Summary of Document GEF/C.30/4

Progress Report on the Development of the Results Based Management Framework

Recommended Council Decision

The Council reviewed document GEF/C.30/4, *Progress Report on the Development of the Results-Based Management Framework*, and welcomes the progress that has been made in developing indicators in each of the focal areas and the preliminary steps that have been taken to prepare a results-based management framework. The Council recognizes the need to ensure consistency between the results-based management framework and the revised focal area strategies, and requests the Secretariat to ensure that the revised strategies and the management framework are submitted to the Council for consideration at its meeting in June 2007.

The policy recommendations for the Fourth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund requested the GEF Secretariat, GEF Agencies and the GEF Evaluation Office to develop, in consultation with recipient countries, a set of common quantitative and qualitative indicators and tracking tools for each focal area, to be used consistently in all projects, with a view to facilitating aggregation of results at the country and program levels as well as assessment of GEF’s transformational impact. A complete results management framework is to be brought forward for Council consideration which addresses quality at entry of project proposals, mid-term and end replenishment targets, and reporting on results of complete projects.

The policy recommendations also called for the review and revision, as necessary, of the six focal area strategies, taking into account cross-cutting issues of sustainable forest and sound chemicals management. These strategies should provide for a simplified approach to the GEF’s operational programs and strategic objectives.

In moving forward in developing a results-based management framework, it has become clear that the framework must be integrally linked, and developed in parallel with, the revised focal area strategies.

This document is a brief report of the progress to date in: (i) development of a results-based management framework; and (ii) progress achieved in development of indicators and tracking tools in the GEF focal areas.
The GEF Secretariat has taken the lead in exploring options for developing a GEF results-based management framework, in line with the indicator development work that is being undertaken by the focal areas.

The focal area task forces are continuing their work to develop and improve their respective indicators and tracking tools in congruence with the development of the overall GEF results-based management framework.

In line with the progress in focal area indicator development work, the annual portfolio performance review (PPR) exercise is also being reconceptualized as part of the larger effort to develop a comprehensive GEF results-based management framework.

As the focal area strategies are reviewed and revised for approval by the Council at its meeting in June 2007, the targets and indicators from that exercise will be incorporated into the results-based management framework which will also be presented for discussion at the June 2007 Council meeting.