



Program Management

November 15 - 19, 2010

A Weekly Update on GEF Program Management

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Cuba	Iran	Cape Verde	Bulgaria	India		
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El Salvador	Lebanon	Congo, Republic of	Czech Republic	Lao	Fiji	
Grenada	Syria	Cote d'Ivoire	Estonia	Maldives	Kiribati	
Guatemala	Yemen Arab Republic	Equatorial Guinea	FYR Macedonia	Mongolia	Marshal Islands	
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Honduras		Gambia	Hungary	Nepal	Nauru	
Jamaica		Ghana	Kazakhstan	Pakistan	Niue	
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Nicaragua		Guinea Bissau	Kyrgyz Republic	Thailand	Samoa	
Panama		Liberia	Latvia	Vietnam	Salomon Islands	
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Paraguay		Togo	Slovenia			
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Ecuador		Kenya				
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Venezuela		Madagascar				
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2011

GEF Council Consultations with Civil Society
Organizations and GEF Council Meeting – Week of May
23, 2011

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GEF ID	IA ID	Type	Focal Area	Decision Sought	Proponent	Country	Project Title	Program Manager	Date Received
<u>FAO</u>									
3266		FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	FAO	Ecuador	Management of Chimborazo's Natural Resources	Mark Zimsky	12-Nov-10
<u>IADB</u>									
3889		FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	IADB	Panama	Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation through low-impact ecotourism in the SINAP	Mark Zimsky	15-Nov-10
<u>IFAD</u>									
3695		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	IFAD	Mongolia	Mongolia Livestock Sector Adaptation Project	Saliha Dobardzic	19-Nov-10

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<u>UNDP</u>									
4413		FP	Climate Change	CEO PIF Clearance for WPI	UNDP	Bangladesh	Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change through Participative Coastal Afforestation and Water Security	Bonizella Biagini	16-Nov-10
3865	4191	FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Venezuela	Strengthening the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas System	Mark Zimsky	17-Nov-10
4413		FP	Climate Change	CEO PPG approval	UNDP	Bangladesh	Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change through Participative Coastal Afforestation and Water Security	Bonizella Biagini	17-Nov-10
4019	3977	FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNDP	Guinea-Bissau	Strengthening Resilience and Adaptive Capacity to Climate Change in Guinea-Bissau's Agrarian and Water Sectors	Lars Christiansen	17-Nov-10

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<u>UNEP</u>									
3651		FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP	Cameroon	Development and Institution of A National Monitoring and Control System (Framework) for Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) and Invasive Alien Species (IAS)	Jaime Cavelier	12-Nov-10
4235		MSP	Multi Focal Area	CEO Approval for Milestone Extension	UNEP	Global	SFM Facilitating financing for Sustainable Forest Management in SIDS and LFCCs	Dirk Gaul	15-Nov-10
3855		MSP	Biodiversity	CEO MSP Approval	UNEP	Regional (Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica)	Strengthening the Implementation of Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing Regimes in Latin America and the Caribbean	Jaime Cavelier	15-Nov-10
3788		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP	Regional (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda)	LGGE Promoting Energy Efficiency in Buildings in Eastern Africa	Alexis Jean-Roch Mariani	15-Nov-10
3801		FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP	India	Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with Focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions	Jaime Cavelier	17-Nov-10
4067		MSP	Biodiversity	CEO MSP Approval	UNEP	Turkey	BS Support for the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework	Jaime Cavelier	18-Nov-10

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<u>World Bank</u>									
2995	100478	FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	World Bank	Tunisia	Demonstrating and Promoting Best Techniques and Practices for Managing Healthcare Waste and PCBs	Ibrahima Sow	18-Nov-10

Responses to Proponents

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4348		FP	Climate Change	Council approval of PIF	EBRD	Kazakhstan	Reducing GHG Emissions through a Resource Efficiency Transformation Programme (ResET) for Industries in Kazakhstan	Alexis Jean-Roch Mariani	17-Nov-10	PIF approved by Council
3597		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	EBRD, World Bank	Russian Federation	RUS Improving Urban Housing Efficiency in the Russian Federation	Alexis Jean-Roch Mariani	19-Nov-10	FSP endorsed by CEO
FAO										
3819		FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	FAO	Regional (Fiji, Niue, Vanuatu, Samoa)	PAS Forestry and Protected Area Management	Dirk Gaul	16-Nov-10	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
UNDP										
4332	4418	FP	Multi Focal Area	CEO PPG approval	UNDP	Azerbaijan	Sustainable Land and Forest Management in the Greater Caucasus Landscape	Ulrich Apel	15-Nov-10	Review Sheet sent to Agency for PPG revision
2706	3524	FP	International Waters	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP, UNDP	Regional (Cape Verde, Comoros, Mauritius, Maldives, Seychelles, Sao Tome and Principe)	Implementing Integrated Water Resource and Wastewater Management in Atlantic and Indian Ocean SIDS	Ivan Zavadsky	17-Nov-10	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
4329	4561	FP	Multi Focal Area	Council approval of PIF	UNDP	Global	5th Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme	Danielius Pivoriunas	17-Nov-10	PIF approved by Council

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4330	4272	FP	Biodiversity	Council approval of PIF	UNDP	Chile	Strengthening National Frameworks for IAS Governance - Piloting in Juan Fernandez Archipelago	Mark Zimsky	17-Nov-10	PIF approved by Council
4131	4358	MSP	Climate Change	CEO MSP Approval	UNDP	Fiji	PAS Fiji Renewable Energy Power Project (FREPP)	Josef Buchinger	19-Nov-10	MSP sent to Agency for revision

UNEP

3968		FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP, UNIDO	Regional (Burundi, Djibouti, Rwanda, Sudan, Congo DR)	AFLDC:Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the COMESA Subregion	Marianne Bailey	12-Nov-10	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
3853		MSP	Biodiversity	CEO MSP Approval	UNEP	Regional (Brunei, Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, Vietnam)	Building Capacity for Regionally Harmonized National Processes for Implementing CBD Provisions on Access to Genetic Resources and Sharing of Benefits	Jaime Cavelier	15-Nov-10	MSP sent to Agency for revision (Review Sheet and Email sent to Agency)
3333		MSP	Biodiversity	CEO MSP Approval	UNEP	Indonesia	BS Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework	Jaime Cavelier	15-Nov-10	MSP recommended for CEO approval (Cover Memo and Review Sheet Completed)
3333		MSP	Biodiversity	CEO MSP Approval	UNEP	Indonesia	BS Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework	Jaime Cavelier	16-Nov-10	MSP recommended for CEO approval (Docs circulating for approval)

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2706		FP	International Waters	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP, UNDP	Regional (Cape Verde, Comoros, Mauritius, Maldives, Seychelles, Sao Tome and Principe)	Implementing Integrated Water Resource and Wastewater Management in Atlantic and Indian Ocean SIDS	Ivan Zavadsky	17-Nov-10	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
3333		MSP	Biodiversity	CEO MSP Approval	UNEP	Indonesia	BS Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework	Jaime Cavalier	19-Nov-10	MSP circulated to Council before CEO approval (Docs were on hold due to activities around council meetings - due date is set for Dec. 6)
3077		FP	Biodiversity	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP	Global (Brazil, Cote d'Ivoire, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Indonesia, Peru, Venezuela)	Greening the Cocoa Industry	Andrew Velthaus	19-Nov-10	FSP recommended for endorsement
3403		FP	Land Degradation	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP	Regional (Botswana, Namibia, South Africa)	SIP-Kalahari-Namib Project: Enhancing Decision-making through Interactive Environmental Learning and Action in Molopo-Nossob River Basin in Botswana, Namibia and South Africa	Mohamed Bakarr	19-Nov-10	FSP endorsed by CEO
UNIDO										
3573		MSP	POPs	CEO MSP Approval	UNIDO	Nepal	Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of POPs Pesticides and PCBs	Ibrahima Sow	11-Nov-10	MSP approved by CEO

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3968		FP	POPs	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNEP, UNIDO	Regional (Burundi, Djibouti, Rwanda, Sudan, Congo DR)	AFLDC:Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the COMESA Subregion	Marianne Bailey	12-Nov-10	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
4410		MSP	POPs	CEO MSP Approval	UNIDO	Global	Development of the Guidelines for updating of National Implementation Plans (NIPs) under the Stockholm Convention taking into account the new POPs added to the Convention	Ibrahima Sow	15-Nov-10	MSP sent to Agency for revision
4032		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNIDO	Global (Cook Islands, Turkey)	TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Realizing Hydrogen Energy Installations on Small Islands through Technology Co-operation	Dimitrios Zevgolis	17-Nov-10	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision
4387		FP	Ozone Depleting Substances	Council approval of PIF	UNIDO	Russian Federation	Phase-out of CFC Consumption in the Manufacture of Aerosol Metered-dose Inhalers (MDIs) in the Russian Federation	Ibrahima Sow	17-Nov-10	PIF approved by Council
3976		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	UNIDO	Cambodia	Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Improved Energy Efficiency in the Industrial Sector	David Elrie Rodgers	18-Nov-10	Review Sheet sent to Agency for FSP revision

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4201		FP	Biodiversity	Council approval of PIF	World Bank	Yemen	Leopards and Landscapes: Using a Flagship Species to Strengthen Conservation in the Republic of Yemen	Jaime Cavelier	17-Nov-10	PIF approved by Council
3597		FP	Climate Change	CEO endorsement of FSP	EBRD, World Bank	Russian Federation	RUS Improving Urban Housing Efficiency in the Russian Federation	Alexis Jean-Roch Mariani	19-Nov-10	FSP endorsed by CEO

INTRODUCING GEFSEC'S NEW STAFF



Kseniya Temnenko, an Ukrainian national, joined the GEF Evaluation Office in November 2010 as the Knowledge Management Officer. Previously, she was an Evaluation Specialist in the UNICEF Evaluation Office where she was responsible for knowledge management of the evaluation function and the evaluation capacity strengthening. Among other tasks, she led the establishment of the internal M&E community of practice that united over 300 professionals from across the globe. She guided development of the UNICEF's approach to advocacy monitoring and evaluation, contributed to creation of the institutional knowledge management framework, and championed development of e-learning activities

at the United Nations Evaluation Group Training Task Force.

Kseniya has 11 years of experience in monitoring and evaluation, knowledge management, as well as in program management. She worked and consulted for the Eurasia Foundation, Institute for Sustainable Communities, UNDP, the Step by Step Association, and Charities Aid Foundation. Kseniya is passionate about social research methods and learning, especially in a complex multi-stakeholder environment.

Ms. Temnenko holds Masters Degree in Sociology, Specialist Degrees in the Russian and English languages and a Certificate from the International Programme Evaluation Development Training. She also attended training in knowledge management.



Thank you for giving a warm welcome to **Andrew Hume** who joined the GEF Natural Resources team as a Junior Professional Associate (JPA) on November 18.

Andrew is a dual US and UK citizen, but grew up in the Washington, D.C. area. He studied environmental science, both as an undergraduate and graduate student at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. His graduate thesis research focused on marine ecology and oceanography, specifically biogeochemical cycling and hydrodynamics in benthic marine environments. Some of his work is now published and is excellent bedtime reading material.

In a former life, Andrew participated to multiple research cruises and field campaigns around the globe as a graduate research assistant and a research assistant at the Scottish Association for Marine Science in Oban, Scotland. Upon moving back to the US, he interned for the Office of International Affairs at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and most recently, was promoting market mechanisms for marine conservation with the Marine Ecosystem Services Program at Forest Trends, an international environmental non-profit organization based here in Washington, D.C.

Andrew is an avid waterman and enjoys sailing, windsurfing, surfing, fishing, and swimming. When forced out of the water, you can find him playing or watching sports, backpacking, and playing with his dog. He is very excited to be part of the International Waters focal area within the Natural Resources team and hopes to lend his experiences with marine and coastal management to further GEF's mission.



Baljit Wadhwa, a Canadian national, is the new Senior Evaluation Officer leading the Performance Evaluation team in the GEF Evaluation Office. She is an expert on sustainability assessment and sustainability indicators for both public and private sector entities.

Previously as the Monitoring & Evaluation Lead with the International Finance Corporation (IFC)'s Sustainable Business Advisory Services Department, Baljit advised the Department Director and Program Leaders on results measurement strategies and impact realization for projects in the broad areas of climate change, biodiversity markets, labor & social standards, corporate governance and SME development. Ms. Wadhwa has also managed and undertaken several evaluations of projects/programs for international agencies (e.g. CIDA, World Food Programme, IFC) national government departments and community development agencies. Prior to IFC, Baljit worked as a Senior Sustainability Analyst with Calvert Investments, a leading US sustainable investment firm, reviewing publicly listed domestic and emerging market companies for environmental, social and governance (ESG) metrics in their policies, programs and performance as well as dialoguing with companies on the same. Her responsibilities also focused on financial responses to climate change and resulted in the launch of Calvert's Global Alternative Energy Fund.

In addition to her experience as an evaluator, Baljit has also worked alongside the infrastructure, oil, gas and mining industries carrying out stakeholder engagements for proposed energy, mining & transportation projects. Her specialization is community consultations and facilitating use of traditional knowledge in impact studies.

Baljit holds a Master of Environment Studies from University of Waterloo and Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology from University of Calgary in Canada. She is also a LEED Accredited Professional with the US Green Building Council. When not working, Baljit likes to practice outdoor pursuits including kayaking, hiking and camping. She also enjoys making up new recipes and photographing local and foreign places/people.