

***Dialogue with
Multilateral Environmental Agreement Secretariats
and GEF***

Monday, May 22, 2017
10:00am-12:30pm
MC Building, Room C2 - 131
1818 H Street NW, Washington, DC

The GEF Secretariat is organizing a dialogue with Secretariats of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) at the margins of the 52nd GEF Council. This session aims to provide an opportunity to discuss the implementation of major MEAs within the context of the seventh replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (GEF-7), and to share perspectives on cross-cutting priority themes for the MEAs and the GEF. The dialogue brings together senior representatives of Secretariats of all Conventions that the GEF serves as a/the financial mechanism, and the GEF Secretariat representatives. The dialogue is open to Council members and other participants of the GEF Council meeting.

All Convention Secretariats have been invited to provide the GEF Secretariat with written comments and Convention-specific feedback on the proposed Programming Directions for GEF-7 by May 15, 2017. This dialogue with Convention Secretariats will provide an opportunity to exchange views on the visions and priorities for GEF-7, as well as cross-cutting issues to be taken into consideration.

Provisional Agenda
(as of 8 May 2017)

Time	Agenda Item
9:30-10:00	Registration and Coffee
10:00-10:15	Opening Remarks and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, GEF
10:15-10:30	Convention Engagement in Replenishment <p>The GEF Secretariat will provide an update on the Convention Engagement in the replenishment process thus far, and summarize Convention comments on the Programming Directions document, highlighting cross-cutting elements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustavo Fonseca, Director of Programs, GEF • Chizuru Aoki, Lead Environmental Specialist, GEF
10:30-12:00	Updates from Convention Secretariats <p>Representatives of the Convention Secretariats are requested to provide an update on key recent guidance to the GEF to be taken into consideration for programming, and highlight Convention-specific priorities for the GEF-7 replenishment (10 minutes each).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions • Jacob Duer, Principal Coordinator, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, UNEP • Amy Fraenkel, Director, Mainstreaming, Cooperation and Outreach Division, CBD • Melchiade Bukuru, Chief, UNCCD Liaison Office • Alejandro Kilpatrick, Team Leader, Climate Finance Sub-programme, UNFCCC <p>Discussions with participants will follow the Convention presentations.</p> <p>Moderator: Chizuru Aoki, GEF</p>

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12:00-12:20	<p>Way forward</p> <p>The GEF Secretariat personnel will share their perspectives on MEA guidance and comments, and how they may be addressed. The GEF will summarize next steps in refining the Programming Directions for consideration at the October 2017 replenishment meeting to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustavo Fonseca, GEF
12:20-12:30	<p>Wrap-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naoko Ishii, GEF