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Decision by Mail – January 2009

Decision 1/2009 Intersessional Work Program

1. The GEF Council reviewed the proposed [work program](#) posted on December 23, 2008, and approves the work program comprising the following 23 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by January 23, 2009:

Biodiversity

1. **Global (Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Colombia):** Communities of Conservation: Safeguarding the World's Most Threatened Species (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$1.78 m)
2. **Global (Chile, Vietnam, Trinidad and Tobago, South Africa, Lesotho):** Project for Ecosystem Services (ProEcoServ) (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$6.30m)
3. **Global:** Threatened Species Partnership/Save Your Logo (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.90 m)
4. **Regional (Central African Republic, Congo DR, Congo, Gabon):** CBSP Sustainable Management of the Wildlife and Bushmeat Sector in Central Africa (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.25 m)
5. **Regional (Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Niue):** PAS Forestry and Protected Area Management (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6.29 m)
6. **Regional (Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Niue):** Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species in the Pacific Islands (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3.03 m)
7. **Regional (Chad, Gambia, Mali, Sierra Leone):** SPWA Evolution of PA systems with regard to climatic, institutional, social, and economic conditions in the West Africa Region (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3.64 m)
8. **Bahamas:** Building a Sustainable National Marine Protected Area Network (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2.20 m)
9. **Colombia:** Designing and Implementing a National Sub-System of Marine Protected Areas (SMPA) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4.85 m)
10. **Ecuador:** Sustainable Financing of Ecuador's National System of Protected Areas (SNAP) and Associated Private and Community-managed PA Subsystems (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6.40 m)

11. **India:** BS Capacity Building on Biosafety for Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol - Phase II under the Biosafety Program (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2.73 m)
12. **Madagascar:** Support to the Madagascar Foundation for Protected Areas and Biodiversity (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$10.0 m)

Climate Change

13. **China:** Provincial Energy Efficiency Scale-Up Program (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 13.39 m)
14. **India-** IND Energy Efficiency Improvements in Commercial Buildings - under the Programmatic Framework for Energy Efficiency (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$5.20 m)
15. **India** - IND Improving Energy Efficiency in the Indian Railway System - under the Programmatic Framework for Energy Efficiency (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$5.20 m)
16. **India** - IND Promoting Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Selected Micro SME Clusters in India – under the Programmatic Framework for Energy Efficiency (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$7.17 m)
17. **Pakistan:** Pakistan Sustainable Transport Project (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.85 m)
18. **Russian Federation:** RUS - Building Energy Efficiency in the North West of Russia (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$5.84 m)
19. **Turkey:** Improving Energy Efficiency in Industry (UNDP/UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$5.90 m)

Persistent Organic Pollutants

20. **Regional (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand):** Demonstration of BAT and BEP in Fossil Fuel-fired Utility and Industrial Boilers in Response to the Stockholm Convention on POPs (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.0 m)
 21. **Argentina:** Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of PCBs in Argentina (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3.40 m)
 22. **India:** Environmentally Sound Management and final disposal of PCBs in India (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$14.10 m)
 23. **Peru:** Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of PCBs (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2.58 m)
2. The GEF Council finds that each PIF presented to it as part of the work program (i) is or would be consistent with the Instrument and GEF Policies and procedures and (ii) 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.

Decision by Mail – April 2009

Decision 2/2009 Intersessional Work Program

1. The GEF Council reviewed the proposed [work program](#) posted on March 23, 2009, and approves the work program comprising the following 16 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by April 20, 2009:

Biodiversity

1. **Argentina:** Strengthening Fisheries Governance to Protect Freshwater and Wetland (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2.36 m)
2. **Colombia:** Colombian National Protected Areas Conservation Trust Fund – Additional financing for the Sustainability of the Macizo Regional Protected Area System (SIRAPM) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.00 m)
3. **Lao PDR:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity In Lao PDR's Agricultural and Land Management Policies, Plans and Programmes (UNDP/ FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2.27 m)
4. **Mexico:** Mainstreaming the Conservation of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity at the Micro-watershed Scale in Chiapas (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$1.49 m)
5. **Mongolia:** Strengthening of the Protected Area Networking System in Mongolia (SPAN) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$1.36 m)

Climate Change

6. **Benin:** Energy Efficiency Program (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$1.82 m)
7. **China:** Integrated Renewable Biomass Energy Development Project (ADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$9.20 m)
8. **Egypt:** SPWA-CC Industrial Energy Efficiency (IEE)(UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$3.95 m)
9. **Nigeria:** SPWA-CC Nigeria Urban Transport (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$4.50 m)

10. **Togo:** SPWA-CC Efficient Lighting Program (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$1.82 m)

11. **Ukraine:** Energy Efficient Lighting in Residential and Public Buildings (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$6.50 m)

International Waters

12. **Regional (Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea):** CTI Strategies for Fisheries Bycatch Management (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$3.00 m)

Multi-focal Areas

13. **Global:** 4th Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme (add-on) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$42.71 m)

14. **Argentina:** Rural Corridors and Biodiversity Conservation (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$6.29 m)

15. **Bolivia:** Conservation and Sustainable use of Biodiversity and Land in Andean Vertical Ecosystems (IADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$6.00 m)

16. **Philippines:** CTI: Agusan River Basin Integrated Water Resources (ADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$2.93 m)

2. The GEF Council finds that each PIF presented to it as part of the work program (i) is or would be consistent with the Instrument and GEF Policies and procedures and (ii) 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.

Decision by Mail – May 2009

Decision 3/2009 Report to the 13th Session of the SBI

1. The Council, having reviewed the [Report of the GEF to the Thirtieth Session of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation](#), approves the report for submission to the thirtieth session of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation.

Decision 4/2009 STAP Land Degradation Panel Member

1. The Council reviewed and approved the proposal by the Executive Director of UNEP to appoint Dr. Mary Seely to the position of Land Degradation Panel Member, Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel.
2. The Council also expressed its appreciation to the outgoing Panel Member, Professor Michael Stocking for his outstanding service and contribution to the GEF.

Decision by Mail – June 2009

Decision 5/2009 Reallocation of Remaining GEF-4 Resources

1. The Council, having reviewed by mail the document, *Reallocation of Remaining GEF-4 Resources (revised version dated May 19, 2009)*, agrees with the principles for allocating the remaining GEF-4 resources outlined in the paper. The Council mandates the Secretariat to implement the allocation of the remaining GEF-4 resources in accordance with these principles, and in collaboration with the Trustee, to undertake periodic reviews of the projected available resources and to adjust the allocations as needed.

35th Council Meeting – June 2009

Decision 6/2009 Relations with the Conventions

1. The Council considered document GEF/C.35/3/Rev.1, [*Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*](#), and welcomed the proposed activities to implement the guidance and decisions that have been approved by the Conferences of the Parties to the global environmental conventions. The Council requested the Secretariat and the GEF Agencies to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision 7/2009 Report by the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

1. The Council, noting that the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel had previously provided to the Council [*A Science Vision for GEF-5: Proposals from the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel*](#) (GEF/C.34/Inf.14), and further noting the [*Draft Report of the April 2009 STAP Meeting*](#) (GEF/C.35/Inf.9), welcomed and endorsed the recommendations of STAP regarding science and technology guidance provided in document GEF/C.35/13, [*Recommendations for Improved Science and Technology Guidance in the GEF*](#).

Decision 8/2009 Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report-2009 and Management Response

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.35/1, [Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report-2009](#), document GEF/ME/C.35/2, [Management Response to the Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report-2009](#), and having taken note of the three Country Portfolio Evaluations in [Cameroon](#), [Egypt](#), and [Syria](#) (GEF/ME/C.34/Inf. 3 and GEF/ME/C.35/Inf. 2-3) requested the Secretariat to:
 - (a) Explore within the GEF partnership modalities to address the significant gap of available resources for combating land degradation to support key challenges facing countries like Egypt, Syria, and Cameroon;
 - (b) Conduct a survey of countries in exceptional situations concerning limited access to GEF partner International Financial Institutions, like Syria.

Decision 9/2009 Peer Review of the GEF Evaluation Function

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.35/3, [Peer Review of the GEF Evaluation Function](#), requested the Evaluation Office to take the findings and recommendations of the Peer Review, as well as comments made during the Council meeting, into account when preparing a revision of the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy, to be presented to Council at its meeting in the second half of 2010. Furthermore, the main findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Peer Review should be incorporated in the Fourth Overall Performance Study of the GEF.

Decision 10/2009 Four-Year Work Program and FY10 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office

1. The Council reviewed document GEF/ME/C.35/4/Rev.1, [Four-Year Work Program and FY10 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office](#), but postponed adopting a decision on this agenda item pending its discussion under agenda item 16. The text of the decision can be found under agenda item 16.

Decision 11/2009 Re-Appointment of the Director of the Evaluation Office

1. The Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Mr. Robert van den Berg as Director of the GEF Evaluation Office for a second five-year term. The Council commended Mr. van den Berg for the high-quality of the work of the Evaluation Office during his tenure.

Decision 12/2009 GEF Agency Fiduciary Standards

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.35/5, [*Status of the GEF Agencies with Respect to Minimum Fiduciary Standards*](#), requested:
 - (a) for AfDB: that no funding be provided until a report by the consultant is circulated for Council decision on a no-objection basis;
 - (b) for UNIDO: that a revised monitorable action plan be presented for Council decision on a no-objection basis before the next Council Meeting, after which date PIFs will not be approved failing the presentation of an adequate action plan;
 - (c) each GEF Agency that has not fully met the minimum fiduciary standards to provide to Council, on an annual basis, information on progress made towards fulfilling their action plan based on the timeframes and details outlined in the Action Plan Tracker in Annex C; and
 - (d) the Secretariat to manage a third-party process to review minimum fiduciary standards in 2013, and every four years thereafter.

Decision 13/2009 GEF-5 System for Transparent Allocation of Resources

1. The Council, having reviewed document, GEF/35.4/Rev.1, [*Revised Scenarios and Options for a "System for Transparent Allocation of Resources" in GEF-5*](#), recommended that the GEF Secretariat, in a consultative and participative manner, in line with the mandate of the GEF in helping countries generate global environmental benefits and taking into account information on the size of the GEF-5 replenishment:
 - (a) Prepare additional documentation on eligibility, taking into consideration the following issues: active and inactive countries, UN Sanctions, and country status with respect to the relevant Conventions and the GEF Instrument;
 - (b) Continue developing and refining Option A, including possible incorporation of elements proposed in Option B;
 - (c) Prepare another option with a composite allocation per country, if feasible, that:
 - does not include International Waters, which would remain outside the scope of the STAR;
 - would seek to include biodiversity, climate change mitigation, land degradation, and chemicals;

- provides flexibility in programming among the different GEF focal areas for countries with allocations below a certain threshold, particularly LDCs and SIDs;
 - includes mechanisms that help to ensure that overall programming targets for the different focal areas are met for countries with allocations higher than the above-mentioned threshold;
 - supports countries to implement the Conventions;
- (d) Prepare a new revision of the GBI for biodiversity and make suggestions for improving, the GBI in other focal areas and other allocation indicators;
- (e) Further develop and revise the GEF Performance Index; and
- (f) Convene another meeting of the ad hoc committee of the Council before the next Council Meeting.

Decision 14/2009 Approval of MoU between GEF Council and Kyoto Protocol CMP on Secretariat Services for Adaptation Fund Board

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.35/6, [Note on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Council of the Global Environment Facility Regarding Secretariat Services to the Adaptation Fund Board](#), welcomed the opportunity to provide secretariat services to support the Adaptation Fund Board and approved the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Council of the Global Environment Facility Regarding Secretariat Services to the Adaptation Fund Board*, as contained in Annex 1 to document GEF/C.35/6, and authorized the GEF Secretariat to provide all secretariat services to the Adaptation Fund Board, as reflected in the MoU, the *Rules of Procedure of the Adaptation Fund Board*, the *Role and Responsibilities of the Adaptation Fund Secretariat*, and the *Provisional Operational Policies and Guidelines for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund*.
2. In approving this MoU, the Council clarified that the accountability of the Head of the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat referred to in paragraph 3 of the MoU apply solely to issues pertaining to the Adaptation Fund and the use of its resources.

Decision 15/2009 Reallocation of Remaining GEF-4 Resources

1. The Council, having reviewed the document GEF/C.35/12, [Reallocation of Remaining GEF-4 Resources](#), agreed with the principles for allocating the remaining GEF-4 resources outlined in the paper. The Council mandated the Secretariat to implement the

allocation of the remaining GEF-4 resources in accordance with these principles, and, in collaboration with the Trustee, to undertake periodic reviews of the projected available resources and to adjust the allocations as needed.

2. The Council further requested the Secretariat to inform Council about future adjustments of allocations between focal areas and to prepare a report on the status of used and unused resources for the November 2009 Council meeting.

Decision 16/2009 Work Program

1. The Council reviewed the proposed [work program](#) submitted to Council in document GEF/C.35/7 and approved the work program¹ comprising 60 project concepts and endorsed the concepts and objectives of 3 new programmatic approaches, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted to the Secretariat by July 8, 2009.
2. Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$248.84 million, which included GEF project grants and Agency fees. The approved work program is comprised of the following 60 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), 28 of which are submitted under 11 programmatic approaches (3 of which are new ones seeking Council endorsement):

Biodiversity

- **Regional (Central African Republic, Congo, Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Congo DR):** CBSP Sustainable Financing of Protected Area Systems in the Congo Basin (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,181,818)
- **Regional (Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Senegal, South Africa):** Supporting the Development and Implementation of Access and Benefit Sharing Policies in Africa (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,177,300)
- **Regional (Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines):** Sustainable Financing and Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystems (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,750,000)
- **Argentina:** Inter-jurisdictional System of Coastal-Marine Protected Areas (ISCOMPA) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,177,727)

¹ The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its national legislation regarding its country's voting position for development projects financed by certain development institutions, opposed the following projects: **Cuba** : Enhancing the Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species in Vulnerable Ecosystems (UNDP); **Global (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Algeria, Egypt, Croatia, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Macedonia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Serbia)** : MED Sustainable MED Governance and Knowledge Generation (World Bank) ; **Syria** : MED Coastal Rivers and Orontes River Basins Water Resources Management Project (World Bank); and **Regional (Angola, Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Comoros, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, 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 (UNEP/UNIDO).

- **Bolivia:** Biodiversity Conservation through Sustainable Forest Management by Local Communities (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,500,000)
- **Brazil:** Integrated Management of the Ilha Grande Bay Ecosystem (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,400,000)
- **Cameroon:** CBSP Sustainable Community Based Management and Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem in Cameroon (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,733,182)
- **Central African Republic:** CBSP Strengthened Management of the National Protected Areas System through Involvement of Local Communities (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,768,182)
- **Costa Rica:** Consolidating Costa Rica's Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,212,027)
- **Cuba:** Enhancing the Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species in Vulnerable Ecosystems (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,018,182)
- **El Salvador:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Management into Fisheries and Tourism Activities carried out in Coastal /Marine Ecosystems (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,354,545)
- **India:** IND-BD Mainstreaming Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Conservation into Production Sectors in the Godavari River Estuary in Andhra Pradesh State (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,023,636)
- **India:** Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with Focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,561,000)
- **Indonesia:** Promoting Sustainable Production Forest Management to Secure Globally Important Biodiversity (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,300,000)
- **Mexico:** Integrating Trade-offs between Supply of Ecosystem Services and Land Use Options into Poverty Alleviation Efforts and Development Planning (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,900,000)
- **Morocco:** MENARID - A Circular Economy Approach to Agro-Biodiversity Conservation in the Souss Massa Draa Region of Morocco (IFAD) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,647,272)
- **Pakistan:** Mountains and Markets: Biodiversity and Business in Northern Pakistan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,793,182)
- **Panama:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation through Low-impact Ecotourism in the SINAP (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,000,000)

- **Papua New Guinea:** PAS Forest Conservation and Protected Area Management (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,000,000)
- **Philippines:** CTI Partnerships for Biodiversity Conservation: Mainstreaming in Local Agricultural Landscapes (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,500,000)
- **Tanzania:** Strengthening the Protected Area Network in Southern Tanzania: Improving the Effectiveness of National Parks in Addressing Threats to Biodiversity (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,304,550)
- **Venezuela:** Strengthening the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas System (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,445,455)

Climate Change

- **Regional (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda):** Promoting Energy Efficiency in Buildings in Eastern Africa (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,853,000)
- **Algeria:** Integrated Approach for Zero Emission Project Development in the New Town of Boughzoul (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,240,000)
- **Argentina:** Third National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,439,210)
- **Armenia:** LGGE Improving Energy Efficiency in Buildings (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,045,000)
- **Cambodia:** Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Improved Energy Efficiency in the Industrial Sector (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,240,000)
- **Chad:** SPWA-CC Promoting Renewable Energy Based Mini-grids for Rural Electrification and Productive Uses (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **Colombia:** Energy Efficiency Standards and Labels in Colombia (S&L Colombia) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,500,000)
- **Egypt:** Improving the Energy Efficiency of Lighting and Building Appliances (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,450,000)
- **Gambia:** SPWA-CC Promoting Renewable Energy Based Mini Grids for Productive Uses in Rural Areas in The Gambia (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **Ghana:** SPWA-CC Promoting of Appliance Energy Efficiency and Transformation of the Refrigerating Appliances Market in Ghana. (under West Africa Energy Program) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,722,727)
- **Kazakhstan:** Energy Efficient Design and Construction in Residential Sector (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,568,500)

- **Liberia:** SPWA-CC Installation of Multi-purpose Mini-hydro Infrastructure (for energy & irrigation) (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **Malaysia:** CF Industrial Energy Efficiency for Malaysian Manufacturing Sector (IEEMMS) (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,200,000)
- **Nigeria:** SPWA-CC Mini-grids based on Renewable Energy (small-hydro and biomass) Sources to Augment Rural Electrification (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,667,273)
- **Nigeria:** SPWA-CC Promoting Energy Efficiency in Residential and Public Sector in Nigeria (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,677,273)
- **Peru:** Energy Efficiency Standards and Labels in Peru (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)
- **Sierra Leone:** SPWA-CC Promoting Mini Grids based on Small Hydropower for Productive Uses in Sierra Leone (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **South Africa:** Market Transformation through Energy Efficiency Standards and Labeling of Appliances in South Africa (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,000,000)
- **Ukraine:** Improving Energy Efficiency and Promoting Renewable Energy in the AgroFood and other Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Ukraine (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,140,000)
- **Vietnam:** Vietnam Clean Production and Energy Efficiency Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,374,407)

International Waters

- **Global (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Algeria, Egypt, Croatia, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Macedonia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Serbia):** MED Sustainable MED Governance and Knowledge Generation (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)
- **Regional (Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia):** MED Regional Coordination on Natural Resources Management and Capacity Building (TA) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,644,545)
- **Egypt:** MED Enhanced Water Resources Management (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,682,500)
- **Syria:** MED Coastal Rivers and Orontes River Basins Water Resources Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,050,000)
- **Tunisia:** MED Greater Tunis Treated Wastewater Discharge in the Mediterranean Sea. (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,000,000)

Land Degradation

- **China:** PRC-GEF Partnership - Capacity and Management Support for Combating Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,728,000)

Multifocal Area

- **Global:** Development Market Place 2009: Adaptation to Climate Change (DM 2009) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)
- **Algeria:** MENARID Conservation of Globally Significant Biodiversity and Sustainable Use of Ecosystem Services in Algeria's Cultural Parks (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,387,142)
- **Indonesia:** SFM Sustainable Forest and Biodiversity Management in Borneo (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,527,273)
- **Philippines:** CTI Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management Sector (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,530,000)
- **Tanzania:** SFM Sustainable Woodland Management in the Miombo Areas of Western Tanzania (UNDP/World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,745,000)

POPS

- **Regional (Angola, Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Comoros, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, 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 (UNEP/UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,000,000)
- **Egypt:** Integrated and Sustainable POPs Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,100,000)
- **Eritrea:** Prevention and Disposal of POPs and Obsolete Pesticides (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,150,000)
- **Honduras:** Strengthening National Management Capacities and Reducing Releases of POPs in Honduras (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,650,000)
- **Mozambique:** Disposal of POPs Wastes and Obsolete Pesticides (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,950,000)
- **Nigeria:** Less Burnt for a Clean Earth: Minimization of Dioxin Emission from Open Burning Sources (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,150,000)
- **Tajikistan:** POPs Pesticide Elimination, Mitigation and Site Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,021,200)

3. With respect to the following three new programmatic approaches, the Council endorsed their objectives and requested that future full-sized project (FSP) PIFs, to be financed under these programmatic approaches, be included in the work programs submitted to the Council for approval:

Biodiversity

- IND-BD: GEF Coastal and Marine Program (IGCMP)

International Waters

- MED: Mediterranean Environmental Sustainable Development Program "Sustainable MED"

POPs

- AFLDC Program: Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)

4. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, either under one of the programmatic approaches or as a stand-alone PIF, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive a copy of the draft final project document that is 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's endorsing a project document for final approval by the GEF Agency.

Decision 17/2009 FY10 Business Plan and Corporate Budget

1. The Council, after having reviewed the [GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY10](#) (GEF/C.35/8), took note of the business plan and approved a FY10 Corporate Budget of \$26.825 million, comprising:
 - (a) \$17.809 million for the Secretariat;
 - (b) \$2.108 million for the STAP;
 - (c) \$2.884 million for the Trustee; and
 - (d) \$4.024 million for the Evaluation Office.
2. In approving the FY10 budget for the Trustee, the Council agreed with the proposal to resume the financing of audit costs incurred by the GEF Agencies in respect of audits of the financial statements on GEF resources received by Agencies for projects and project preparation activities.

3. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.35/4/Rev.1, [Four-Year Work Program and FY10 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office](#), approved a budget of \$4,024,382 for FY10 to cover the cost of operating the GEF Evaluation Office and implementing its work program, including the completion of OPS4.
4. Regarding FY11 through FY14, Council took note of the proposed work program and activities and requested the Office to prepare annual budgets for Council consideration and approval in each of its June meetings.

Decision 18/2009 GEF Trust Fund for Selected GEF-4 Programs

1. The Council, having reviewed the document, [Options for Enhanced Financial Support to Selected GEF-4 Programs](#) (GEF/C.35/10), considered **Option A – Business-as-usual (status quo)** - as the most cost-effective and viable option for enhancing financial support to these three GEF-4 Programs.

Decision 19/2009 Recommendations Concerning Certain Appointment, Reappointment and Performance Objectives Review Processes

1. The Council, having reviewed [Recommendations Concerning Certain Appointment, Reappointment and Performance Objectives Review Processes](#) (GEF/C.35/9), approved the recommendations contained within and, in particular, agreed to:
 - (a) Recommend to the Fourth GEF Assembly the following amendment to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility (the “Instrument”):

Replace the third through the fifth sentence of paragraph 21 as follows: “... The CEO shall be appointed to serve for four years on a full-time basis by the Council. The CEO may be reappointed by the Council for one additional four-year term.”
 - (b) Create a Council Selection and Review Committee to oversee the processes for appointing and reappointing the GEF CEO/Chairperson and the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office and for conducting GEF CEO/Chairperson and Director of the GEF Evaluation Office performance objectives reviews. In the process for selecting the CEO, this Committee will consult with different stakeholders, in particular the Implementing and Executing Agencies.
 - (c) Adopt the processes set forth in this document for conducting performance objectives reviews of GEF CEO/Chairperson and Director of the GEF Evaluation Office immediately.

- (d) Effective as of the time the Amendment becomes effective pursuant to Paragraph 34 of the Instrument, adopt the processes set forth in this document for appointing and reappointing the GEF CEO/Chairperson and the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office.

Decision 20/2009 Organization of the Fourth GEF Assembly

1. The Council, having reviewed [Note on the Organization of the Fourth GEF Assembly](#) (GEF/C.35/11) approved the dates proposed to hold the Assembly in Punta del Este, Uruguay.
2. The Council requested the Secretariat to prepare for the next Council meeting a report on the progress that has been achieved in preparing the Assembly.

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Decision 21/2009 STAP Biodiversity Panel Member

1. The Council reviewed and approved the proposal by the Executive Director of UNEP to appoint Professor Sandra Díaz to the position of Biodiversity Panel Member, Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel.
2. The Council also expressed its appreciation to the outgoing Panel Member, Dr. Paul Ferraro for his outstanding service and contribution to the GEF.

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Decision 22/2009 Relations with the Conventions

1. The Council considered document GEF/C.36/3, [Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions](#), and welcomed the proposed activities to implement the guidance and decisions that have been approved by the Conferences of the Parties to the global environmental conventions. The Council requested the Secretariat and the GEF Agencies to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision 23/2009 Report of the Evaluation Office Director

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.36/1 [GEF Evaluation Office: Progress Report from the Director](#), took note of the on-going work of the Office, the extra efforts made for OPS4 and the expanding work needed in the coming months and approved an

additional amount of \$400,000 for the work program of the Office in fiscal year 2010, which will be subtracted from the upcoming budget proposal for fiscal year 2011, so that the Office will remain within the overall budget cap of \$15.869 million as agreed. In this way the Office will be able to accommodate the “peak” in expenditure in the years in which an overall performance study is implemented. The Council requested the Office to prepare a revised four-year work plan and budget cycle for GEF-5 for presentation at the June 2010 Council meeting which will take the experiences of the current cycle into account.

Decision 24/2009 Impact Report 2009

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.36/2, [*GEF Annual Report on Impact – 2009*](#), and document GEF/ME/C.36/3, [*Management Response to the GEF Annual Report on Impact–2009*](#), took note of the Annual Report’s findings and decided that:
 - (a) GEF-5 strategy proposals, prepared by the Secretariat, should include further investment and capacity development to assist countries with economies in transition to address the remaining threats to the ozone layer.
 - (b) The Secretariat should incorporate lessons from the positive private sector engagement in the Ozone Layer Depletion focal area into its efforts to engage the private sector, where possible and as appropriate, in other focal areas.

Decision 25/2009 Small Grants Programme

1. The Council considered document GEF/C.36/4, [*Small Grants Programme: Execution Arrangements and Upgrading Policy for GEF-5*](#), and approved the proposed execution arrangements and upgrading policy for country programs of the Small Grants Program.
2. As a transitional arrangement, Council decided that category three countries could, during the first year of GEF-5, access country allocations under the conditions stated in paragraph 71.
3. Furthermore, an information document should be prepared by the Secretariat to update the Council at its June 2010 session on the progress made to implement the proposed execution arrangements by UNOPs, as well as on the status of the preparation of the full-size project documents for the category three countries, as described in paragraph 73.

Decision 26/2009 Adhering to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness

1. The Council reviewed GEF/C.36/5, [Proposal for the GEF to Formally Adhere to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness](#). The Council welcomed the GEF's continued support for the principles outlined in the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for Action and encouraged the GEF to participate in ongoing discussions.

Decision 27/2009 System for a Transparent Allocation of Resources

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/G.36/6.Rev.1, [System for a Transparent Allocation of Resources \(STAR\): Options and Scenarios](#), decide that the GEF Secretariat shall proceed with the following design elements for the STAR:
 - a) The STAR for GEF-5 is to be applied to the focal areas of biodiversity, climate change, and land degradation – all other focal areas and programs to be outside the STAR.
 - b) Country allocations are to be based on the criteria for access, as stated in Paragraph 10 of the above document.
 - c) Full flexibility will be provided to allow countries with a total allocation under a certain threshold to program resources across focal areas included in the STAR. The threshold will be developed to ensure that at least 90% of total resources programmed under biodiversity and climate change is protected.
 - d) For all other countries, marginal adjustments between focal areas will be allowed to complement GEF funding for focal areas lacking resources.
 - e) If the expected resources for GEF-5 are not realized, the reallocation exercise that Council will undertake will allow for reallocations across focal areas for a country, to take into account a specific country's circumstances.
 - f) The level of focal area set-asides from the STAR allocations is to be set at up to 20 %. This set-aside will be used to finance regional and global projects, enabling activities, and sustainable forest management.
 - g) Other programs and activities excluded from the STAR allocation process will include:
 - i. Corporate budgets of the Secretariat, the Trustee, Evaluation Office, and STAP;
 - ii. Small Grants Program;

- iii. Country Support Program, National Dialogue Initiative, and Sub-Regional Consultations;
 - iv. International Waters;
 - v. Ozone Layer Depletion;
 - vi. Persistent Organic Pollutants;
 - vii. Sound Chemicals Management, including mercury; and
 - viii. GEF Earth Fund.
- h) Floors are set at \$2 million for climate change, \$1.5 million for biodiversity, and \$0.5 million for land degradation.
- i) Ceilings are set at 11% for climate change and 10% for the other two focal areas.
- j) The methodology for the calculation of country allocations, including the revised Global Performance Index, the revised Global Benefits Indices for each focal area, and the new GDP Index is as per the above document.
2. The Council further agreed that work would continue with a view towards developing a GEF-wide STAR in the future, if feasible, based, among other things, on a review of the STAR design and implementation to be carried out by the Office of Evaluation towards the end of the 3rd year of GEF-5.
3. A subsequent Council meeting will provide further details regarding implementation procedures.

Decision 28/2009 Work Program

1. The Council reviewed the proposed [work program](#) submitted to Council in document GEF/C.36/7 and approved the work program² comprising 34 project concepts, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted, in writing, to the Secretariat by November 26, 2009.
2. Total resources requested in this work program amount to \$159.29 million, which include GEF project grants and Agency fees. The approved work program is comprised of the following 34 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), of which 5 are free-standing PIFs

² The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its national legislation regarding its country's voting position for development projects financed by certain development institutions, opposed the following project " **Regional (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Syria, Tunisia) : MED Integration of Climatic Variability and Change into National Strategies to Implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean**" (UNEP).

and 29 are submitted under 12 programmatic approaches previously endorsed by Council:

Biodiversity

- **Global:** BS: UNEP-GEF Project for Continued Enhancement of Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the BCH (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,500,000)
- **Benin:** SPWA-BD Support to Protected Areas Management (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,900,500)
- **Cameroon:** CBSP Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Ngoyla Mintom Forest (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,500,000)
- **China:** CBPF Strengthening Globally Important Biodiversity Conservation Through Protected Area Strengthening in Gansu Province (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,738,000)
- **Costa Rica:** Integrated Management of Marine and Coastal Resources in Puntarenas (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)
- **India:** IND-BD Mainstreaming Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Conservation into Production Sectors in the Malvan Coast, Maharashtra State (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,438,294)
- **Nigeria:** SPWA-BD Niger Delta Conservation Project (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,610,000)
- **Peru:** SFM Sustainable Management of Protected Areas and Forests of the Northern Highlands of Peru (IFAD) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,720,000)
- **Togo:** SPWA-BD Strengthening the Conservation Role of Togo's National System of Protected Areas (PA) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,222,200)

Climate Change

- **Global:** National Communications to the UNFCCC (UNDP/UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$25,000,000)
- **Global (Colombia, Kenya):** TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Solar Chill: Commercialization and Transfer (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,583,000)
- **Global (Cook Islands, Turkey):** TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Realizing Hydrogen Energy Installations on Small Islands through Technology Co-operation (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,677,273)
- **Regional (Cook Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Samoa):** PAS Promoting Energy Efficiency in the Pacific (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,254,545)

- **Regional (Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu):** PAS Energizing the Pacific Regional Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,600,000)
- **Regional (Nauru, Niue, Tuvalu):** PAS "Low Carbon-Energy Islands" - Accelerating the Use of Energy Efficient and Renewable Energy Technologies in Tuvalu, Niue and Nauru (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,298,636)
- **Brazil:** Third National Communication to the UNFCCC (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,720,000)
- **Cambodia:** TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Climate Change Related Technology Transfer for Cambodia: Using Agricultural Residue Biomass for Sustainable Energy Solutions (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,690,000)
- **Chile:** TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Promotion and Development of Local Solar Technologies in Chile (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,727,273)
- **China:** Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Project (SSTECP) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$6,163,636)
- **China:** TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Green Truck Demonstration Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,200,000)
- **Cote d'Ivoire:** TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Construction of 1,000 Ton per day Municipal Solid Wastes Composting Unit in AKOUEDO Abidjan (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,625,000)
- **Mexico:** TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Promotion and Development of Local Wind Technologies in Mexico (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,000,000)
- **Niger:** SPWA-CC: Integration of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions in Niger's Rural Energy Service Access program (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,768,182)
- **Senegal:** TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Technology Transfer: Typha-based Thermal Insulation Material Production in Senegal (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)
- **Sri Lanka:** TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Bamboo Processing for Sri Lanka (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,355,000)
- **Thailand:** TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Overcoming Policy, Market and Technological Barriers to Support Technological Innovation and South-South Technology Transfer: The Pilot Case of Ethanol Production from Cassava (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,600,000)

International Waters

- **Global:** MENARID GEF IW:LEARN: Strengthening IW Portfolio Delivery and Impact (UNDP/UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,900,000)
- **Regional (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Syria, Tunisia):** MED Integration of Climatic Variability and Change into

National Strategies to Implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,298,545)

Land Degradation

- **Global:** Enabling Paradigm Shift on Monitoring and Assessment within the UNCCD - Piloting the Reporting of the Performance Indicators 2010 (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,545,454)

Multi-focal Area

- **Russian Federation:** TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Phase-out of HCFCs and Promotion of HFCfree Energy Efficient Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Systems in the Russian Federation Through Technology Transfer (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$18,000,000)
- **Senegal:** SPWA-BD Participatory Conservation of Biodiversity and Low Carbon Development of Pilot Ecovillages at the Vicinity of Protected Areas in Senegal (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,880,000)
- **Tunisia:** MENARID Ecotourism and Conservation of Desert Biodiversity (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,272,300)

POPs

- **Regional (Burkina Faso, Benin, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Sao Tome and Principe, Chad, Togo) :** AFLDC: Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the ECOWAS Subregion (UNEP/UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,000,000)
 - **Regional (Lesotho, Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia) :** AFLDC: Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the SADC Subregion (UNEP/UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)
3. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, either under one of the programmatic approaches or as a stand-alone PIF, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive a copy of the draft final project document that is 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's endorsing a project document for final approval by the GEF Agency.
 4. The associated Tables 1 to 3 annexed to this Joint Summary of the Chairs detail all the funding decisions taken by the Council during this 36th session, including decisions on the work program and budget.

Decision 29/2009 Dates for the Spring 2010 Council Meeting

1. The Council decided to hold its Spring 2010 meeting the week of June 29 and its fall 2010 meeting the week of November 15th.