



Global Environment Facility

Summary of Document GEF/C.25/5

Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa and the Global Environment Facility

Recommended Council Decision

The Council, having reviewed the *Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa and the Global Environment Facility*, jointly prepared by the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD and the CEO/Chairman of the Facility, approves the MOU, subject to comments and revisions agreed upon by the Council at the meeting. The Council requests the CEO/Chairman of the Facility to transmit the approved MOU to the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD for submission to the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD with a view to its consideration and adoption by the COP.

Executive Summary

1. As called for by the GEF Assembly and Council and the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD, the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, in collaboration with the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, consulted with the CEO on the preparation of a draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) on arrangements to facilitate collaboration between the GEF and the UNCCD.
2. The text of a proposed MOU is presented in this document. This proposal has been jointly prepared with the Convention Secretariat, after consultation between the Executive Secretary of the Convention and the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism.
3. Consultations between the two secretariats were quite extensive, and efforts were made to ensure that the proposed MOU fully reflects the UNCCD, the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, especially Decision 6/COP.6, the GEF Instrument, and relevant decisions of the Council.
4. At its meeting in November 2004, the Council requested the Secretariat to circulate to the Council a draft memorandum of understanding describing arrangements to facilitate collaboration between the GEF and the UNCCD so that Council Members could provide

comments to the Secretariat in advance of a proposed MOU being submitted to the Council for its consideration at the June 2005 Council meeting.

5. The text of the proposed MOU was circulated to Council Members on April 13, 2005. One Council Member provided comments on the text. Since there was not sufficient time available to reengage the Convention Secretariat in a new dialogue to address these comments, the comments have been attached as Annex II to this document for the information of the Council.

6. The Council is invited to consider the proposed MOU (GEF/C.25/5) and the attached comments with a view to approving the MOU prior to its submission for consideration and adoption at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD.