



Excerpts from the Joint Summary of the Chairs & Highlights of the Council's Decisions, 31st GEF Council Meeting, June 12–15, 2007

Decisions of the Council

Decision on Agenda Item 14 Work program

33. The Council reviewed the proposed work program submitted to Council in document GEF/C.31/8 and approves¹ the work program comprising the following twenty-nine programs and project proposals, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted to the Secretariat by June 29, 2007.

Biodiversity

- Global (Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Brazil) : Conservation & Management of Pollinators for Sustainable Agriculture through an Ecosystem Approach (UNEP) (GEF Grant : \$ 7.81 m)
- Global (Peru, Chile, China, Tunisia, Philippines, Algeria) : Conservation and Adaptive Management of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) (FAO) (GEF Grant : \$ 3.50 m)
- Brazil : Effective Conservation and Sustainable Use of Mangrove Ecosystems in Brazil (UNDP) (GEF Grant : \$ 5.00 m)
- Costa Rica : Overcoming Barriers to Sustainability of Costa Rica's Protected Areas System (UNDP) (GEF Grant : \$ 4.80 m)
- Guatemala : Improvement of Management Effectiveness in the Maya Biosphere Reserve (MBR) (IADB) (GEF Grant : \$ 4.10 m)
- Nicaragua : Strengthening and Catalyzing the Sustainability of Nicaragua's System of Protected Areas System (UNDP) (GEF Grant : \$ 1.80 m)

¹ The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of national legislation regarding its country's voting position for development projects financed by certain development institutions, opposed the following projects: *Global: Building Partnerships to Assist Developing Countries to Reduce the Transfer of Harmful Aquatic Organisms in Ships' Ballast Water* (UNDP), *Regional: World Bank-GEF Investment Fund for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Partnership, Tranche 1, Second Installment* (World Bank), *Regional: Demonstration of Sustainable Alternatives to DDT and Strengthening of National Vector Control Capabilities in Middle East and North Africa* (UNEP), and *Regional: Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystems – Regional Component: Implementation of Agreed Actions for the Protection of the Environmental Resources of the Mediterranean Sea and its Coastal Areas* (UNEP/UNIDO).

- Seychelles : Mainstreaming Prevention and Control Measures for Invasive Alien Species into Trade, Transport and Travel Across the Production Landscape (UNDP) (GEF Grant : \$ 2.00 m)
- South Africa : National Grasslands Biodiversity Program (UNDP) (GEF Grant : \$ 8.30 m)

Climate Change

- Regional (Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam) : Barrier Removal to the Cost-Effective Development and Implementation of Energy Efficiency Standards and Labeling Project (BRESL) (UNDP) (GEF Grant : \$ 6.80 m)
- Brazil : Market Transformation for Energy Efficiency in Buildings (UNDP/IADB) (GEF Grant : \$ 13.50 m)
- China : China/GEF/World Bank Urban Transport Partnership Program (World Bank) (GEF Grant : \$ 21.00 m)
- China : Energy Efficiency Financing (World Bank) (GEF Grant : \$ 13.50 m)
- Russian Federation : Renewable Energy Project (RREP) (World Bank) (GEF Grant : \$ 10.00 m)
- South Africa : Sustainable Public Transport and Sport: A 2010 Opportunity (UNDP) (GEF Grant : \$ 11.00 m)

International Waters

- Global (China, Brazil, India, Mexico, Turkey, South Africa, Iran, Argentina, Venezuela, Chile, Algeria, Egypt, Ukraine, Peru, Morocco, Libya, Croatia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Angola, Sudan, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, Yemen, Jordan, Ghana) : Building Partnerships to Assist Developing Countries to Reduce the Transfer of Harmful Aquatic Organisms in Ships' Ballast Water (GloBallast Partnerships) (UNDP) (GEF Grant : \$ 5.64 m)
- Regional (Cambodia, China, East Timor, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Lao PDR, Thailand, Vietnam, Brunei) : Implementation of Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) (UNDP) (GEF Grant : \$ 10.88 m)
- Regional (El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua) : Integrated Ecosystem Management of the Gulf of Fonseca (IADB) (GEF Grant : \$ 5.00 m)
- Regional (Albania, Montenegro) : Lake Skadar-Shkodra Integrated Ecosystem Management (World Bank) (GEF Grant : \$ 4.55 m)
- Regional (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam) : World Bank/GEF Partnership Investment Fund for Pollution Reduction in the Large Marine Ecosystems of East Asia (Tranche 1, 2nd Installment) (World Bank) (GEF Grant : \$ 10.00 m)

- Regional (Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Egypt, Macedonia, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Serbia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey) : World Bank-GEF Investment Fund for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Partnership, Tranche 1, 2nd Installment (World Bank) (GEF Grant : \$ 15.00 m)

Land Degradation

- Regional (Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Gambia, Zambia) : Strategic Investment Program for SLM in Sub-Saharan Africa (SIP) (phased project) (World Bank/UNDP/ UNEP/ AfDB/ IFAD/ FAO) (GEF Grant : \$ 137.30 m)

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

- Regional (Sudan, Morocco, Yemen, Djibouti, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iran) : Demonstration of Sustainable Alternatives to DDT and Strengthening of National Vector Control Capabilities in Middle East and North Africa (UNEP) (GEF Grant : \$ 4.91 m)
- China : Environmentally Sustainable Management of Medical Waste in China (UNIDO) (GEF Grant : \$ 11.65 m)
- China : Strengthening Institutions, Regulations and Enforcement Capacities for Effective and Efficient Implementation of the National Implementation Plan (NIP) in China (UNIDO) (GEF Grant : \$ 5.41 m)
- India : Development of a National Implementation Plan in India as a First Step to Implement the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). (UNIDO) (GEF Grant : \$ 3.24 m)

Multi-focal Areas

- Global : GEF Public-Private Partnership Initiative (Lead agency: World Bank/IFC; other agencies: UNEP, FAO, UNIDO) (GEF Grant : \$ 50.00 m)
- Global : Small Grants Programme, 4th Operational Phase (UNDP) (GEF Grant : \$ 123.65 m)
- Regional (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Serbia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Algeria) : Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem--Regional Component: Implementation of Agreed Actions for the Protection of the Environmental Resources of the

Mediterranean Sea and Its Coastal Areas (UNEP/UNIDO)
(GEF Grant : \$ 12.89 m)

- Regional (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay) : Sustainable Management of the Water Resources of the la Plata Basin with Respect to the Effects of Climate Variability and Change (UNEP) (GEF Grant : \$ 10.73 m)

34. With respect to the following three proposals approved as part of the work program, the Council requests the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive draft final project documents submitted to the CEO for endorsement. Council Members may transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO endorsing a project document for final approval by the GEF agency. Such projects may be reviewed at a further Council meeting at the request of at least four Council Members.

- China : China/GEF/World Bank Urban Transport Partnership Program (World Bank)
- Russian Federation : Renewable Energy Project (RREP) (World Bank)
- South Africa : Sustainable Public Transport and Sport: A 2010 Opportunity (UNDP)

35. With respect to the *Strategic Investment Program for Sustainable Land Management in Sub-Saharan Africa*, the Council requests the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive draft final project documents for projects to be financed under the program submitted to the CEO for endorsement. Council Members may transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO endorsing a project document for final approval by the GEF agency. Such projects may be reviewed at a further Council meeting at the request of at least four Council Members.

36. With respect to the *GEF Public Private Partnership Initiative*, the Council:

- (a) requests the GEF Secretariat to collaborate with the Trustee in establishing the PPP Trust Fund;
- (b) allocates \$50 million for the PPP, drawing upon resources that have been identified through the Trustee's project data reconciliation and savings in the corporate budget resulting from the termination of the corporate budget for the Implementing Agencies;
- (c) requests the CEO in the coming months to consult with the Council in constituting the PPP Board.

37. With respect to the remaining twenty-six proposals approved as part of the work program, the Council finds that each project proposal presented to it as part of the work program is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures and may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF agency, provided that the CEO circulates to the Council Members, prior to endorsement, draft final project documents fully incorporating the Council's comments on the work program accompanied by a satisfactory explanation by the

CEO of how such comments and comments of the STAP reviewer have been addressed and a confirmation by the CEO that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

38. The Council also requests the Evaluation Office to include in its on-going evaluation of the Small Grants Programme (SGP), to be considered by the Council at its next meeting, an analysis of the graduation policy of the SGP, and in particular, the impact of the policy on LDCs and SIDS.

Highlights of the Council Decisions

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27. A number of Council Members recommended that the Small Grants Program graduation policy should not apply to SIDS and LDCs. Other Council Members called for reconsideration of an automatic graduation policy.

28. With respect to the SIP, one Council Member proposed that all countries should submit the PIFs for projects to be financed under the umbrella project within three months of the Council meeting and that a date should be fixed by which all project proposals should be submitted to the CEO for endorsement. A number of Council Members called for an intermediate review of the program.

29. A number of Council Members called for more information on the governance and board of the Private-Public Partnership.

30. It was noted that country endorsement should be required for all projects, including global projects.