



GEF/C.47/02/Rev.01
October 10, 2014

GEF Council Meeting
October 28 – 30, 2014
Washington, D.C.

Agenda Item 03

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1.

Opening of the Meeting

(CEO Chairs)

1. The meeting will be opened by Naoko Ishii, CEO/Chairperson of the Facility.

Agenda Item 2.

Election of a Chairperson

(CEO Chairs)

2. In accordance with paragraph 18 of the Instrument, a Chairperson will be elected from among the Members of the Council. Paragraph 18 provides that the position of elected Chairperson will alternate from one meeting to another between Council Members from developed and developing countries. The elected Chairperson at the previous Council meeting was Mr. Juha Pyykko, the Council Member representing Estonia, Finland and Sweden.
3. Consistent with paragraph 18 of the Instrument, the Elected Chairperson is expected to Chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 3, "Adoption of the Agenda", agenda item 4, "Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY14: Part I", agenda item 10, "Conversation with the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions – Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions", agenda item 12, "Progress Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office Director", agenda item 13, "Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel", and agenda item 16, "Report of the Selection and Review Committee".
4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 17, "Other Business", and agenda item 18, "Joint Summary of the Chairs".
5. The CEO/Chairperson of the Facility will chair the Council meeting during discussions of the other items on the agenda.

Agenda Item 3.

Adoption of the Agenda

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

6. A *Provisional Agenda* for consideration by the Council has been issued as document GEF/C.47/01.Rev.01.
7. *The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.*

Agenda Item 4.

Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY14: Part I *(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

8. Document GEF/C.47/04, *Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY 14: Part I*, is designed to provide information regarding the overall health of the GEF Trust Fund's active portfolio of projects and to provide an overview of the portfolio approvals in any given fiscal year. At its meeting in May 2011, the Council agreed to a two-step approach to the AMR: (i) Part one, containing a macro-view of the portfolio under implementation presented to the Council at its fall meeting soon after the conclusion of the fiscal year; and (ii) Part two, presented in the spring, containing more in-depth analysis of outcomes, experiences, and lessons learned. This year's AMR provides: (i) an overview of cumulative project approvals since GEF inception; (ii) an analysis of GEF-5 project approvals through FY14; (iii) a breakdown of GEF's active portfolio, including performance ratings; and (iv) information on management effectiveness and efficiency indicators. The FY14 report also includes for the second time the first disbursement analysis for the projects which were CEO endorsed/approved during GEF-5.
9. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.47/04, "Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY 14: Part I," welcomes the overall finding that the GEF portfolio under implementation in FY14 performed satisfactorily across all focal areas. The Council welcomes the first disbursement analysis in the management effectiveness section.*

Agenda Item 5.

Results-based Management: Action Plan *(CEO Chairs)*

10. Document GEF/C.47/05, *Results-based Management: Action Plan*, has the purpose to set out the way in which GEF is evolving its RBM system at the corporate level to pursue the *GEF 2020* strategy and achieve the objectives of GEF-6 by managing better for results – including more accurately assessing GEF's rapidly evolving role in supporting global environmental improvements. This ambition is encapsulated in the *GEF 2020* emphasis on improving GEF's capacity to more efficiently measure what matters and close the feedback loop, the classic twin challenges of any results management system.
11. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.47/05, "Results-based Management: Action Plan", welcomed and approved the Action Plan. The Council requests the Secretariat to report on progress in the implementation of the Action Plan at the next Council meeting in June 2015.*

Agenda Item 6.

GEF-6 Non-Grant Instrument Pilot and Updated Policy for Non-Grant Instruments

(CEO Chairs)

12. Document GEF/C.47/06, *GEF-6 Non-Grant Instrument Pilot and Updated Policy for Non-Grant Instruments*, has the purpose to describe the implementation modalities for the Pilot. In addition, recognizing the need to clarify and strengthen certain elements of the existing GEF policy on non-grant instruments—in particular related to the management of reflows—an updated Policy for Non-grant Instruments is proposed. Finally, the paper includes an updated status report of the GEF’s past use of non-grant instruments.
13. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/06, “GEF-6 Non-Grant Instrument Pilot and Updated Policy for Non-Grant Instruments,” approves the implementation modalities for the Non-Grant Instrument Pilot. The Council also approves the updated Policy on Non-Grant instruments presented in Annex 1 to this document with an effectiveness date of November 1, 2014. This new policy replaces and supersedes the policy of March 2008 set out in Council Document GEF/C.33/12 with the title “Operational Policies and guidance for the Use of Non-Grant Instruments”.*

Agenda Item 7.

Improving the GEF Project Cycle

(CEO Chairs)

14. Document GEF/C.47/07, *Improving the GEF Project Cycle*, presents for Council consideration an analysis of key issues, alongside immediate opportunities and proposals relating to streamlining the project cycle. It contains the following focus areas: (i) in an effort to help address the persistent issue of long project preparation times, an updated cancellation policy is proposed to remove from the pipeline those projects that exceed maximum project preparation time-standards; (ii) an update on the status of implementation of the eight project cycle streamlining measures approved by the Council in November 2012; (iii) an update on the status of the pilot harmonization of procedures between the GEF Secretariat and the World Bank; and (iv) a proposal to refine the programmatic approach to encourage greater use of this modality.
15. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/07, “Improving the GEF Project Cycle”, approves the following: (i) the updated Project Cancellation Policy as proposed in this paper and set out in Annex 2; and (ii) a revised Programmatic Approach modality as proposed in this paper.*

Agenda Item 8.

The Country Support Programme Implementation (CEO Chairs)

16. Document GEF/C.47/08, *The Country Support Programme Implementation*, outlines the proposal for the GEF Country Support Programme (CSP) as a part of the Country Relations Strategy (CRS) during GEF-6. Based on the Programming Document approved by the Council at its 46th Meeting the CSP aims to provide targeted support to recipient countries, particularly with regard to building capacity of the country GEF focal points, Convention focal points and civil society as well as for resource programming.
17. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/08, "The Country Support Programme Implementation", approved the proposal for the Secretariat to execute the Country Support Programme according to the procedures contained therein.*
18. *The Country Support Programme will be comprised of the following elements, funded with a total allocation from the GEF Trust Fund of \$23 million, allocated across each activity as specified below:*
 - (a) *Support for National Portfolio Formulation Exercises (NPFES): \$2.4 million;*
 - (b) *Multi-stakeholder dialogues: \$2 million;*
 - (c) *GEF Workshops: \$12 million (ECWs 10 million; other workshops 2 million)*
 - (d) *Constituency Meetings: \$5 million;*
 - (e) *GEF Introduction Seminars: \$1.2million; and*
 - (f) *Pre-Council Meeting for Recipient Country Council Members/Alternates: 0.4 million*
19. *The Council directed the Trustee to set aside \$23 million in GEF Trust Fund resources for use by the Secretariat to fund these activities.*

Agenda Item 9.

Gender Equality Action Plan (CEO Chairs)

20. Document GEF/C.47/09, *Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP)*, provides a concrete road map to implement the GEF Policy on Gender Mainstreaming. The goal of the GEAP is to operationalize the mainstreaming of gender in GEF policy and programming to advance both the GEF's goals for attaining global environmental benefits and the goal of gender equality and women's empowerment.
21. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/09, "Gender Equality Action Plan", welcomes the action plan and approves its implementation. The Council recognizes the close*

collaboration among the GEF Secretariat, GEF Agencies, related Multilateral Environment Agreements, and other partners, in developing the action plan, and requests that this will be continued for its implementation.

Agenda Item 10.

Conversation with the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions – Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions
(CEO Chairs)

22. Document GEF/C.47/03, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, provides the Council with an update on the activities of the GEF in relation to the following multilateral environmental conventions: the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Montreal Protocol) and the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The document also provides information on relations between the GEF Secretariat and other international conventions and institutions.
23. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.47/03, “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.*

Agenda Item 11.

Progress Report on the Pilot Accreditation of GEF Project Agencies & Timeline for Further Discussion of Accreditation
(CEO Chairs)

24. Document GEF/C.47/10, *Progress Report on the Pilot Accreditation of GEF Project Agencies & Timeline for Further Discussion of Accreditation*, provides the status of the pilot accreditation of GEF Project Agencies, as well as a timeline for Council discussion on accreditation.
25. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.47/10, “Progress Report on the Pilot Accreditation of GEF Project Agencies & Timeline for Further Discussion of Accreditation,” notes the status of the Stage II reviews conducted by the Accreditation Panel to date.*
26. *The Council requests the Independent Evaluation Office to initiate in January 2015 collection of data in order to establish a baseline for an*

evaluation of the Pilot that would begin in [October 2016], which is two years after the first five agencies have been accredited, identifying the lessons learned from the Pilot.

27. *The Council requests the Secretariat to present a progress report on the accreditation pilot at the next Council meeting.*

Agenda Item 12.

Progress Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office Director

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

28. Document GEF/ME/C.47/01, *Progress Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office Director*, provides the Council with a critical reflection on the work program and products of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office. It has been informed by the Second Professional Peer Review of the GEF Evaluation Function conducted by an independent panel of experts convened under the auspices of the United Nations Evaluation Group.
29. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.47/01, "Progress Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office Director," takes note of the directions outlined in the document and authorizes the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office to further develop the work program with guidance from the Council and in consultation with GEF stakeholders for approval by the Council in its first meeting in 2015.*

Agenda Item 13.

Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

30. The Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will be invited to make a statement to the Council on the work of the Panel. A written report of the Chairperson can be found in document GEF/STAP/C.47/Inf.01, *Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel*. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to comment on the report, address questions to the Chairperson, and provide guidance to the Panel, as appropriate.

Agenda Item 14.

Work Program

(CEO Chairs)

31. Document GEF/C.47/11, *Work Program*, inaugurates the GEF-6 programming period that opened on July 30, 2014 with the approval of the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors of the GEF-6 Replenishment Resolution. The work program draws primarily on resources that were carried over from GEF-5. It consists of 15 project

concepts totaling \$177.79 million of GEF financing and \$12.94 million in associated Agency fees. Co-financing associated with the proposed work program amounts to \$861.42 million, meaning that each dollar provided by the GEF is being matched by \$4.79 in co-financing. Leading contributions to co-financing come from governments, GEF Agencies, the private sector, and donor agencies, accounting for 89 percent of the total co-financing resources.

32. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/11, "Work Program," approved the work program comprising 15 project concepts, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by November 13, 2014. Total resources approved in this work program amounted to \$190.74 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees.*

Agenda Item 15.

Stocktaking of Integrated Approach Pilots Preparation
(CEO Chairs)

33. An update will be provided about the Stocktaking of Integrated Approach Pilots Preparation.

Agenda Item 16.

Report of the Selection and Review Committee
(Elected Chairperson Chairs – Executive Session)

34. The Chair of the Selection and Review Committee will present the report of the SRC to the Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Agenda Item 17.

Other Business
(Jointly Chaired)

35. Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item.
36. The Chair will inform the Council of possible dates for holding the spring 2016 Council meeting.

Agenda Item 18.

Joint Summary of the Chairs
(Jointly Chaired)

37. The Elected Chair and the CEO/Chairperson will present a joint summary of the conclusions of the meeting. Decisions approved by the Council during the meeting will be included in the Chairs' Joint Summary.

Provisional Timetable

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Morning Session

09:00 – 09:30	Agenda Item 1.	Opening of the Meeting (CEO Chairs)
	Agenda Item 2.	Election of a Chairperson (CEO Chairs)
	Agenda Item 3.	Adoption of the Agenda (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
09:30 – 10:45	Agenda Item 5.	Results-based Management: Action Plan (CEO Chairs)
10:45 – 12:00	Agenda Item 7.	Improving the GEF Project Cycle (CEO Chairs)

Afternoon Session

13:30 – 14:30	Agenda Item 13.	Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
14:30 – 15:30	Agenda Item 4.	Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY14: Part I (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
15:30 – 16:30	Agenda Item 6.	GEF-6 Non-Grant Instrument Pilot and Updated Policy for Non-Grant Instruments (CEO Chairs)
16:30 – 17:30	Agenda Item 11.	Progress Report on the Pilot Accreditation of GEF Project Agencies & Timeline for Further Discussion of Accreditation (CEO Chairs)

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Morning Session

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| 09:00 – 10:30 | Agenda Item 10. | Conversation with the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions – Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions
(Elected Chairperson Chairs) |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Agenda Item 9. | Gender Equality Action Plan
(CEO Chairs) |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Agenda Item 12. | Progress Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office Director
(Elected Chairperson Chairs) |

Afternoon Session

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| 14:30 – 15:30 | Agenda Item 14. | Work Program
(CEO Chairs) |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | Agenda Item 8. | The Country Support Programme Implementation
(CEO Chairs) |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | Agenda Item 15. | Stocktaking of Integrated Approach Pilots Preparation
(CEO Chairs) |

Thursday, October 30, 2014

Morning Session

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Agenda Item 16. | Report of the Selection and Review Committee
(Elected Chairperson Chairs – Executive Session) |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | Agenda Item 17. | Other Business
(Jointly Chaired) |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | | <i>LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting</i> |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Agenda Item 18. | Joint Summary of the Chairs
(Jointly Chaired) |