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## Decision by Mail – March 2012

### Decision 1/2012      Intersessional Work Program

1. The GEF Council reviewed the proposed [work program](#) posted on January 30, 2012, and approves the work program comprising the following 38 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by February 24, 2012:

#### **Biodiversity**

1. **China:** A Landscape Approach to Wildlife Conservation in Northeastern China (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)
2. **Ecuador:** Advancing Landscape Approaches in Ecuador's National Protected Area System to Improve Conservation of Globally Endangered Wildlife (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,450,472)
3. **Guatemala:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Coastal and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,354,545)
4. **Honduras:** Strengthening the Sub-system of Coastal and Marine Protected Areas (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,036,364)
5. **India:** Developing an Effective Multiple Use Management Framework for Conserving Biodiversity in the Mountain Landscapes of the High Ranges, Western Ghats (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,275,000)
6. **Mexico:** Strengthening Management Effectiveness and Resilience of Protected Areas to Protect Biodiversity under Conditions of Climate Change (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,172,727)
7. **Namibia:** Strengthening the Capacity of the Protected Area System to Address New Management Challenges (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,000,000)
8. **Peru:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of High-Andean Ecosystems through Compensation of Environmental Services for Rural Poverty Alleviation and Social Inclusion in Peru (IFAD) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,354,545)
9. **Peru:** Strengthening Sustainable Management of the Guano Islands, Islets and Capes National Reserves System (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$8,922,638)

#### **Climate Change**

10. **Armenia:** Green Urban Lighting (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,600,000)

11. **Belarus:** Removing Barriers to Wind Power Development in Belarus (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,045,000)
12. **Colombia:** Low-carbon and Efficient National Freight Logistics Initiative (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)
13. **Dominican Republic:** Stimulating Industrial Competitiveness Through Biomass-based, Grid-connected Electricity Generation (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,300,000)
14. **Guyana:** Sustainable Energy Program (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,000,000)
15. **India:** Preparation of Third National Communication (3NC) to the UNFCCC and Strengthening Institutional and Analytical Capacities on Climate Change (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,010,604)
16. **India:** Promoting Business Models for Increasing Penetration and Scaling up of Solar Energy (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,365,174)
17. **Lebanon:** Small Decentralized Renewable Energy Power Generation (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,450,000)
18. **Pakistan:** Sustainable Energy Initiative for Industries (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,550,000)
19. **Serbia:** Reducing Barriers to Accelerate the Development of Biomass Markets in Serbia (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,845,000)
20. **Ukraine:** Introduction of Energy Management System Standard in Ukrainian Industry (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,550,000)

#### **International Waters**

21. **Global:** A Transboundary Waters Assessment Programme: Aquifers, Lake/Reservoir Basins, River Basins, Large Marine Ecosystems, and Open Ocean to Catalyze Sound Environmental Management (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,000,000)
22. **Global:** Development of a Methodology With Tools and Decision Support Systems to Incorporate Floods and Droughts into IWRM in Transboundary Basins (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,090,275)

#### **Land Degradation**

23. **Angola:** Land Rehabilitation and Rangelands Management in Small Holders Agropastoral Production Systems in Southwestern Angola (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,013,636)

24. **Botswana:** Mainstreaming SLM in Rangeland Areas of Ngamiland District Productive Landscapes for Improved livelihoods (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,081,800)
25. **Pakistan:** Sustainable Land Management Programme to Combat Desertification in Pakistan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,791,000)
26. **Uzbekistan:** Reducing Pressures on Natural Resources from Competing Land Use in Non-irrigated Arid Mountain, Semi-desert and Desert Landscapes (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,313,600)

#### **Multi Focal Area**

27. **Colombia:** Conservation and Sustainable use of Biodiversity in Dry Ecosystems to Guarantee the Flow of Ecosystem Services and to Mitigate the Processes of Deforestation and Desertification. (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,787,819)
28. **Seychelles:** Expansion and Strengthening of the Protected Area Subsystem of the Outer Islands of Seychelles and its Integration into the broader land and seascape (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,785,500)

#### **POPs**

29. **Regional (Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Chad):** Disposal Of Obsolete Pesticides Including POPs And Strengthening Pesticide Management In The Permanent Interstate Committee For Drought Control In The Sahel (CILSS) Member States (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,450,000)
30. **Benin:** Disposal of POPs and Obsolete Pesticides and Strengthening Life-cycle Management of Pesticides (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,830,000)
31. **Cameroon:** Disposal of POPs and Obsolete Pesticides and Strengthening Sound Pesticide Management (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,710,000)
32. **India:** Development and Promotion of Non-POPs alternatives to DDT (UNIDO/UNEP), (GEF Project Grant : \$10,000,000)
33. **Indonesia:** Introduction of an Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal System for PCBs Wastes and PCB Contaminated Equipment in Indonesia (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,000,000)
34. **Kazakhstan:** NIP Update, Integration of POPs into National Planning and Promoting Sound Healthcare Waste Management in Kazakhstan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,400,000)

35. **Morocco:** Disposal of Obsolete Pesticides including POPs and Implementation of Pesticides Management Programme (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,500,000)

36. **Pakistan:** Comprehensive Reduction and Elimination of Persistent Organic Pollutants (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$5,150,000)

**PIFs under Previously Approved Programmatic Approaches**

37. **China:** Strengthening the Management Effectiveness of the Protected Area Landscape in Altai Mountains and Wetlands (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,544,679) under the CBPF-MSL Mainstreams of Life – Wetland PA System Strengthening for Biodiversity Conservation Program

38. **Russian Federation:** Conserving Biodiversity in the Changing Arctic (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$5,733,944) under the ARCTIC GEF – Russian Federation Partnership on Sustainable Environmental Management in the Arctic under a Rapidly Changing Climate (Arctic Agenda 2020)

2. With respect to the following six PIFs approved as part of the work program, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive draft final project documents at least four weeks prior to the CEO's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency to provide Council Members the opportunity to transmit to the CEO any concerns they may have:

a) **Honduras:** Strengthening the Sub-system of Coastal and Marine Protected Areas

b) **Guyana:** Sustainable Energy Program

c) **India:** Preparation of Third National Communication (3NC) and other New Information to the UNFCCC

d) **Global:** Development of a Methodology With Tools and Decision Support Systems to Incorporate Floods and Droughts into IWRM in Transboundary Basins

e) **Dominican Republic:** Stimulating Industrial Competitiveness Through Biomass-based, Grid-connected Electricity Generation

f) **Russian Federation:** Conserving Biodiversity in the Changing Arctic

3. With respect to the remaining 32 PIFs approved as part of the work program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (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 final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the STAP reviewer's [comments on the work program](#), and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

4. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there have been major changes to the project scope and approach since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

## **42<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting – June 2012**

### **Decision 2/2012      Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions**

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.42/03, [Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions](#), welcomed the report and requested the GEF network to continue working with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their respective GEF programming and activities.

### **Decision 3/2012      Annual Performance Report 2011 and Management Response**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.42/01, [Annual Performance Report 2011](#), and document GEF/ME/C.42/02, [Management Response to the Annual Performance Report 2011](#), noted that evidence emerges that the GEF Agencies are starting to involve GEF Operational Focal Points in a more systematic manner in monitoring and evaluation. The Council requested the GEF Agencies to continue to enhance their efforts to specify how Operational Focal Points will be engaged, when feasible and relevant, in project or program monitoring and evaluation.

### **Decision 4/2012      Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report 2012 and Management Response**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.42/03, [Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report 2012](#), document GEF/ME/C.42/04, [Management Response to the Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report 2012](#), and having taken note of the two Country Portfolio Evaluations in Nicaragua and OECS (GEF/ME/C.42/Inf.02) requested the Secretariat:
  - 1) To consider ways to make project approval and implementation in Small Island Developing States more flexible and context-specific.
  - 2) To reduce the burden of monitoring requirements of multifocal area projects to a level comparable to that of single focal area projects.



- 3) To enable South-South cooperation activities as components of national, regional and/or global projects where opportunities for exchange of technology, capacity development and/or sharing of best practices exist.

**Decision 5/2012      Terms of Reference and Budget for the Fifth Overall Performance Study of the GEF**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.42/05, [Terms of Reference and Budget for the Fifth Overall Performance Study of the GEF](#), approved these terms of reference, as well as the budget for an amount of USD 1.075 million, to be incorporated in the multi-annual budget of the Evaluation Office. The Council requested the Evaluation Office to implement OPS5 and to provide the first and final reports to the Replenishment process and to the Council according to the schedule presented.

**Decision 6/2012      Work Program and Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.42/06, [Work Program and Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office](#), approved the annual budget for the Evaluation Office for fiscal year 2013 for a total of US\$2.74 million.
2. The multi-annual budget for the evaluation program of the GEF Evaluation Office is approved for an amount of US\$ 3 million for evaluations carried out in fiscal year 2013 and evaluations continuing on into fiscal year 2014. This amount includes the funding approved by the Council for the Fifth Overall Performance Study and the mid-term evaluations for STAR and the NPFE/CSP related activities of the GEF, as requested by Council.

**Decision 7/2012      Broadening the GEF Partnership: Clarification of Responsibilities**

1. The Council took note of the paper GEF/C.42/04, [Clarifying the Responsibilities of the GEF's Key Actors with respect to the Use of GEF Resources](#), approved the approach presented in the paper to strengthen Financial Procedures Agreements (FPAs) and requested the Trustee and the Implementing and Executing Agencies to prepare amendments to the existing FPAs to include appropriate provisions and requested the Trustee to include similar provisions in any new FPAs with GEF Partner Agencies.

**Decision 8/2012      Annual Monitoring Report 2011: Part II**

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.42/05/Rev.01, [Annual Monitoring Report \(AMR\) 2011: Part II](#), welcomed the report and appreciated the reformed AMR process. The Council requested the GEF to continue providing two AMR reports. The first, presented in the fall, containing a quantitative overview of information on the

portfolio under implementation; and the second, presented in the spring, containing more in-depth analysis of outcomes, experiences, and lessons learned.

2. The Council also supported the Secretariat's recommendation to include the following information in Part I and Part II of the AMR, beginning with the next AMR:
  - a) An annual status update on Enabling Activities, Programmatic Approaches and the Small Grants Programme
  - b) Information on the influence of the National Portfolio Formulation Exercise (NPFE) process and products on GEF-5 programming
  - c) Reflection of the cumulative results against replenishment targets.

### **Decision 9/2012      Work Program**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.42/06, [Work Program](#), approved the work program<sup>1</sup> comprising eighty four (84) project concepts and two programmatic approaches, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by June 21, 2012. Thirteen (13) other project concepts associated with previously approved programmatic approaches are also approved.
2. Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$667.26 million which include GEF project grants and Agency fees. The approved work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Documents (PFDs):

#### **Biodiversity**

1. **Global (Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mozambique, Timor Leste, Vanuatu):** Enhancing the Conservation Effectiveness of Seagrass Ecosystems Supporting Globally Significant Populations of Dugong Across the Indian and Pacific Oceans Basins (Short Title: The Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project). (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,902,272)
2. **Argentina:** Strengthening of Governance for the Protection of Biodiversity through the Formulation and Implementation of the National Strategy on Invasive Alien Species (NSIAS). (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,870,000)

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<sup>1</sup> 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 project *Cuba: A Landscape Approach to the Conservation of Threatened Mountain Ecosystems*.

3. **Azerbaijan:** Increasing Representation of Effectively Managed Marine Ecosystems in the Protected Area System (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,291,500)
4. **Colombia:** Conservation of Biodiversity in Landscapes Impacted by Mining in the Choco Biogeographic Region (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,850,000)
5. **Costa Rica:** Conservation, Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, and Maintenance of Ecosystem Services of Internationally Important Protected Wetlands (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,705,873)
6. **Costa Rica:** Sustainable Management of Ecosystem Services: A model for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Terrestrial Landscapes (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,485,330)
7. **Croatia:** Strengthening the Institutional and Financial Sustainability of the National Protected Area System (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,953,000)
8. **Cuba:** A Landscape Approach to the Conservation of Threatened Mountain Ecosystems (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,481,944)
9. **Ecuador:** Integrated Management of Marine and Coastal Areas of High Value for Biodiversity in Continental Ecuador (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,058,788)
10. **Ecuador:** Mainstreaming of the Use and Conservation of Agrobiodiversity in Public Policies through Integrated Strategies and In Situ Implementation in Three Provinces in the Andean Highlands. (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,250,000)
11. **Georgia:** Expansion and Improved Management Effectiveness of the Adjara Region's Protected Areas (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,283,636)
12. **Indonesia:** Enhancing the Protected Area System in Sulawesi (E-PASS) for Biodiversity Conservation (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,265,000)
13. **Indonesia:** Transforming Effectiveness of Biodiversity Conservation in Priority Sumatran Landscapes (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,000,000)
14. **Kenya:** Enhancing Wildlife Conservation in the Productive Southern Kenya Rangelands through a Landscape Approach Kenya (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,990,909)
15. **Mexico:** Enhancing National Capacities to Manage Invasive Alien Species (IAS) by Implementing the National Strategy on IAS (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,354,545)
16. **Mexico:** Integrating the Management of Protection and Production Areas for Biodiversity Conservation in the Sierra Tarahumara of Chihuahua (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,900,000)

17. **Philippines:** Strengthening the Marine Protected Area System to Conserve Marine Key Biodiversity Areas (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,000,000)
18. **South Africa:** Improving Management Effectiveness of the Protected Area Network (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,550,000)
19. **South Africa:** Strengthening Wildlife Forensic Capabilities to Combat Wildlife Crime for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Species (target: Rhinoceros) (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,690,455)
20. **Tanzania:** Kihansi Catchment Conservation and Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,980,554)
21. **Trinidad and Tobago:** Improving Forest and Protected Area Management (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,790,000)
22. **Uruguay:** Strengthening the Effectiveness of the National Protected Area System by Including a Landscape Approach to Management (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,621,000)
23. **Vietnam:** Conservation of Critical Wetland PAs and Linked Landscapes (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,180,287)

#### **Climate Change**

24. **Global (Antigua and Barbuda, Burkina Faso, Dominica, Fiji, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Myanmar, Niue, Rwanda, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Suriname, Tuvalu, St. Vincent and Grenadines):** Umbrella Programme for National Communication to the UNFCCC (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,210,000)
25. **Global (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Cote d'Ivoire, China, Georgia, India, Jamaica, Montenegro, Mauritius, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Vietnam):** Stabilizing GHG Emissions from Road Transport through Doubling of Global Vehicle Fuel Economy: Regional Implementation of the Global Fuel Efficiency Initiative (GFEI) (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,713,637)
26. **Regional (Africa):** AfDB-PPP Public-Private Partnership Program (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$20,000,000)
27. **Regional (Africa):** Pilot African Climate Technology Finance Center and Network<sup>2</sup> (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,090,000)
28. **Regional (Europe and Central Asia):** Regional Climate Technology Transfer Center<sup>3</sup> (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,090,000)

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<sup>2</sup> This is a multi-trust fund project drawing funds from two sources – the GEF Trust Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund. Only the GEFTF component is presented here. For the entire project, refer to Annex A-2 in the work program cover note.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

29. **Regional (Latin America and Caribbean):** Climate Technology Transfer Mechanisms and Networks in Latin America and the Caribbean<sup>4</sup> (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,082,500)
30. **Argentina:** Introduction of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Measures in Design, Construction and Operation of Social Housing and Community Equipment (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,281,838)
31. **Brazil:** Production of Sustainable, Renewable Biomass-based Charcoal for the Iron and Steel Industry in Brazil (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,150,000)
32. **Cameroon:** Promoting Investments in the Fight against Climate Change and Ecosystems Protection through Integrated Renewable Energy and Biomass Solutions for Productive Uses and Industrial Applications (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)
33. **China:** Establish Measurement and Verification System for Energy Efficiency in China (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$17,800,000)
34. **China:** Promoting Energy Efficiency in Industrial Heat Systems and High Energy-consuming (HEC) Equipment (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,375,000)
35. **China:** Urban-Scale Building Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$12,000,000)
36. **India:** Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Services (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,200,000)
37. **India:** Facility for Low Carbon Technology Deployment (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,000,000)
38. **India:** Partial Risk Sharing Facility for Energy Efficiency (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$18,000,000)
39. **India:** Promoting Industrial Energy Efficiency through Energy Management Standard, System Optimization and Technology Incubation (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,465,455)
40. **Indonesia:** Third National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,500,000)
41. **Malaysia:** GHG Emissions Reductions in Targeted Industrial Sub-Sectors through EE and Application Of Solar Thermal Systems (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,000,000)

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid

42. **Maldives:** Strengthening Low-Carbon Energy Island Strategies (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,885,000)
43. **Nepal:** Renewable Energy for Rural Livelihood (RERL) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)
44. **Peru:** Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions in the Energy Generation and End-Use Sectors (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,500,000)
45. **Timor Leste:** Promoting Sustainable Bio-energy Production from Biomass (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,743,000)
46. **Turkey:** Small and Medium Enterprise Energy Efficiency Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,640,000)
47. **Ukraine:** Development and Commercialization of Bioenergy Technologies (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,700,000)
48. **Uruguay:** Towards a Green Economy in Uruguay: Stimulating Sustainable Production Practices and Low-emission Technologies in Prioritized Sectors (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,392,727)
49. **Vietnam:** Promotion of Non-fired Brick (NFB) Production and Utilization (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,800,000)

#### **International Waters**

50. **Regional (Cook Islands, Fiji, Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Samoa):** Implementation of Global and Regional Oceanic Fisheries Conventions and Related Instruments in the Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (UNDP/FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,000,000)

#### **Land Degradation**

51. **Global (Afghanistan, Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Benin, Central African Republic, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Cook Islands, Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Algeria, Gabon, Grenada, Ghana, Gambia, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kenya, Comoros, St. Kitts And Nevis, Lao PDR, Sri Lanka, Liberia, Morocco, Moldova, Mongolia, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Nepal, Nauru, Niue, Philippines, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Sao Tome and Principe, Chad, Togo, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Vanuatu, Serbia, South Africa, Congo DR, Iraq):** Support to GEF Eligible Parties for Alignment of National Action Programs and Reporting Process under UNCCD (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,830,000)

52. **China:** Shaanxi Weinan Luyang Integrated Saline and Alkaline Land Management (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)

53. **Namibia:** Sustainable Management of Namibia's Forested Lands (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,446,000)

#### **Multi Focal Area**

54. **Regional (Antigua And Barbuda, Barbados, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts And Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines):** Implementing Integrated Land, Water & Wastewater Management in Caribbean SIDS (UNEP/UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$20,448,598)

55. **Regional (Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone):** Mano River Union Ecosystem Conservation and International Water Resources Management (IWRM) Project (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,336,364)

56. **Regional (Ecuador, Peru):** Multiplying Environmental and Carbon Benefits in High Andean Ecosystems (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,796,364)

57. **Regional (Latin America and Caribbean):** IDB-PPP MIF Public-Private Partnership Program (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$15,000,000)

58. **Regional (Mongolia, Russian Federation):** Enhancing the Resilience of Pastoral Ecosystems and Livelihoods of Nomadic Herders (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,695,454)

59. **Afghanistan:** Establishing Integrated Models for Protected Areas and their Co-management (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,441,819)

60. **Albania:** Environmental Services Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,884,848)

61. **Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Sustainable Forest and Abandoned Land Management (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,575,757)

62. **Brazil:** Consolidation of National System of Conservation Units (SNUC) and Enhanced Flora and Fauna Protection (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$32,621,820)

63. **Brazil:** Recovery and Protection of Climate and Biodiversity Services in the Paraiba do Sul Basin of the Atlantic Forest of Brazil (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$26,670,000)

64. **Cameroon:** Sustainable Forest Management under the Authority of Cameroonian Councils (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,573,333)

65. **Chile:** Supporting Civil Society and Community Initiatives to Generate Global Environmental Benefits Using Grants and Micro Loans in the Mediterranean Ecoregion (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,311,614)

66. **China:** Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Management in the Soda Saline-alkaline Wetlands Agro Pastoral Landscapes in the Western Area of the Jilin 10 Province (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,627,000)
67. **Cote d'Ivoire:** Integrated Management of Protected Areas in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,240,000)
68. **Ecuador:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, Forests, Soil and Water to Achieve the Good Living (Buen Vivir / Sumac Kasay) in the Napo Province (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,628,283)
69. **India:** Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Services Improvement (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$20,500,000)
70. **Kyrgyz Republic:** Sustainable Management of Mountainous Forest and Land Resources under Climate Change Conditions (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,454,545)
71. **Malaysia:** Improving Connectivity in the Central Forest Spine (CFS) Landscape - ICCFS (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,860,000)
72. **Mexico:** Conservation of Coastal Watersheds in Changing Environments (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$39,518,181)
73. **Mongolia:** Securing Forest Ecosystems through Participatory Management and Benefit Sharing (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,586,364)
74. **Namibia :** Namibian Coast Conservation and Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,925,000)
75. **Paraguay:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Land Management into Production Practices in all Bioregions and Biomes (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,861,817)
76. **Rwanda:** Landscape Approach to Forest Restoration and Conservation (LAFREC)<sup>5</sup> (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$5,487,000)
77. **Turkey:** Sustainable Land Management and Climate Friendly Agriculture (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,750,000)
78. **Vietnam:** Implementation of Eco-industrial Park Initiative for Sustainable Industrial Zones in Vietnam (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,524,000)

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<sup>5</sup> This is a multi-trust fund project drawing funds from two sources – the GEF Trust Fund and the Least Developed Countries Fund. Only the GEFTF component is presented here. For the entire project, refer to Annex A-2 in the work program cover note.



## Ozone Depleting Substances

79. **Azerbaijan:** Initiation of the HCFCs Phase out and Promotion of HFCs-Free Energy Efficient Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Systems (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,620,000)

## POPs

80. **Regional (Botswana, Ethiopia, Gambia, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe):** Demonstration of Effectiveness of Diversified, Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Interventions, and Strengthening National Capacity for Innovative Implementation of Integrated Vector Management (IVM) for Disease Prevention and Control in the WHO AFRO Region (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$15,491,700)
81. **Regional (Ghana, Madagascar, Rwanda, Tanzania):** Reducing UPOPs and Mercury Releases from the Health Sector in Africa (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,453,195)
82. **Armenia:** Elimination of Obsolete Pesticide Stockpiles and Addressing POPs Contaminated Sites within a Sound Chemicals Management Framework (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,700,000)
83. **China:** Reduction of POPs and PTS Release by Environmentally Sound Management throughout the Life Cycle of Electrical and Electronic Equipment and Associated Wastes in China (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$11,650,000)
84. **Ecuador:** Integrated and Environmentally Sound PCBs Management in Ecuador (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)
85. **Lao PDR:** Strengthening POPs Management Capacities and Demonstration of PCB Destruction at the Energy Sector (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,400,000)
86. **Russian Federation:** Environmentally Sound Management and Final Disposal of PCBs at the Russian Railroad Network and Other PCB Owners (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,400,000)

## Sub-projects of Previously Approved Programmatic Approaches<sup>6</sup>

### Biodiversity

87. **China: Strengthening the Management Effectiveness of the Protected Area Network in the Daxing'anling Landscape** (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,544,679) *under the CBPF-MSL Mainstreams of Life – Wetland PA System Strengthening for Biodiversity Conservation Program*

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<sup>6</sup> Following the procedures established for programmatic approaches applicable to all GEF Agencies, the final project documents of these sub-projects will be circulated to Council for four weeks before the CEO can endorse them.

88. **China: Strengthening the Management Effectiveness of the Wetland Protected Area System in Anhui Province** (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,654,771) *under the CBPF- MSL Mainstreams of Life – Wetland PA System Strengthening for Biodiversity Conservation Program*
89. **China: Strengthening the Management Effectiveness of the Wetland Protected Area System in Hainan for Conservation of Globally Significant Biodiversity** (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,634,771) *under the CBPF-MSL Mainstreams of Life – Wetland PA System Strengthening for Biodiversity Conservation Program*
90. **China: Strengthening the Management Effectiveness of the Wetland Protected Area System in Hubei Province** (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,654,771) *under the CBPFMSL Mainstreams of Life – Wetland PA System Strengthening for Biodiversity Conservation Program*
91. **China: Piloting Provincial Level Wetland Protected Area System in Jiangxi Province** (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,289,000) *under the CBPF-MSL Mainstreams of Life – Wetland PA System Strengthening for Biodiversity Conservation Program*

#### **Multi-focal Area**

92. **Global: Oceans Finance Facility to Finance Effective Management and Transition Reform of Oceanic Fisheries** (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$9,174,311) *under the ABNJ Global Sustainable Fisheries Management and Biodiversity Conservation in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Program*
93. **Global: Sustainable Fisheries Management and Biodiversity Conservation of Deepsea Living Marine Resources and Ecosystems in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction** (FAO/UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$7,315,597) *under the ABNJ Global Sustainable Fisheries Management and Biodiversity Conservation in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Program*
94. **Cambodia: Collaborative Management for Watershed and Ecosystem Service Protection and Rehabilitation in the Cardamom Mountains, Upper Prek Thnot River Basin** (ADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$1,100,917) *under the GMS-FBP Greater Mekong Sub-region Forests and Biodiversity Program*
95. **Lao PDR: Strengthening Protection and Management Effectiveness for Wildlife and Protected Areas** (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$6,825,688) *under the GMS-FBP Greater Mekong Sub-region Forests and Biodiversity Program*
96. **Thailand: Strengthening Capacity and Incentives for Wildlife Conservation in the Western Forest Complex** (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$7,339,450) *under the GMS-FBP Greater Mekong Sub-region Forests and Biodiversity Program*

97. **Russian Federation: Arctic Environment Project (Financial Mechanism for Environmental Rehabilitation in Arctic)** (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$5,504,587) *under the ARCTIC GEF-Russian Federation Partnership on Sustainable Environmental Management in the Arctic under a Rapid Changing Climate (Arctic Agenda 2020)*
98. **Russian Federation: Improvement of Environmental Governance and Knowledge Management for SAP-Arctic Implementation** (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,178,978) *under the ARCTIC GEF-Russian Federation Partnership on Sustainable Environmental Management in the Arctic under a Rapid Changing Climate (Arctic Agenda 2020)*
99. **Russian Federation: Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) for Major Siberian Arctic Rivers to Achieving Comprehensive Benefits** (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$1,743,162) *under the ARCTIC GEF-Russian Federation Partnership on Sustainable Environmental Management in the Arctic under a Rapid Changing Climate (Arctic Agenda 2020)*

3. With respect to the three regional projects namely:

- Regional (Africa): Pilot African Climate Technology Finance Center and Network
- Regional (Europe and Central Asia): Regional Climate Technology Transfer Center
- Regional (Latin America and Caribbean): Climate Technology Transfer Mechanisms and Networks in Latin America and the Caribbean

the Council reaffirmed that the GEF stands ready to continue to support the operationalization and activities of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) in response to UNFCCC Decision 2/CP.17, and in line with GEF procedures.

4. Furthermore, the Council approved them with the understanding that they will seek, as appropriate, to collaborate with the future Climate Technology Centre to be set up in the framework of the UNFCCC.
5. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the work program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (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 final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the work program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

6. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there have been major changes to the project scope and approach since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
7. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 42<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting are included in [Table 1](#) annexed to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

**Decision 10/2012 Business Plan FY 13-14 and Budget, FY13**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.42/07/Rev.01, [Business Plan FY13-14 and Budget, FY13](#), took note of the business plan and approved an FY13 corporate budget from the GEF Trust Fund of \$30.628 million comprising:
  - (a) \$18,525,000 for the GEF Secretariat;
  - (b) \$2,311,000 for the STAP;
  - (c) \$3,202,000 for the Trustee's core budget and the cost of external audits; and
  - (d) \$5,740,000 for the Evaluation Office, comprising \$2,740,000 for its core annual budget and \$3,000,000 in funding for multi-year evaluations.
  - (e) \$850,000 for a Trustee special initiative, referred to in paragraph 40 (d), that will implement the recommendations arising from the independent assessment of GEF systems completed in FY11 at the request of the Council. An additional \$150,000 will be paid as follows: \$100,000 from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and \$50,000 from the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF).
2. The Council also approved the following allocations from the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) to cover the Secretariat's and Trustee's expenses for administering the NPIF during FY13:
  - (a) \$ \$345,000 for the GEF Secretariat;
  - (b) \$ 72,300 for the Trustee;
3. Given that administrative expense for NPIF were not approved by the Council in the FY12 budget, the Council also approved the following allocations, from the NPIF, to reimburse the GEF Secretariat's GEF Trust Fund administrative budget and the Trustee for expenses incurred in administering the NPIF from its inception through June 30, 2012:

- (a) \$218,000 for the GEF Secretariat;
  - (b) \$76,000 for the Trustee;
4. Council requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the GEF entities, to present a combined FY14 corporate budget and FY14 business plan for discussion at its spring 2013 meeting. This combined budget and business plans should report on the use of GEF resources during FY13 and GEF accomplishments over the same period. It should also present a refined plan for programming and policy implementation during the final year of GEF-5.

**Decision 11/2012      Fee Structure for Agencies: Part I**

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.42/08, [\*Fee Structure for Agencies, Part I\*](#), expressed its appreciation to the Fee Working Group on further developing this structure.
2. While reaffirming strongly the importance of the partnership, the Council accepted the fee structure as proposed by the Fee Working Group outlined in this document, and welcomed the commitments of the Agencies to implement the approved fee structure.
3. The Council confirmed that annexes A, B, and C are not associated with this decision.
4. Furthermore, the Council requested a working group, comprised of Council Members, Agencies, and the Secretariat, to propose at the November 2012 meeting, detailed streamlining measures in the project cycle and cost savings in implementing services provided by Agencies at least commensurate with the approved fee structure.
5. The Council requested the Secretariat to begin implementation of the new structure beginning January 01, 2013.

**Decision 12/2012      Fee Structure for Agencies: Part II**

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.42/08, [\*Fee Structure for Agencies: Part II\*](#), confirmed that the fees provided along with GEF grants to the GEF Agencies are all inclusive and as such cover costs of all implementing services provided by the Agencies to recipient countries.
2. If GEF Agencies also provide execution services, these services will need to be stipulated and costed in the project management budget of the Project Identification Form (PIF).

## **Decision 13/2012      Secretariat Recommendations of Project Agencies for Accreditation**

1. The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.42/09/Rev.01, [Secretariat Recommendations of Project Agencies for Accreditation](#), approved that the following agencies progress to Stage II of the accreditation process:
  - i. The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
  - ii. Fundo Brasileiro para a Biodiversidade- Brazil (FUNBIO)
  - iii. Foreign Economic Cooperation Office – China (FECO)
  - iv. National Environment Fund – Peru (FONAM)
  - v. VTB Bank – Russian Federation (VTB)
  - vi. Banco de Desarrollo de America Latina (CAF)
  - vii. Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD)
  - viii. World Wildlife Fund, Inc. (WWF-US)
  - ix. Conservation International (CI)
  - x. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
  - xi. International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC)
2. The Council welcomed these agencies to submit their Stage II applications to the GEF Secretariat for review by the GEF Accreditation Panel. The Council requested the CEO, to report, by mail on the results of Stage II reviews by the Accreditation Panel.
3. The Council further decided to postpone the consideration of a next round of accreditation until its November 2012 meeting.

## **Decision 14/2012      Report of the Selection and Review Committee**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.42/10, [Report of the Selection and Review Committee on the Selection of GEF CEO/Chairperson](#), took note of the SRC's recommendation to the Council of the three candidates, in order of preference, for the Council's final consideration and decision. These are:
  1. Ms. Naoko Ishii
  2. Mr. Jules Kortenhorst
  3. Mr. Ajay Mathur

#### **Decision 15/2012      Appointment of GEF CEO and Chairperson**

1. The Council unanimously decided the appointment of Dr. Naoko Ishii as CEO/Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for a four-year term beginning 1 August, 2012. The Council expressed its strong support for the appointment of Dr. Ishii and recognizes her broad experience in environment and development and her managerial and leadership skills. The Council looks forward to working with her and providing its full support.

### **Decision by Mail – July 2012**

#### **Decision 16/2012      Report to the eleventh CoP of the CBD**

1. The Council, having reviewed the draft [report of the GEF to the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity](#), approves the report for submission to the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

### **43<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting – November 2012**

#### **Decision 17/2012      Briefing on the Replenishment Process**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.43/10, [Decision on the Sixth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund](#), requested the Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund, in cooperation with the CEO and Chairperson of the Facility, to initiate discussions on the replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund for the negotiations of the sixth replenishment of resources of the GEF Trust Fund.

#### **Decision 18/2012      Relations with Conventions and Other International Institutions**

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.43/03, [Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions](#), welcomed the report and requested the GEF network to continue working with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their respective GEF programming and activities.

#### **Decision 19/2012      Proposed Framework for a Financial Mechanism for the Future Mercury Convention and Draft Operational Program for Mercury**

1. The Council took note of the progress of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to prepare a global legally binding instrument on mercury; and if invited by the

INC, would welcome the GEF becoming a or the Financial Mechanism of the future instrument on mercury, and consider this invitation within the framework of the GEF ([Proposed Framework for a Financial Mechanism for the Future Mercury Convention and Draft Operational Program for Mercury](#)).

**Decision 20/2012      GEF Evaluation Office: Progress Report from the Director**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.43/01, [GEF Evaluation Office: Progress Report from the Director](#), took note of the on-going work of the Office and the preparations for the Fifth Overall Performance Study of the GEF, and requested the Secretariat to include a Management Response to the recommendations of the Fifth Overall Performance Study in the documents for negotiation of the sixth replenishment of the GEF.

**Decision 21/2012      Annual Thematic Evaluations Report 2012 and Management Response**

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/ME/C.43/02, [Annual Thematic Evaluations Report 2012](#) and document GEF/ME/C.43/03, [Management Response to the Annual Thematic Evaluations Report 2012](#), requested the Secretariat to ensure that:
  - a) An explicit discussion of envisaged causal linkages and chains of causality in line with current scientific knowledge forms the basis for the formulation of GEF-6 Strategies.
  - b) GEF-6 Strategies enable a more flexible and strategic approach to Multi-Focal Area projects, which would be able to adopt elements from several focal areas in a consistent manner.
  - c) GEF-6 Strategies include a strengthened articulation of potential pathways from activities to the broader adoption of results to maximize the GEF's catalytic role.
  - d) GEF-6 Strategies revisit the GEF's overall approach to capacity development in response to concerns voiced by the conventions.
2. Given the impact of convention guidance on the Focal Area Strategies, the GEF will continue dialogue with CBD to further define the relationship between guidance and strategies in a way that allows for responsiveness as well as strategic coherence in GEF-6.

**Decision 22/2012      Annual Impact Report 2012 and Management Response**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.43/04, [GEF Annual Impact Report 2012](#), and document GEF/ME/C.43/05, [Management Response to the GEF Annual](#)



[\*Impact Report 2012\*](#), took note of the considerable achievements of GEF support to the South China Sea and adjacent areas including, amongst others, that in 21 of 26 cases where comparative data could be obtained, GEF has supported initiatives that reduced environmental stress and improved or maintained socioeconomic conditions.

2. Given the important contributions that GEF support has made to addressing regional transboundary concerns, and the role of the GEF as a critical player in the region, as noted by the report, the Council requested the Secretariat to:
  - 1) Take into account the findings and recommendations of this evaluation when screening future proposals submitted for GEF funding in the South China Sea and adjacent areas, most notably:
    - when choosing areas for expansion, that the conditions conducive to broader adoption are present in those areas
    - that the distinctive competencies within the GEF partnership are more fully drawn on to mainstream transboundary environmental concerns among sectorial ministries
    - that systems for managing risks and trade-offs are specified
    - that more attention is given to the support of actions that address regional environmental goods and services
    - that cash and in-kind cofinancing for regional services provided by GEF projects reach sustainable levels by project end • that adequate coordination and management of risks within the GEF partnership be given attention.
  - 2) Adopt a more robust tracking and reporting approach to ensure Agency accountability for collaboration and cooperation in the South China Sea and the East Asian Seas.
  - 3) Take in to account the findings and recommendations of this evaluation when developing the GEF 6 International Waters Strategies.
3. The Council requested the GEF Agencies to:
  - 4) Ensure that M&E systems for environmental and socioeconomic impact are in place and consistently implemented, and that data is used and reported for management and public accountability; and

- 5) Ensure that M&E data and information on the impact of GEF projects be made available to the GEF Evaluation Office in a timely and transparent manner when requested.

**Decision 23/2012      Annual Monitoring Review FY12: Part I**

1. The Council having reviewed GEF/C.43/05/Rev.01, [Annual Monitoring Review FY 12: Part I](#), welcomed the overall finding that the GEF portfolio under implementation in 2012 performed satisfactorily across all focal areas. The Council welcomed the inclusion of an annual status update on Enabling Activities and Programmatic Approaches as well as the information provided on the National Portfolio Formulation Exercise (NPFE).
2. The Council requested the Secretariat to align its reporting requirements to the streamlining measures undertaken in the Project Cycle.

**Decision 24/2012      Streamlining of Project Cycle**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.43/06, [Streamlining of Project Cycle](#), appreciated the cooperative manner in which the GEF Secretariat and the Agencies have worked together to arrive at a set of streamlining and cost saving measures in GEF procedures and practices, and welcomed its implementation by January 2013.
2. The Council supported the streamlining measures described in the document. The Council also agreed to increase the MSP grant ceiling to \$2 million from the current \$1 million with delegated approval authority to the CEO with the understanding that this grant ceiling will be re-evaluated in the context of GEF-6.
3. The Council requested that the Secretariat, building on the existing GEF Results Based Management framework, propose relevant measures to report on the effectiveness and efficiency of the streamlining reforms for the Annual Monitoring Review. The Council encouraged the Secretariat and the Agencies to continue to collaborate on further streamlining reforms. The Secretariat is requested to report on progress achieved at the November 2013 Council meeting.
4. The Council thanked the Working Group for its guidance on this exercise and noted that the Group has concluded its work.

**Decision 25/2012      Progress Report: Accreditation Process for GEF Project Agencies**

1. The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.43/07, [Progress Report: Accreditation Process for GEF Project Agencies](#), noted the status of the Stage II reviews by the Accreditation Panel to date and the need for further reviews of several candidate agencies, including field

visits as appropriate, in order to verify their compliance with all minimum Fiduciary Standards and Environmental and Social Safeguards of the GEF.

2. Recognizing the need to review the outcomes and experiences with the first round of reviews, the Council decided to postpone consideration of a second round of accreditation until its June 2013 meeting, pending the conclusion of all ongoing Stage II reviews by the Accreditation Panel.

#### **Decision 26/2012      Financial Projections for GEF-5 Programming Options**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.43/08, [Financial Projections for GEF-5 Programming Options](#), expressed regret regarding the prospect of a shortfall in resources available for programming in GEF-5.
2. The Council regretted that the potential shortfall is a result of some Contributing Participants not fulfilling their financial pledges and the contribution deferrals they have brought about. The Council noted its appreciation of Contributing Participants who have delivered on their pledges. The Council urged all Contributing Participants to undertake efforts to make good on their pledges, which will allow release of deferred contributions.
3. The Council agreed that, as a contingency measure, the Secretariat undertakes programming maintaining the balance among the original allocations in the GEF-5 replenishment decision, assisting least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS) in accessing resources, and supporting core obligations to the conventions for which the GEF is a or the financial mechanism.
4. The Council requested the Secretariat to report on the progress in programming and the status of any shortfall as well as proposed programming measures to manage the shortfall at the 44th meeting of the GEF Council in June 2013.

#### **Decision 27/2012      Work Program**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.43/09, [Work Program](#), approved the work program comprising twenty eight (28) project concepts and one programmatic approach, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by November 29, 2012. One other project concept associated with a previously approved programmatic approach was also approved.

2. Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$174 million which include GEF project grants and Agency fees. The approved work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Document (PFD):

### **Biodiversity**

1. **Comoros:** Development of a National Network of Terrestrial and Marine Protected Areas Representative of the Comoros' Unique Natural Heritage and Co-managed With Local Village Communities (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,246,000)
2. **Congo DR:** Democratic Republic of Congo Conservation Trust Fund (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$11,636,363)
3. **South Africa :** Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Land Use Regulation and Management at the Municipal Scale (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,177,730)
4. **St. Kitts And Nevis:** Conserving Biodiversity and Reducing Habitat Degradation in Protected Areas and their Buffer Zones (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,371,630)
5. **Swaziland:** Strengthening the National Protected Areas System of Swaziland (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,390,000)
6. **Tanzania:** Enhancing the Forest Nature Reserves Network for Biodiversity Conservation in Tanzania (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,100,000)

### **Climate Change**

7. **Global:** Global Support Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports for non-Annex I Parties under the UNFCCC (UNDP/UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,500,000)
8. **Global (Bahrain, Benin, Bhutan, Cook Islands, Eritrea, Lao PDR, Mali, Mauritius, Nauru, Seychelles, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania):** Umbrella Programme for National Communication to the UNFCCC (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,180,000)
9. **Brazil:** Low-Carbon Urban Mobility for Large Cities (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,000,000)
10. **China:** Enabling China to Prepare Its Third National Communication (3NC) and Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,280,000)
11. **Djibouti:** Geothermal Power Generation Program (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,036,364)
12. **Iraq:** Catalyzing the Use of Solar Photovoltaic Energy (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,227,273)

13. **Macedonia:** Catalyzing Market Transformation for Industrial Energy Efficiency and Accelerate Investments in Best Available Practices and Technologies in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,400,000)
14. **Mexico:** Sixth National Communication to the UNFCCC (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,636,364)
15. **Sierra Leone:** Energy Efficient Production and Utilization of Charcoal through Innovative Technologies and Private Sector Involvement (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,768,182)
16. **Tanzania:** Promotion of Waste-to-Energy Applications in Agro-industries (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,277,000)

#### **International Waters**

17. **Regional (Albania, Montenegro, Macedonia):** Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Extended Drin River Basin (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,500,000)
18. **Regional (China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Timor Leste, Vietnam):** Reducing Pollution and Rebuilding Degraded Marine Resources in the East Asian Seas through Implementation of Intergovernmental Agreements and Catalyzed Investments (PROGRAM) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$20,000,000)

#### **Land Degradation**

19. **Global (Global, Argentina, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Lesotho, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uzbekistan):** Decision Support for Mainstreaming and Scaling up of Sustainable Land Management (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,116,730)
20. **Argentina:** Sustainable Land Use Management in the Drylands of North-west Argentina (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,515,091)

#### **Multi Focal Area**

21. **Cambodia:** Strengthening National Biodiversity and Forest Carbon Stock Conservation through Landscape-based Collaborative Management of Cambodia's Protected Area System as Demonstrated in the Mondulkiri Conservation Landscape (CAMPAS Project) (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,718,182)
22. **Chile:** Integrated National Monitoring and Assessment System on Forest Ecosystems (SIMEF) in Support of Policies, Regulations and SFM Practices Incorporating REDD+ and Biodiversity Conservation in Forest Ecosystems (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,293,684)

23. **Grenada:** Implementing a “Ridge to Reef” Approach to Protecting Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functions within and Around Protected Areas (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,031,666)
24. **Peru:** Transforming Management of Protected Area/Landscape Complexes to Strengthen Ecosystem Resilience (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,991,434)
25. **St. Lucia:** Iyanola - Natural Resource Management of the NE Coast (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,331,818)

#### **POPs**

26. **Regional (Antigua And Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay):** Continuing Regional Support for the POPs Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention in the Latin American and Caribbean Region (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,636,000)
27. **Regional (Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Mali, Mauritius, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Congo DR):** Continuing Regional Support for the POPs Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention in the Africa Region (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,208,000)
28. **Malawi:** Pesticide Risk Reduction in Malawi (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,550,000)
29. **Ukraine:** Environmentally Sound Management and Final Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,250,000)

#### **Sub-project under the Previously Approved Programmatic Approach<sup>7</sup>**

##### **Multi-focal Area**

30. **Vietnam: Integrating Biodiversity Conservation, Climate Resilience and Sustainable Forest Management in Central Annamite Landscapes (ADB)** (GEF Project Grant: \$3,794,954) *under the GMS-FBP Greater Mekong Sub-region Forests and Biodiversity Program*, approved in November 2011 Council
3. With respect to the following two projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:

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<sup>7</sup> Following the procedures established for programmatic approaches applicable to all GEF Agencies, the final project documents of these sub-projects will be circulated to Council for four weeks before the CEO can endorse them.

- **Comoros:** Development of a National Network of Terrestrial and Marine Protected Areas Representative of the Comoros' Unique Natural Heritage and Comanaged With Local Village Communities (UNDP)
  - **Cambodia:** Strengthening National Biodiversity and Forest Carbon Stock Conservation through Landscape-based Collaborative Management of Cambodia's Protected Area System as Demonstrated in the Mondulkiri Conservation Landscape (CAMPAS Project) (UNEP)
4. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the work program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (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 final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the STAP reviewers' comments on the work program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.
  5. With respect to the following Programme, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final documents of the sub-projects under the program and transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO endorsing the sub-project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:
    - **Regional (China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Timor Leste, Vietnam):** Reducing Pollution and Rebuilding Degraded Marine Resources in the East Asian Seas through Implementation of Intergovernmental Agreements and Catalyzed Investments (PROGRAM) (UNDP)
  6. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there have been major changes to the project scope and approach since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
  7. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 43<sup>rd</sup> session of the work program is part of the associated [Annex 1](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

**Decision 28/2012      Report of the Selection and Review Committee**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.43/CRP.01, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee*, agreed to:

- i. Take note of the GEF CEO/Chairperson and EO Director's goals and objectives for FY12 and FY13;
- ii. Notwithstanding the good performance of the EO Director, and upon his explicit request to the SRC to grant a relatively low increase, provide the EO Director with only a 2.2% merit-based salary adjustment and request the SRC Chair to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resources;
- iii. Request the SRC to undertake the Performance Objectives Review process for the newly appointed GEF CEO/Chairperson in the spring of 2013 as well as the EO Director, and eventually to recommend to the fall 2013 Council meeting any adjustment to the GEF CEO's salary.

**Decision 29/2012      Dates for the Fall 2013 Council Meeting**

1. The Council decided to hold its fall 2013 meeting the week of November 4, 2013.