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Decision by Mail – January 2015

Decision 1/2015 Eligibility for enabling activities under the Minamata Convention

1. The Council agrees that the eligibility for enabling activities under the Minamata Convention on Mercury should be extended to developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are non-signatories provided that those states are taking meaningful steps towards becoming a Party to the Convention, as evidenced by a letter from the relevant minister to the Executive Director of UNEP and to the CEO and Chairperson of the GEF.

48th Council Meeting – June 2015

Decision 2/2015 Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) 2014: Part II

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.48/03, [Annual Monitoring Review \(AMR\) 2014: Part II](#), welcomes the report. The Council requests the GEF Secretariat to continue its efforts to enhance its reporting of results.

Decision 3/2015 Expediting the Preparation of the Stock of Delayed Projects

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.48/04, [Expediting the Preparation of the Stock of Delayed Projects](#), approves the following:
 - (a) A one-time cancellation by June 30, 2016 of overdue: (i) FSPs whose PIFs were approved prior to the October 2014 Council Meeting; and (ii) MSPs whose PIFs were approved prior to the June 2015 Council Meeting and have not been submitted for CEO endorsement/approval within 18 months after PIF approval. Submissions to the Secretariat should include complete documentation for review for endorsement or approval;
 - (b) An amendment to the Project Cancellation Policy previously approved in the October 2014 Council Meeting to include provisions for cancellation of overdue MSPs that are approved after June 2015 Council, as set out in Annex II of document GEF/C.48/04, *Expediting the Preparation of the Stock of Delayed Projects*;
 - (c) GEF Agencies are urged to ensure their own efficiency with a view to preventing delays in project or program preparation and implementation. The Secretariat will report to the Council on this issue through its yearly reporting processes;

- (d) Recipient countries are encouraged to make efforts to speed up project or program preparation and implementation;
- (e) The Secretariat will report back to the Council in June 2016 with a proposal on how to redistribute any resources from cancelled projects that may revert to the Trust Funds, as necessary, to support GEF-6 priorities, taking into account areas of high demand of GEF-6 to date.

Decision 4/2015 GEF Business Plan and FY16 Corporate Budget

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.48/05, [GEF Business Plan and FY16 Corporate Budget](#), took note of the business plan, and approved a FY16 corporate budget from the GEF Trust Fund of \$25.408 million, comprised of:
 - (a) \$19.831 million for the GEF Secretariat,
 - (b) \$2.540 million for STAP,
 - (c) \$3.037 million for the Trustee,
2. The Council also approved a total FY16 administrative budget for the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) of \$39,000, comprised of the following allocations from the NPIF to cover the Secretariat's and Trustee's expenses for NPIF administration and implementation:
 - (a) \$20,000 for the GEF Secretariat;
 - (b) \$19,000 for the Trustee
3. The Council requests the Secretariat, in consultation with STAP and the Trustee, to present a combined FY17 corporate budget and business plan for discussion at its 2016 spring meeting.

Decision 5/2015 Four-Year Work Program and Budget of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.48/01, [Four-Year Work Program and Budget of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office](#), approves the annual budget for the Independent Evaluation Office for fiscal year 2016 for a total of \$4.7 million.
2. The multiannual budget for the evaluation program of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office is approved for the amount of \$19 million.

Decision 6/2015 GEF Agency Compliance with Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender, and Fiduciary Standards

1. The Council has reviewed Document GEF/C.48/06, [GEF Agency Compliance with Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender, and Fiduciary Standards](#), which indicates that all ten GEF Agencies¹ have satisfactorily met the requirements of the following Policies: (1) Agency Minimum Standards on Environmental and Social Safeguards, and (2) the Policy on Gender Mainstreaming, and (3) Minimum Fiduciary Standards for GEF Partner Agencies, and decides that that no further review is needed at this time.
2. The Council requests the Secretariat to provide options at the June 2016 Council Meeting on whether and how the Council would monitor Agencies on-going compliance with these policies.

Decision 7/2015 GEF Knowledge Management Approach Paper

1. The Council welcomed the document GEF/C.48/07/Rev.01, [GEF Knowledge Management Approach Paper](#), and requested an update on progress at the fall 2015 Council Meeting.

Decision 8/2015 Work Program

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.48/08/Rev.02, [Work Program for GEF Trust Fund](#), approved the work program comprising 35 project concepts and five programmatic approach frameworks, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by June 18, 2015.
2. Total resources approved in this work program² amounted to \$709.01 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Documents (PFDs):

¹ The ten GEF Agencies are: the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

² The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects, opposes the following project and therefore does not join the Council decision that would support: Argentina: Reducing GHG emissions through the utilization of organic waste for energy generation in agriculture and agroindustries, and abstains from participating in the decision on the following projects: Global: Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Pilot; Regional: Integrated Natural Resources Management in Drought-prone and Salt-affected Agricultural Production Systems in Central Asia and Turkey, and Belarus: Conservation-oriented Management of Forests and Wetlands to Achieve Multiple Benefits.

Programmatic Approaches

1. **Global (Brazil, Cote d'Ivoire, China, India, Mexico, Malaysia, Peru, Paraguay, Senegal, Vietnam, South Africa):** Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Pilot (IAPPROGRAM) (Lead agency: World Bank; ADB, AfDB, DBSA, IADB, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$137,822,072) (GEF ID 9077)
2. **Global:** Taking Deforestation Out of Commodity Supply Chains (IAP-PROGRAM) (Lead Agency: UNDP; IADB, CI, UNEP, World Bank, WWF-US) (GEF Project Grant : \$40,332,518) (GEF ID 9072)
3. **Global (Cote d'Ivoire, Cabo Verde, Ecuador, Indonesia, Peru, Senegal):** Coastal Fisheries Initiative (PROGRAM) (Lead Agency:FAO; CI, UNDP, UNEP, World Bank, WWF-US) (GEF Project Grant: \$33,731,193) (GEF ID 9060)
4. **Global (Botswana, Cameroon, Congo Republic, Ethiopia, Gabon, Indonesia, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia):** Global Partnership on Wildlife Conservation and Crime Prevention for Sustainable Development (PROGRAM) (Lead Agency: World Bank, UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$90,377,470) (GEF ID 9071)
5. **Regional (Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda):** Fostering Sustainability and Resilience for Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa - An Integrated Approach (IAP-PROGRAM) (Lead agency: IFAD; CI, FAO, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$106,359,290) (GEF ID 9070)

Multi-Focal Area Projects

6. **Regional (Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan):** Integrated Natural Resources Management in Drought-prone and Saltaffected Agricultural Production Systems in Central Asia and Turkey (CACILM2) (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,981,815) (GEF ID 9094)
7. **Belarus:** Conservation-oriented Management of Forests and Wetlands to Achieve Multiple Benefits (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,263,561) (GEF ID 7993)
8. **Chad:** Building Resilience For Food Security and Nutrition in Chad's Rural Communities (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,329,452) (GEF ID9050)
9. **Costa Rica:** Sixth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Costa Rica (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,319,635) (GEF ID 9088)
10. **Ecuador:** Sustainable Development of the Ecuadorian Amazon: Integrated Management of Multiple Use Landscapes and High Value Conservation Forests (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$12,462,550) (GEF ID 9055)

11. **Egypt:** Sixth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Egypt (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,913,241) (GEF ID 6956)
12. **Indonesia:** Sixth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Indonesia (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,561,643) (GEF ID 9086)
13. **Indonesia:** Strengthening Forest Area Planning and Management in Kalimantan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,000,000) (GEF ID 6965)
14. **Kyrgyz Republic:** Conservation of Globally Important Biodiversity and Association Land and Forest Resources of Western Tian Shan Forest Mountain Ecosystems and Support to Sustainable Livelihoods (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,988,575) (GEF ID 6958)
15. **Kyrgyz Republic:** Sustainable Forest and Land Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,109,589) (GEF ID 9037)
16. **Myanmar:** Ridge to Reef: Integrated Protected Area Land and Seascape Management in Tanintharyi (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,250,000) (GEF ID 6992)
17. **Peru:** Sixth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Peru (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,196,672) (GEF ID 9044)
18. **Sri Lanka:** Sixth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Sri Lanka (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,497,078) (GEF ID 9093)
19. **Uzbekistan:** Sustainable Natural Resource and Forest Management in Key Mountainous Areas Important for Globally Significant Biodiversity (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,209,863) (GEF ID 8031)
20. **Zambia:** Zambia Lake Tanganyika Basin Sustainable Development Project (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,334,247) (GEF ID 8021)

Single Focal Area Projects

Biodiversity

21. **Fiji:** Building Capacities to Address Invasive Alien Species to Enhance the Chances of Long-term Survival of Terrestrial Endemic and Threatened Species on Taveuni Island and Surrounding Islets (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,502,968) (GEF ID 9095)
22. **Peru:** Effective Implementation of the Access and Benefit Sharing and Traditional Knowledge Regime in Peru in accordance with the Nagoya Protocol (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,190,000) (GEF ID 8025)
23. **South Africa:** Unlocking Biodiversity Benefits through Development Finance in Critical Catchments (DBSA) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,201,835) (GEF ID 9073)

Chemicals and Waste

24. **Regional (Ethiopia, Gabon, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Senegal, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe):** Integrated Health and Environment Observatories and Legal and Institutional Strengthening for the Sound Management of Chemicals in Africa (African ChemObs) (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,500,000) (GEF ID 9080)
25. **China:** Demonstration of Mercury Reduction and Minimization in the Production of Vinyl Chloride Monomer (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$16,200,000) (GEF ID6921)
26. **China:** Reduction and Phase-out of PFOS in Priority Sectors in China (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$24,250,000) (GEF ID 9046)
27. **Honduras:** Environmentally Sound Management of Products and Wastes Containing POPs and Risks Associated with their Final Disposal (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,460,000) (GEF ID 9079)
28. **Montenegro:** Comprehensive Environmentally Sound Management of PCBs in Montenegro (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,500,000) (GEF ID 9045)
29. **Philippines:** Implementation of PCB Management Programs for Electric Cooperatives and Safe e-wastes Management (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,200,000) (GEF ID 9078)

Climate Change

30. **Argentina:** Reducing Argentina's Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Energy Sector through the Utilization of Organic Waste for Energy Generation in Agriculture and Agro-Industries (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,000,000) (GEF ID9053)
31. **Cook Islands:** Renewable Energy Sector Project (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,127,668) (GEF ID 9067)
32. **Ethiopia:** Ethiopian Urban NAMA: Creating Opportunities for Municipalities to Produce and Operationalise Solid waste Transformation (COMPOST) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,667,123) (GEF ID 9048)
33. **Moldova:** Moldova Sustainable Green Cities – Catalyzing Investment in Sustainable Green Cities in the Republic of Moldova Using a Holistic Integrated Urban Planning Approach (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,639,726) (GEF ID 9042)
34. **Turkey:** Promoting Energy-Efficient Motors in Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,750,000) (GEF ID 9081)
35. **Uzbekistan:** Market Transformation Sustainable Rural Housing Project (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,000,000) (GEF ID 6913)

International Waters

36. **Regional (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa):** Support to the Orange-Senqu River Strategic Action Programme Implementation (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,815,137) (GEF ID 9054)

Land Degradation

37. **Armenia:** Sustainable Land Management for Increased Productivity (IFAD) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,937,500) (GEF ID 8005)

Non-Grant Instrument Projects

38. **Regional (Latin America and Caribbean):** Impact Investment in Support of the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,000,000) (GEF ID 9058)
39. **South Africa:** Equity Fund for the Small Projects Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (non-grant) (DBSA) (GEF Project Grant : \$15,000,000) (GEF ID 9085)
40. **Regional:** Moringa Agro-forestry Fund for Africa (non-grant) (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$12,000,000) (GEF ID 9051)
3. With respect to the following six projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to send to Council members final project documents and within four weeks Council members will transmit to the CEO any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency.
- (a) **Ecuador:** Sustainable Development of the Ecuadorian Amazon: Integrated Management of Multiple Use Landscapes and High Value Conservation Forests (UNDP) (GEF ID 9055)
- (b) **Kyrgyz Republic:** Conservation of Globally Important Biodiversity and Association Land and Forest Resources of Western Tian Shan Forest Mountain Ecosystems and Support to Sustainable Livelihoods (UNDP) (GEF ID 6958)
- (c) **Peru:** Effective Implementation of the Access and Benefit Sharing and Traditional Knowledge Regime in Peru in accordance with the Nagoya Protocol (UNEP) (GEF ID 8025)
- (d) **Regional (Latin America and Caribbean):** Impact Investment in Support of the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (nongrant) (IADB) (GEF ID 9058)

- (e) **South Africa:** Equity Fund for the Small Projects Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (non-grant) (DBSA) (GEF ID 9085)
 - (f) **Regional (Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mali, Tanzania, Zambia, Congo DR):** Moringa Agro-forestry Fund for Africa (non-grant) (AfDB) (GEF ID 9051)
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 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.
5. The Council agreed that child projects of the Programmatic Approach "Global Partnership on Wildlife Conservation and Crime Prevention for Sustainable Development" will be circulated to Council for review and comment at least four weeks in advance of CEO endorsements. The GEF Secretariat will continue to engage the STAP during the child project development phase under this Programmatic Approach.
- (a) **Global (Botswana, Cameroon, Congo Republic, Ethiopia, Gabon, Indonesia, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia):** Global Partnership on Wildlife Conservation and Crime Prevention for Sustainable Development (PROGRAM) (GEF ID 9071)
6. The Council approved the IAP PFDs and agreed that:
- (a) IAP Child projects be circulated to Council for review and comment at least four weeks in advance of CEO endorsements;
 - (b) The GEF Secretariat will continue to provide detailed IAP updates to the GEF Partnership;
 - (c) The GEF Secretariat will continue to engage the STAP during the child project development phase;
 - (d) The results frameworks will be updated as integral components of the child projects to demonstrate how programs contribute to achieving GEF-6 results;
 - (e) The approved cancellation policy of 18 months for full sized projects, from Council approval to submission for CEO endorsement, will also be applied to the child projects of these IAPs.

7. 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 there are 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.
8. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 48th session of the work program is part of the associated [Annex 1](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

Decision 9/2015 Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: June 2015 and Management Response

1. Regarding the Joint GEF-UNDP Small Grants Programme Evaluation

The Council, having reviewed GEF/ME/C.48/02, [Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: June 2015](#), section on the Joint GEF-UNDP Small Grants Programme Evaluation, and GEF/ME/C.48/03, [Management Response to the Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: June 2015](#), section on the Joint GEF-UNDP Small Grants Programme Evaluation, requests the Secretariat to:

- (a) Revitalize the global SGP Steering Committee to support high-level strategic thinking in developing a long-term vision for the SGP, to foster dialogue between UNDP and the GEF on the SGP, and to advise the Council as appropriate on strategic decision making concerning the SGP.

The Council requests the Secretariat and UNDP to:

- (b) Continue upgrading the SGP Country Program, building on strengths while addressing the weaknesses identified by the evaluation. The criteria for selection of countries for upgrading should be revisited.

The Council takes note of Recommendations 3 and 4 addressed to UNDP and the CPMT.

2. Regarding the Evaluation of the Accreditation Process for Expansion of the GEF Partnership

The Council acknowledges the emerging lessons from the accreditation pilot and requests that the Secretariat takes these into account in preparing proposals regarding possible directions on accreditation in the context of the evolving GEF business model, as a basis for discussion at the 49th meeting of the Council in October 2015.

Decision 10/2015 Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.48/09, [Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions](#), welcomed the report and requested the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision 11/2015 Progress Report on the Pilot Accreditation of GEF Project Agencies

1. The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.48/10/Rev.01, [Progress Report on the Pilot Accreditation of GEF Project Agencies](#), noted the status of the Stage II reviews conducted by the Accreditation Panel to date. In particular, the Council noted that FUNBIO, FECO, BOAD and CAF have received approval from the Panel to progress from Stage II to Stage III.
2. The Council approved initial grant ceilings for FUNBIO, FECO, BOAD and CAF, determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in Council document GEF/C.40/09, Broadening the GEF Partnership under Paragraph 28 of the Instrument, as follows:
 - (a) Individual project ceiling for a GEF grant: \$54 million for FUNBIO, \$440 million for FECO, \$60 million for BOAD, \$400 million for CAF; and
 - (b) Total project ceiling: \$76 million for FUNBIO, \$252 million for FECO, \$900 million for BOAD and \$4,831 million for CAF.
3. The Council authorized the Secretariat to recalculate these ceilings at the time of project approvals for these agencies and inform the Council of any changes.
4. The Council requested the Secretariat to continue to present a progress report on the accreditation pilot at the next Council meeting.

Decision 12/2015 Report of the Selection and Review Committee

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.48/11, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee*, notes that Ms. Naoko Ishii's four-year term as GEF CEO/Chairperson will end July 31, 2016, noting also that Ms. Ishii is eligible for reappointment and that she has expressed interest in serving a second term. Consistent with the approved process for CEO reappointment consideration, the GEF Council will decide whether to reappoint Ms. Ishii or to start a new selection process at its October 2015 Meeting. Council Members are encouraged to consult their constituencies and to provide

constituencies' view to the Selection and Review Committee by August 28, 2015, to help inform the Committee's recommendation to Council.

Decision 13/2015 Dates for the Fall 2016 Council Meeting

1. The Council confirmed that it will hold its fall 2016 meeting during the week of October 24, 2016.

49th Council Meeting – October 2015

Decision 14/2015 Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.49/06, [*Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*](#), welcomed the report and requested the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision 15/2015 Future Directions on Accreditation

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.49/04, [*Future Directions on Accreditation*](#), appreciates the opportunity to discuss possible future directions on Agency accreditation.
2. The Council requests that the Secretariat undertake further work on the issues as described in the Council paper "Future Directions on Accreditation" (GEF/C.49/04), including an analysis of the geographic and thematic gaps that may exist within the Partnership and of the effectiveness of the current structure of the GEF Partnership. The Council requests that recommendations be presented at the next Council meeting in June 2016.
3. The Council also requests that the IEO conduct a survey across GEF Partner Agencies and recipient countries on the current structure of the GEF Partnership, and make recommendations based on the results of this survey to feed into the planned review of the health of the GEF Partnership as part of the Sixth Overall Performance Study of the GEF (OPS6). The Council requests that a preliminary analysis be presented at the next Council meeting in June 2016.

Decision 16/2015 Semi-Annual Evaluation Report October 2015 and Management Response

1. The Council, having reviewed the section on the Joint Impact Evaluation of GEF Support to Protected Areas and Surrounding Landscapes, in the [Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: October 2015](#), and GEF/ME/C.49/02, [Management Response to the Semi-Annual Evaluation Report October 2015](#), takes note of the conclusions of the evaluation, endorses the recommendations and requests the Secretariat to implement the recommendations, including recommendation 4.

Decision 17/2015 Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY15: Part I

1. The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.49/03/Rev.01, [Annual Monitoring Review \(AMR\) FY 15: Part I](#), welcomes the overall finding that the GEF portfolio under implementation in FY15 performed satisfactorily across all focal areas. The Council welcomes the update on the replenishment targets against expected results for approved projects and the first disbursement analysis.
2. The Council requests that the Secretariat and GEF Agencies provide a further breakdown and explanation of the factors behind the significant timeframes taken for first disbursement by some GEF Agencies and to present a report at the next Council meeting in June 2016.

Decision 18/2015 Work Program

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.49/05, [Work Program for GEF Trust Fund](#), approved the work program comprising 17 project concepts (including a child project from a programmatic approach approved as part of GEF-5) 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 November 5, 2015.
2. Total resources approved in this work program¹ amounted to \$254.99 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Documents (PFDs):

Programmatic Approaches

1. **Global (Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Sudan):** Leapfrogging Markets to High Efficiency Products (Appliances, including Lighting, and Electrical Equipment) (PROGRAM) (UNEP/UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,370,000) GEF ID 9083

2. **Regional (Brazil, Colombia, Peru):** Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program (World Bank/WWF-US, UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$113,684,455) GEF ID 9272

Non-Grant Instrument Projects

3. **Regional (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Morocco, Moldova, Montenegro, Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Serbia):** Green Logistics Program (non-grant) (EBRD) (GEF Project Grant : \$15,000,000) GEF ID 9047
4. **Regional (Latin America and Caribbean):** Risk Mitigation Instrument for Land Restoration (Non-Grant) (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$15,000,000) GEF ID 9277

Multi Focal Area Project

5. **Bhutan:** Enhancing Sustainability and Climate Resilience of Forest and Agricultural Landscape and Community Livelihoods (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,467,124) GEF ID 9199

Climate Change

6. **China:** Energy Efficiency Improvement in Public Sector Buildings (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,932,420) GEF ID 6930
7. **Brazil:** Biogas Applications for the Brazilian Agro-industry (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$7,000,000) GEF ID 9057
8. **Indonesia:** IBRD Geothermal Energy Upstream Development Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,250,000) GEF ID 9115
9. **Kazakhstan:** De-risking Renewable Energy Investment In Kazakhstan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,510,000) GEF ID 9192
10. **Uganda:** NAMA on Integrated Waste Management and Biogas in Uganda (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,170,030) GEF ID 9210
11. **Tuvalu:** Facilitation of the Achievement of Sustainable National Energy Targets of Tuvalu (FASNETT (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,639,725) GEF ID 9220
12. **Mozambique:** Towards Sustainable Energy for All in Mozambique: Promoting Market- Based Dissemination of Integrated Renewable Energy Systems for Productive Activities in Rural Areas (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,851,384) GEF ID 9225
13. **China:** Integrated Adoption of New Energy Vehicles in China (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$8,930,000) GEF ID 9226
14. **Samoa:** Improving the Performance and Reliability of RE Power Systems in Samoa (IMPRESS) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,075,828) GEF ID 9251

15. **India:** Creating and Sustaining Markets for Energy Efficiency (UNEP/ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$18,855,963) GEF ID 9258
16. **Papua New Guinea:** Facilitating Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Applications for Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction (FREAGER) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,840,640) GEF ID 9273
17. **Tanzania:** Promotion of Bio-Ethanol as Alternative Clean Fuel for Cooking in the United Republic of Tanzania (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,457,078) GEF ID 9281
18. **Liberia:** Increasing Energy Access through the Promotion of Energy Efficient Appliances in Liberia (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,639,726) GEF ID 9292

Child Project Approved under the GEF-5 Programmatic Approach

19. **Marshall Islands:** R2R Reimaanlok – Looking into the future: Strengthening Natural Resource Management in Atoll communities in the Republic of Marshall Islands Employing Integrated Approaches (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,927,981) GEF ID 5544 under the R2R Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods
3. With respect to the following two programmatic approaches, the Council requested the Secretariat to circulate all Child Projects to Council members for review and comment at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
 - (a) **Global (Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Sudan):** Leapfrogging Markets to High Efficiency Products (Appliances, including Lighting, and Electrical Equipment) (PROGRAM) (UNEP/UNDP)
 - (b) **Regional (Brazil, Colombia, Peru):** Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program (World Bank/WWF-US, UNDP)
 4. With respect to the following four projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to circulate for Council members for review and comment the final draft documents, at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
 - (a) **Regional (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Morocco, Moldova, Montenegro, Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Serbia):** Green Logistics Program (non-grant) (EBRD)
 - (b) **Regional (Latin America and Caribbean):** Risk Mitigation Instrument for Land Restoration (Non-Grant) (IADB)
 - (c) **Indonesia:** IBRD Geothermal Energy Upstream Development Project (World Bank)

(d) **Liberia:** Increasing Energy Access through the Promotion of Energy Efficient Appliances in Liberia (AfDB)

5. With respect to any other PIF approved in this work program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are 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.
6. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 49th session of the work program is part of the associated [Annex 1](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

Decision 19/2015 Report of the Selection and Review Committee

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.49/07/Rev.02, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee (SRC) on FY15 Performance Evaluation and FY16 Goals for the GEF CEO and Chairperson and IEO Director*:
 - (a) Takes note of the FY16 goals for the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) and the GEF CEO and requests the SRC to present the performance evaluation of the IEO Director and the GEF CEO for the Council's review at its second meeting in 2016;
 - (b) Agrees with the SRC's positive assessment of the GEF CEO's FY15 performance and the recommendation to provide the GEF CEO with a "3" rating on the World Bank's 5-point scale, with an associated merit-based salary increase in line with the relevant World Bank-approved schedule for World Bank executives. The Council requests the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department.
 - (c) Agrees with the SRC's positive assessment of the GEF IEO Director's FY15 performance and the recommendation to provide the GEF IEO Director with a "4" rating on the World Bank's 5-point scale, with an associated merit-based salary increase in line with the relevant World Bank-approved schedule for World Bank executives. The Council requests the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department.
2. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.49/08, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee on the Reappointment of the GEF CEO and Chairperson*, took note of the SRC's recommendation and approved the reappointment of Ms. Naoko Ishii as CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for her second, and final, four-year term beginning August 1, 2016. The Council wished, in particular, to note Ms. Ishii's

leadership in advancing a reform agenda for GEF-6, preparing the GEF2020 strategy, delivering a record replenishment, as well as her dedication to improving the GEF partnership.

Decision 20/2015 Amendment to Decision on Improving the GEF Project Cycle and Update to GEF Project and Programmatic Approach Cycles

1. The Council requests the Secretariat to seek a decision by mail that amends the Council decision on document GEF/C.47/07 [Improving the GEF Project Cycle](#) (Decision 24/2014) such that child projects submitted to the Secretariat will be circulated to Council for review and comment four weeks in advance of CEO endorsement/approval. This arrangement will be reviewed at the June 2017 Council meeting. The Council further requests the Secretariat to update document GEF/C.39/Inf.03, [GEF Project and Programmatic Approach Cycles](#), to reflect any decisions taken since it was issued.

Decision 21/2015 Dates for the Spring 2017 Council Meeting

1. The Council confirmed that it will hold its spring 2017 meeting during the week of May 22, 2017.