## STAP Work Programme for FY2001

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel of STAP chair and STAP members to meetings <i>inter alia</i> Council meeting; meetings of the scientific and technical bodies of Conventions for which the GEF serves as the financial mechanism, PIR etc.</li> <li>Background Papers to support STAP substantive work</li> </ul>	June 2001		
<b>MONITORING AND EVALUATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input into the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation exercise</li> <li>Participation in GEF Country Dialogue Workshops</li> </ul>	Ongoing  As determined by the Steering Committee	Reviews and technical papers  Presentation	C. Padoch/D. Anderson  STAP Members/STAP Secretariat
<b>MEETING TO BE ATTENDED BY STAP CHAIR/ MEMBERS -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 GEF Council Meeting (Chairman and Vice-Chair)</li> <li>2 NGO Consultations</li> <li>Project Implementation Review</li> </ul> <b>Climate Change</b> SBSTTA - Climate Change  <b>Biodiversity</b> SBSTTA - Biodiversity  <b>Land Degradation</b> CCD COP4/CCD  Interlinkage Expert Group	Washington, D.C., May 2000 and October 2000  TBD  TBD  TBD TBD  TBD	  Report        Expert Panels	M. Gadgil  D. Anderson/C. Padoch  S. Nishioka  J. Sarukhan P. Bridgewater M.Gadgil  P. Rossi  P. Rossi