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Decision by Mail – April 2016

Decision 1/2016 Intersessional Work Program

1. The GEF Council reviewed the proposed [work program](#) posted on March 15, 2016, and approves the work program as amended, comprising of the following 34 stand-alone Project Identification Forms (PIFs) subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by April 12, 2016:

Non-Grant Instrument Projects

1. **Regional (Africa):** Investing in Renewable Energy Project Preparation under the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA)(non-grant) (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$10,000,000) GEF ID 9043
2. **Regional (Indonesia, Philippines):** (NGI) The Meloy Fund: A Fund for Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries in SE Asia (CI) (GEF Project Financing : \$6,000,000) GEF ID 9370

Multi Focal Area Projects

3. **Regional (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar):** Sustainable Management of Peatland Ecosystems in Mekong Countries (IUCN) (GEF Project Financing : \$2,907,064) GEF ID 9232
4. **Regional (Guatemala, Honduras):** Integrated Environmental Management of the Río Motagua Watershed (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$5,329,452) GEF ID 9246
5. **Afghanistan:** Community-based sustainable land and forest management in Afghanistan (FAO) (GEF Project Financing : \$10,495,873) GEF ID 9285
6. **Bolivia:** Sixth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Financings Programme in Bolivia (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$3,634,703) GEF ID 9248
7. **Ecuador:** Implementation of the strategic plan of Ecuador's Mainland Marine and Coastal Protected Areas Network (CI) (GEF Project Financing : \$5,813,303) GEF ID 9369
8. **Guatemala:** Promoting Sustainable and Resilient Landscapes in the Central Volcanic Chain (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$11,144,497) GEF ID 9059
9. **Madagascar:** Sustainable Agriculture Landscape Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Financing : \$13,699,083) GEF ID 9330
10. **Mexico:** Sixth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Financings Programme in Mexico (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$4,429,223) GEF ID 9167

11. **Myanmar:** Rural Productivity and Ecosystems Services Enhanced in Central Dry Zone Forest Reserves (ADB) (GEF Project Financing : \$4,650,000) GEF ID 9267
12. **Pakistan:** Sixth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Financings Program in Pakistan (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$2,659,726) GEF ID 9331
13. **Palau:** Integrating Biodiversity Safeguards and Conservation into development in Palau (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$4,233,562) GEF ID 9208
14. **Peru:** Sustainable Management of Agro-Biodiversity and Vulnerable Ecosystems Recuperation in Peruvian Andean Regions Through Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems GIAHS Approach (FAO) (GEF Project Financing : \$9,369,864) GEF ID 9092
15. **Serbia:** Contribution of Sustainable Forest Management to a Low Emission and Resilient Development (FAO) (GEF Project Financing : \$3,274,658) GEF ID 9089
16. **Uzbekistan :** Sustainable Management of Forests in Mountain and Valley Areas (FAO) (GEF Project Financing : \$3,187,023) GEF ID 9190

Biodiversity Projects

17. **Brazil:** National Strategy for Conservation of Threatened Species (PROSPECIES) (FUNBIO) (GEF Project Financing: \$13,435,000) GEF ID 9271
18. **Chile:** Establish a Network of National Important Agricultural Heritage Sites (NIAHS) (FAO) (GEF Project Financing : \$3,046,347) GEF ID 9068
19. **Djibouti:** Mitigating Key Sector Pressures on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Further Strengthening the National System of Marine Protected Areas in Djibouti (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$2,822,374) GEF ID 9215
20. **South Africa:** Development of Value Chains for Products derived from Genetic Resources in Compliance with the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing and the National Biodiversity Economy Strategy (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$6,210,046) GEF ID 9255
21. **Turkey:** Addressing Invasive Alien Species Threats at Key Marine Biodiversity Areas (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$3,344,654) GEF ID 9233

Climate Change Projects

22. **India:** Grid-Connected Rooftop Solar PV Program (World Bank) (GEF Project Financing : \$22,935,780) GEF ID 9249
23. **Tonga:** Outer Island Renewable Energy Project (ADB) (GEF Project Financing : \$2,639,269) GEF ID 9355

International Waters Projects

24. **Regional (Egypt, Libya, Sudan, Chad):** Enabling Implementation of the Regional SAP for the Rational and Equitable Management of the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer System (NSAS). (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$3,990,000) GEF ID 9165
25. **Regional (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone):** West Africa Regional Fisheries Program, Additional Financing (World Bank) (GEF Project Financing : \$10,000,000) GEF ID 9360

Land Degradation Project

26. **Global:** Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Project (IUCN) (GEF Project Financing : \$2,752,294) GEF ID 9365

Chemicals and Waste Projects

27. **Regional (Central African Republic, Congo, Cameroon, Kenya, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe):** Regional project on the Development of National Action Plans for the Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining in Africa (UNEP) (GEF Project Financing: \$4,000,000) GEF ID 9276
28. **Belarus:** GEF-6 POPs Legacy and Sustainable Chemicals Management (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$8,400,000) GEF ID 8017
29. **China:** Capacity Strengthening For Implementation Of Minamata Convention On Mercury (World Bank) (GEF Project Financing : \$8,000,000) GEF ID 9240
30. **Ecuador:** National Program for the Environmental Sound Management and Live Cycle Management of Chemical Substances (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$8,490,000) GEF ID 9203
31. **Jordan:** Reduction and Elimination of POPs and Other Chemical Releases through Implementation of Environmentally Sound Management of E-Waste, Healthcare Waste and Priority U-POPs Release Sources Associated with General Waste Management Activities (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$5,090,000) GEF ID 9189
32. **Mexico:** Environmentally Sound Management and Destruction of PCBs in Mexico: Second Phase (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$4,800,000) GEF ID 9214
33. **Nigeria:** Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of PCBs (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$6,930,000) GEF ID 9236
34. **Thailand:** Greening the Scrap Metal Value Chain through Promotion of BAT/BEP to Reduce UPOPs Releases from Recycling Facilities (UNIDO) (GEF Project Financing : \$4,500,000) GEF ID 9222

2. With respect to the following two 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 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:
 - 1) **Regional (Indonesia, Philippines):** The Meloy Fund: A Fund for Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries in SE Asia (non-grant) (CI) GEF ID 9370
 - 2) **South Africa:** Development of Value Chains for Products derived from Genetic Resources in Compliance with the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing and the National Biodiversity Economy Strategy (UNDP) GEF ID 9255
3. With respect to the following PIFs, the Council requests that the project proposals be deferred for consideration at the June 2016 Council meeting:
 - 1) **Cameroon:** Integrated Sustainable Urban Development (SUDP) and Environmentally Sound Management of Municipal Solid Waste Project in Cameroon (AfDB) (GEF Project Financing: \$7,956,880) GEF ID 9234
 - 2) **Kazakhstan:** Conservation and Sustainable Management of Key Globally Important Ecosystems for Multiple Benefits (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing: \$8,069,178) GEF ID 9193
 - 3) **Pakistan:** Pakistan Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing: \$4,644,521) GEF ID 9231
4. With respect to all PIFs approved in this 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. 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.
6. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council is appended as [Annex 1](#).

50th Council Meeting – June 2016

Decision 2/2016 GEF Corporate Scorecard & Results-Based Management Action Plan: Update on Progress and Planned Work

1. The Council takes note of the *Update of the Results-Based Management Action Plan*, welcomes the *GEF Corporate Scorecard* ([GEF Corporate Scorecard & Results-Based Management Action Plan: Update on Progress and Planned Work](#)), and requests that it be provided to Council for information on an ongoing basis.

Decision 3/2016 Future Monitoring Agency Compliance with GEF Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender, and Fiduciary Standards

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.50/04, [Monitoring Agency Compliance with GEF Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender, and Fiduciary Standards](#), takes note of the three options presented and agrees, in principle, on the need for periodic self-and third party-assessment of Agencies' on-going compliance with GEF Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender, and Fiduciary Standards. The Council further agrees that reporting on self-assessments should take place once per replenishment cycle, starting in the final year of GEF-7. The Council requests that the Secretariat present at the October 2016 Council meeting effective and efficient implementation modalities for Agencies' self-assessment, and presents for further discussion options, including additional information on costs, the periodicity of assessment and modalities, for a possible risk-based independent third-party review of Agencies' compliance.

Decision 4/2016 Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency: Establishment of a Trust Fund and Programming Directions

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.50/05, [Establishment of a new Trust Fund for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency](#), approves the arrangements proposed for the establishment of a new trust fund, with the aim to support the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) as part of the Paris Agreement and its decision.
2. The Council invites the World Bank to act as Trustee for the new CBIT Trust Fund.
3. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.50/06, [Programming Directions for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency](#), approves the programming and implementation modalities for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency, to be

supported by a new Trust Fund as per document GEF/C.50/05, [Establishment of a New Trust Fund for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency](#).

Decision 5/2016 Future Directions for Accreditation: A Follow-Up

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.50/07, [Future Directions on Accreditation – A Follow-Up](#), takes note of the conclusions and analysis carried out by the Secretariat and decided to reassess, at the end of the sixth replenishment period of the GEF Trust Fund (GEF-6), whether to launch a process to accredit a limited number of additional Agencies. The Council agrees that this should build on the findings of the Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS6) and take into account criteria set out in the Secretariat's paper ([GEF/C.50/07](#)). The Council also requests that the IEO, in OPS6, evaluate the extent to which the GEF's business model optimizes the diverse capabilities available within the GEF partnership.

Decision 6/2016 GEF Project and Program Cycle Policy

1. The Council, having reviewed Document GEF/C.50/08/Rev.01, [GEF Project and Program Cycle Policy](#), approves the Policy, which replaces and supersedes all relevant previous Council-approved Working Documents and decisions concerning the GEF project and programmatic approach cycles. The Council also requests that the Secretariat establish a working group with the GEF Partner Agencies, and STAP and the Trustee to develop and issue Guidelines on the project and program cycle by or before the June 2017 Council Meeting. The Council also requests that the Secretariat bring to Council any issues that would benefit from further guidance.

Decision 7/2016 Semi-Annual Evaluation Report June 2016

1. The Council, having reviewed the [Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: June 2016](#), approves the IEO Budget for FY2017.

Decision 8/2016 Sixth Overall Performance Study (OPS6) Approach Paper

1. The Council, having reviewed the Document GEF/ME/C.50/07, [Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF \(OPS6\) - Approach Paper](#), approves this approach paper.
2. The Council requests the Evaluation Office to implement the Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation and to provide the reports to the Replenishment process and to the Council according to the schedule presented.

Decision 9/2016 Evaluation of the GEF CSO Network and Management Response

1. The Council, having reviewed GEF/ME/C.50/02, [Evaluation of the GEF Civil Society Organization \(CSO\) Network](#), and GEF/ME/C.50/03, [Management Response to the Evaluation of the GEF Civil Society Organization Network](#), decides to set up an ad-hoc working group of interested Council Members to develop an updated vision of the relationship between the GEF and civil society, and a plan to achieve it, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, and report back to the Council at its first meeting in 2017. The Council encourages the CSO Network to establish a working group that includes balanced representation of CSO Stakeholder views, to interact with the Council Working Group on a new, updated vision for the Network, including governance, policies, guidelines and cooperation mechanisms.

Decision 10/2016 Annual Performance Report 2015 and Management Response

1. The Council, having reviewed GEF/ME/C.50/04, [Annual Performance Report 2015](#), and GEF/ME/C.50/05, [Management Response to the Annual Performance Report 2015](#), takes note of the conclusions of the evaluation and endorses the recommendation.

Decision 11/2016 Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.50/09, [Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions](#), welcomes 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 12/2016 GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY17

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.50/10, [GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY17](#), takes note of the business plan, and approves a FY17 corporate budget from the GEF Trust Fund of \$25.586 million, comprised of:
 - (a) \$19.979 million for the GEF Secretariat
 - (b) \$2.620 million for STAP
 - (c) \$2.987 million for the Trustee
2. The Council also approves a total FY17 administrative budget for the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) of \$31,000, 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) \$11,000 for the Trustee

3. The Council requests the Secretariat, in consultation with STAP and the Trustee, to present a combined FY18 corporate budget and business plan for discussion at its 2017 spring meeting.

Decision 13/2016 Work Program

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.50/11, [Work Program for GEF Trust Fund](#), approves the work program comprising 38 project concepts (including three resubmitted projects from the April 2016 Intersessional Work Program) and four programmatic frameworks, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by June 23, 2016.
2. Total resources approved in this work program¹ amount to \$398.68 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 (Afghanistan, Botswana, Congo, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Gabon, Indonesia, India, Kenya, Mali, Malawi, Mozambique, Philippines, Thailand, Tanzania, Vietnam, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe):** Global Partnership on Wildlife Conservation and Crime Prevention for Sustainable Development² (Resubmission of 9071) (World Bank, UNEP, ADB, UNDP) (GEF Financing : \$ 40,199,414) GEF ID 9439
2. **Global (Central African Republic, Cameroon, China, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania, Congo DR):** TRI The

¹ The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its policies for certain development projects, abstains from participating in the Council decision on the following projects: 1) **Global (Central African Republic, Cameroon, China, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania, Congo DR) : TRI The Restoration Initiative - Fostering Innovation and Integration in Support of the Bonn Challenge (IUCN, FAO, UNEP)**, 2) **Turkmenistan : Sustainable Cities: Integrated Green Urban Development in Ashgabat and Awaza (UNDP)**, 3) **Cuba : Incorporating Multiple Environmental Considerations and their Economic Implications into the Management of Landscapes Forests and Production Sectors in Cuba (UNDP)**; and opposes, and therefore does not join the Council decision that supports the following projects: 1) **Global (Chile, Indonesia, Myanmar, Tunisia, South Africa) : Leapfrogging Markets to High Efficiency Products (Appliances, including Lighting, and Electrical Equipment)**¹ (PFD Resubmission of #9083) (UNEP, DBSA, UNDP), 2) **Global (Antigua And Barbuda, Burundi, Congo, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kyrgyz Republic, Madagascar, Mauritania, Maldives, Nepal, Swaziland, Chad, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Congo DR, Zimbabwe) : Umbrella Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports to the UNFCCC (UNEP)**, 3) **Global (Afghanistan, Botswana, Congo, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Gabon, Indonesia, India, Kenya, Mali, Malawi, Mozambique, Philippines, Thailand, Tanzania, Vietnam, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe) : Global Partnership on Wildlife Conservation and Crime Prevention for Sustainable Development (Resubmission of 9071) (World Bank, UNEP, ADB, UNDP)**

² Resubmitted PFD for *Global Partnership on Wildlife Conservation and Crime Prevention for Sustainable Development (originally approved in June 2015)*

Restoration Initiative - Fostering Innovation and Integration in Support of the Bonn Challenge (IUCN, FAO, UNEP) (GEF Financing : \$ 54,133,704) GEF ID 9264

3. **Global (Chile, Indonesia, Myanmar, Tunisia, South Africa):** Leapfrogging Markets to High Efficiency Products (Appliances, including Lighting, and Electrical Equipment)³ (PFD Resubmission of #9083) (UNEP, DBSA, UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 19,992,753) GEF ID 9436
4. **Madagascar:** S3MR Sustainable Management of Madagascar's Marine Resources (WWF-US, World Bank) (GEF Financing: \$ 12,706,422) GEF ID 9433

Multi Focal Area

5. **Regional (Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines):** Caribbean Regional Ocean-scape Project (World Bank) (GEF Financing: \$ 6,300,000) GEF ID 9451
6. **Brazil:** Realizing the Biodiversity Conservation Potential of Private Lands (UNEP) (GEF Financing: \$ 8,953,425) GEF ID 9413
7. **Cameroon:** Integrated Sustainable Urban Development (SUDP) and Environmentally Sound Management of Municipal Solid Waste Project in Cameroon⁴ (Resubmission) (AfDB) (GEF Financing: \$ 7,956,880) GEF ID 9234
8. **Chad:** Restoring Ecological Corridors in Western Chad for Multiple Land and Forests Benefits - RECONNECT (IUCN) (GEF Financing: \$ 5,366,972) GEF ID 9417
9. **Costa Rica:** Conserving Biodiversity through Sustainable Management in Production Landscapes in Costa Rica (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 6,699,315) GEF ID 9416
10. **Cuba:** Incorporating Multiple Environmental Considerations and their Economic Implications into the Management of Landscapes Forests and Production Sectors in Cuba (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 9,580,365) GEF ID 9429
11. **Dominican Republic:** Mainstreaming Conservation of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Productive Landscapes in Threatened Forested Mountainous Areas (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 8,176,165) GEF ID 9424
12. **Honduras:** Agroforestry Landscapes and Sustainable Forest Management that Generate Environmental and Economic Benefits Globally and Locally (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 13,286,697) GEF ID 9262

³ Resubmitted PFD for *Leapfrogging Markets to High Efficiency Products (Appliances, including Lighting, and Electrical Equipment)* (originally approved in October 2015)

⁴ Deferred from the April 2016 Intersessional Work Program

13. **India:** Green-Ag: Transforming Indian Agriculture for Global Environmental Benefits and the Conservation of Critical Biodiversity and Forest Landscapes (FAO) (GEF Financing: \$ 33,558,716) GEF ID 9243
14. **Kazakhstan:** Conservation and Sustainable Management of Key Globally Important Ecosystems for Multiple Benefits⁵ (Resubmission) (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$8,069,178) GEF ID 9193
15. **Kazakhstan:** Sixth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Kazakhstan (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,649,726) GEF ID 9205
16. **Kenya:** Sixth Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Kenya (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 3,561,644) GEF ID 9241
17. **Malaysia:** Sustainable Management of Peatland Ecosystems in Malaysia (SMPEM) (IFAD) (GEF Financing: \$ 9,433,027) GEF ID 9270
18. **Pakistan:** Pakistan Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program⁶ (Resubmission) (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 4,644,521) GEF ID 9231
19. **Peru:** Sustainable Industrial Zone Development in Peru (UNIDO) (GEF Financing: \$ 4,864,000) GEF ID 9206
20. **Seychelles:** Third South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project (SWIOFish3) (World Bank) (GEF Financing: \$ 5,292,110) GEF ID 9250
21. **St. Lucia:** Integrated Ecosystem Management on the South East Coast of St Lucia (UNEP) (GEF Financing: \$ 4,428,145) GEF ID 9406
22. **Suriname:** Improving Environmental Management in the Mining Sector of Suriname, with Emphasis on Gold Mining (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 7,589,041) GEF ID 9288
23. **Timor Leste:** Securing the Long-term Conservation of Timor Leste Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services through the Establishment of a functioning National Protected Area Network and the Improvement of Natural Resource Management in Priority Catchment Corridor (CI) (GEF Financing : \$ 3,340,367) GEF ID 9434
24. **Uruguay:** Climate-smart Livestock Production and Land Restoration in the Uruguayan Rangelands (FAO) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,091,781) GEF ID 9153
25. **Vietnam:** Mainstreaming Natural Resource Management and Biodiversity Conservation objectives into socio-economic development planning and management of Biosphere Reserve in Viet Nam (UNDP) (GEF Financing : \$ 6,660,000) GEF ID 9361

⁵ Deferred from the April 2016 Intersessional Work Program

⁶ Deferred from the April 2016 Intersessional Work Program

Biodiversity

26. **Regional (Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines):** Preventing COSTS of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Barbados and the OECS Countries (UNEP) (GEF Financing: \$ 3,747,945) GEF ID 9408
27. **Antigua and Barbuda:** The Path to 2020. Antigua and Barbuda (UNEP) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,729,153) GEF ID 9402
28. **Mexico:** Securing the Future of Global Agriculture Facing the Threat of Climate Change, Conserving the Genetic Diversity of the Traditional Agroecosystems (FAO) (GEF Financing: \$ 5,329,452) GEF ID 9380
29. **Mexico:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity in Priority Landscapes of Oaxaca and Chiapas (CI) (GEF Financing: \$ 7,219,450) GEF ID 9445

Climate Change

30. **Global (Afghanistan, Antigua And Barbuda, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Dominica, Eritrea, Fiji, Guinea, Haiti, Jamaica, Liberia, Myanmar, Malawi, Niger, Nauru, Suriname, Sao Tome and Principe, Chad, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda):** Technology Needs Assessments-Phase III (UNEP) (GEF Financing : \$ 5,400,000) GEF ID 9452
31. **Global (Antigua And Barbuda, Burundi, Congo, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kyrgyz Republic, Madagascar, Mauritania, Maldives, Nepal, Swaziland, Chad, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Congo DR, Zimbabwe):** Umbrella Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports to the UNFCCC (UNEP) (GEF Financing : \$ 10,530,720) GEF ID 9442
32. **Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Catalyzing Environmental Finance for Low-Carbon Urban Development (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,370,000) GEF ID 9151
33. **Central African Republic:** Promotion of Small Hydropower Based Mini-Grids for a Better Access to Modern Energy Services in Central African Republic (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,645,000) GEF ID 9291
34. **Comoros:** Sustainable Development of Comoros Islands by Promoting the Geothermal Energy Sources (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 5,905,662) GEF ID 9040
35. **Jordan:** A Systemic Approach to Sustainable Urbanization and Resource Efficiency in Greater Amman Municipality (GAM) (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,640,000) GEF ID 9204
36. **Tajikistan:** Green Energy SMEs Development (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,519,963) GEF ID 9191

37. **Togo:** Project of Hybridization of Diesel Engines of Multifunctional Platforms with Solar Systems (BOAD) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,672,905⁷) GEF ID 9393
38. **Turkey:** Sustainable Use of Biomass to Assist the Development of Turkey's Economy Towards a Low-carbon Development Path (UNIDO) (GEF Financing: \$ 4,416,210) GEF ID 9218
39. **Turkmenistan:** Sustainable Cities: Integrated Green Urban Development in Ashgabat and Awaza (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 6,060,046) GEF ID 9279

Land Degradation

40. **Regional (Egypt, Jordan):** Healthy Ecosystems for Rangeland Development (HERD): Sustainable Rangeland Management for Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change Mitigation (UNEP) (GEF Financing: \$ 3,515,982) GEF ID 9407

Chemicals and Waste

41. **Georgia:** PCB-Free Electricity Distribution in Georgia (UNIDO) (GEF Financing: \$ 3,910,000) GEF ID 9227
42. **Paraguay:** Strengthening the Environmentally-sound Management and Disposal of PCBs in the Electricity Sector in Paraguay (UNIDO) (GEF Financing: \$ 3,953,250) GEF ID 9357

3. With respect to the following three 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's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency.

1. **Cameroon:** Integrated Sustainable Urban Development (SUDP) and Environmentally Sound Management of Municipal Solid Waste Project in Cameroon⁸ (Resubmission) (AfDB)
2. **Antigua And Barbuda:** The Path to 2020 - Antigua and Barbuda (UNEP)
3. **India:** Green-Ag: Transforming Indian Agriculture for Global Environmental Benefits and the Conservation of Critical Biodiversity and Forest Landscapes (FAO)

4. With respect to the following PFD, the Council requests that a revised version of this program proposal be presented for consideration at the October 2016 Council meeting:

⁷ Corrected GEF financing amount from the Cover Note

⁸ Deferred from the April 2016 Intersessional Work Program

1. Africa (Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, Tanzania, Zambia): EHPMP - Environmental Health and Pollution Management Program in Africa (World Bank)

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 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.
7. With respect to the PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, the final PFD document fully incorporating and addressing the Council's and STAP reviews shall be posted on the web for the Council's information.
8. The Council takes note of the GEF Trust Fund Financial Report and, in particular, the Trustee's estimate of the potential resource shortfall of the GEF-6 envelope that primarily reflects exchange rate movements. The Council notes the Secretariat's commitment to the ongoing prudential management of GEF Trust Fund resources, and requests that the Secretariat prepare an update on GEF-6 resource availability, which also reflects any funding released from the GEF Cancellation Policy, and propose other potential measures to support effective resource use during GEF-6 for Council consideration at its October 2016 meeting.
9. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 50th session of the work program is part of the associated [Annex 1](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

Decision 14/2016 Investment Strategy Review of the GEF Trust Fund

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.50/12, [Investment Strategy Review of the GEF Trust Fund](#), takes note of the opportunities available to the GEF to potentially enhance the investment returns through diversification of investment options, including equities. The Council requests the Trustee to explore Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) risks and opportunities for the GEF Trust Fund Investment portfolio, and come back to the Council at its 52nd meeting with options to this effect.

Decision 15/2016 Confirmation of Participants in Constituency Groupings

1. The Council confirms the following [Constituency groupings](#):
 - Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Syria and Yemen.
 - Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.
 - Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
 - Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.
 - Estonia, Finland and the Netherlands.
 - Sweden.

Decision 16/2016 Dates for the Fall 2017 Council Meeting

1. The Council decides that it will hold its fall 2017 meeting during the week of December 4, 2017.

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Decision 17/2016 Annual Portfolio Monitoring Report 2016

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/51/03, [Annual Portfolio Monitoring Report 2016](#), welcomes the overall finding that the GEF portfolio under implementation in FY16 performed satisfactorily across all focal areas. The Council also welcomes the update of the GEF Corporate Scorecard.

Decision 18/2016 Update on GEF-6 Resource Availability

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.51/04, [Update on GEF-6 Resource Availability](#), agreed that, as a contingency measure to effectively manage the projected shortfall of the GEF-6 resource envelope, the Secretariat undertake programming aiming to maintain the balance among the original allocations in the GEF-6 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.

Decision 19/2016 Work Program

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.51/05, [Work Program for GEF Trust Fund](#), approves the Work Program comprising 16 project concepts and three programmatic frameworks, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by November 9, 2016.
2. Total resources approved in this Work Program⁹ amounted to \$301.91 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 (Burkina Faso, Colombia, Guyana, Indonesia, Kenya, Mongolia, Peru, Philippines):** Global Opportunities for Long-term Development of ASGM Sector - GEF GOLD (UNEP/CI, UNDP, UNIDO) (GEF Financing : \$ 45,262,294) GEF ID 9602.
2. **Regional (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Tunisia):** Mediterranean Sea Programme (Med-Programme): Enhancing Environmental Security (UNEP/EBRD) (GEF Financing : \$ 42,376,147) GEF ID 9607.
3. **China:** China's Protected Area System Reform (C-PAR) (UNDP/FECO, CI) (GEF Financing : \$ 18,616,055) GEF ID 9403

Non-grant Instrument Projects

4. **Seychelles:** Third South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project (SWIOFish3) (World Bank) (GEF Financing : \$ 5,000,000) GEF ID 9563.

Multi Focal Area

5. **Global:** GEF Small Grants Programme - Sixth Operational Phase (Part II) (UNDP) (GEF Financing : \$ 67,307,692) GEF ID 9209.
6. **Eritrea:** Restoring Degraded Forest Landscapes and Promoting Community-based, Sustainable and Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Rora Habab

⁹ The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons, opposes the decision on the following projects and therefore does not join the Council decision that would support: 1) GEF Project 9266 Restoring Degraded Forest Landscapes and Promoting Community-based, Sustainable and Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Rora Habab Plateau, Nakfa Sub-zoba, Northern Red Sea Region of Eritrea; 2) GEF Project 9209 GEF Small Grants Programme – Sixth Operational Phase (Part II) (Including Eritrea and Zimbabwe). The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects involving countries that have human rights issues, abstains from participating in the decision on GEF Project 9403 China's Protected Area System Reform. The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects involving Cuba, abstains from participating in the decision for GEF Project 9435 Introduction of New Farming Methods for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, including Plant and Animal Genetic Resources, in Production Landscapes in Selected Areas of Cuba.

- Plateau, Nakfa Sub-zoba, Northern Red Sea Region of Eritrea (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 8,260,607) GEF ID 9266.
7. **Mauritania:** Integrated Ecosystem Management Program for the Sustainable Human Development in Mauritania (FAO) (GEF Financing : \$ 8,222,505) GEF ID 9294.
 8. **Mexico:** Sustainable Productive Landscapes (World Bank) (GEF Financing: \$21,862,385) GEF ID 9555.
 9. **Morocco:** Revitalising Oasis Agro-ecosystems through a Sustainable, Integrated and Landscape Approach in the Draâ-Tafilalet Region (OASIL) (FAO) (GEF Financing: \$8,631,050) GEF ID 9537.
 10. **Vietnam:** Mekong Delta Integrated Climate Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods Project (World Bank) (GEF Financing : \$ 5,890,831) GEF ID 9265.

Biodiversity

11. **Brazil:** Sustainable, Accessible and Innovative Use of Biodiversity Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in Promising Phytotherapeutic Value Chains in Brazil (UNDP) (GEF Financing : \$ 5,722,770) GEF ID 9449.
12. **Cuba:** Introduction of New Farming Methods for the Conservation and Sustainable use of Biodiversity, Including Plant and Animal Genetic Resources, in Production Landscapes in Selected Areas of Cuba. (FAO) (GEF Financing : \$ 2,973,288) GEF ID 9435.
13. **Mauritius:** Mainstreaming IAS Prevention, Control and Management (UNDP) (GEF Financing : \$ 3,888,265) GEF ID 9553.
14. **Papua New Guinea:** Sustainable Financing of Papua New Guinea's Protected Area Network (UNDP) (GEF Financing : \$ 11,314,679) GEF ID 9536.

Climate Change

15. **Egypt:** Egyptian Programme for Promoting Industrial Motor Efficiency (UNIDO) (GEF Financing : \$ 2,750,000) GEF ID 9423.
16. **Vanuatu:** Barrier Removal for Achieving the National Energy Road Map Targets of Vanuatu (BRANTV) (UNDP) (GEF Financing : \$ 2,639,726) GEF ID 9574.

International Waters

17. **Regional (Chile, Peru):** Catalysing Implementation of a Strategic Action Programme for the Sustainable Management of shared Living Marine Resources in the Humboldt Current System (HCS) (UNDP) (GEF Financing : \$ 8,000,000) GEF ID 9592.

18. **Regional (Malawi, Tanzania):** Strengthening Trans-boundary Cooperation and Integrated Natural Resources Management in the Songwe River Basin (AfDB) (GEF Financing : \$ 6,392,694) GEF ID 9420.

Land Degradation

19. **Lebanon:** Land degradation neutrality of mountain landscapes in Lebanon (UNDP) (GEF Financing : \$ 4,621,005) GEF ID 9388.

3. 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.
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 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.
5. With respect to the PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, child projects will incorporate Council's and STAP's comments, as appropriate, at the time of CEO Endorsement / Approval submission. The Secretariat will circulate child project documents to the Council for a four-week period before CEO Endorsement / Approval.
6. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 51st session of the work program is part of the associated [Annex 1](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

Decision 20/2016 Seventh Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.51/06, [Seventh Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund](#), requested the Trustee, in cooperation with the Secretariat, to initiate the discussions on the seventh replenishment of resources of the GEF Trust Fund.

Decision 21/2016 Monitoring Agency Compliance with GEF Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender and Fiduciary Standards: Implementation Modalities

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.51/08/Rev.01, [Monitoring Agency Compliance with GEF Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender, and](#)

[Fiduciary Standards: Implementation Modalities](#), approves the proposed Policy on Monitoring Agencies' Compliance contained in Annex I to the document. The Council further agrees to review the Policy following completion of the first round of Agencies' self-assessments, third-party reviews and reporting, and in time to inform implementation of the subsequent round.

Decision 22/2016 Semi-Annual Evaluation Report October 2016 and Management Response

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.51/01, [Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF](#), takes note of the findings and conclusions of the completed studies, and of the ongoing evaluations being carried out in preparation for the Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF.

Decision 23/2016 Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.51/07/Rev.01, [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 24/2016 Memoranda of Understanding with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Minamata Convention on Mercury

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.51/10, [Draft Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly Africa and the Council of the Global Environment Facility](#):
 - (a) Invites Council Members to submit to the GEF Secretariat any comments that they may have on the draft Amendments by January 31, 2017;
 - (b) Requests the GEF Secretariat to reflect Council Members' views in its collaboration with the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to revise the draft Amendments to Memorandum of Understanding, and further requests the GEF CEO to submit the document jointly with the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD to the next Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD for its approval.

2. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.51/11, [Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Council of the Global Environment Facility](#):
 - (a) Invites Council Members to submit to the GEF Secretariat any comments that they may have on the draft Memorandum of Understanding by January 31, 2017;
 - (b) Requests the GEF Secretariat to reflect Council Members' views in its collaboration with the Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention to revise the draft Memorandum of Understanding, which will be presented to the First Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

Decision 25/2016 Recommendations of the Working Group on Public Involvement

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.51/09/Rev.01, [Recommendations of the Working Group on Public Involvement](#), welcomes the report and requests the Secretariat to present an updated policy on stakeholder engagement and access to information for consideration at its 53rd meeting in December 2017.

Decision 26/2016 Report of the Selection and Review Committee

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.51/12, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee* (SRC)¹⁰:
 - (a) Takes note of the FY17 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 2017;
 - (b) Agrees with the SRC's positive assessment of the GEF CEO's FY16 performance and the recommendation to provide the GEF CEO with a "4" rating and taking into account the GEF CEO's current salary zone placement, in accordance with the World Bank's Merit Increase Matrix the SRC recommends a merit-based salary increase in FY17 for the GEF CEO that is consistent with World Bank's Merit Increase Matrix. 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 FY16 performance and the recommendation to provide the GEF IEO Director with a "4"

¹⁰ The Council Members representing France, Spain, Italy, and the Netherlands abstained from participating in the decision on the salary increases, contained in paragraph 1 (b) and (c).

rating on the World Bank's 5-point scale, and taking into account the IEO Director's current salary zone placement, in accordance with the World Bank's Merit Increase Matrix the SRC recommends a merit-based salary increase in FY17 for the IEO Director that is consistent with World Bank's Merit Increase Matrix. The Council requests the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department;

- (d) Requests the GEF CEO and the Director of the IEO to provide the SRC – with the support of the World Bank Human Resources Department – with the relevant documents (self-assessment, staff survey, 360-degree assessment report, goals and objectives for the next fiscal year) four weeks ahead of the Council meeting.
- (e) Requests the SRC to circulate its report and recommendations to the Council at least three days before the Council must take a decision.
- (f) Requests the SRC, with the assistance of World Bank Human Resources Office, to develop detailed guidelines, including the responsibilities, procedures, and membership of the SRC, and present these guidelines to the Council at its next meeting.

Decision 27/2016 Ad-Hoc Working Group on Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest

1. The Council decides to set up an Ad-Hoc Working Group of interested Council Members to produce a draft Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Council Members, Alternates, and Advisers and to present it for Council decision at its next meeting.

Decision 28/2016 Dates for Spring 2018 Council Meeting

1. The Council decides that it will hold its spring 2018 meeting back to back with Assembly and therefore the date will be set as soon as we have decided on the Assembly.