



Global Environment Facility

Summary of Document GEF/C.31/3

Relations with Conventions and Other Institutions

Recommended Council Decision

The Council considered document GEF/C.31/3, *Relations with Conventions and Other Institutions*, and welcomes the proposed activities to implement the guidance and decisions that has been approved by the Conferences of the Parties to the global environmental conventions. The Council requests the Secretariat and the GEF agencies to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This document reports on developments of interest to the GEF under the multilateral environmental conventions, including the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and its Multilateral Fund.

Highlights reported include:

- (a) Proposed response by GEF to guidance provided by the eighth session of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP8) held in Curitiba, Brazil in March 2006. This is a follow-up report provided to the Council at its meeting in June 2006.
- (b) Proposed response by GEF to the guidance provided by the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 12) held in November 2006 in Nairobi, Kenya, and a report was provided at the December 2006 meeting of the Council.
- (c) Report on GEF participation in the fifth session of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification's Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC 5) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from March 12-21, 2007 and a report on GEF activities in support of the International Year of Desertification.

- (d) A brief report on the eighteenth meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (MOP-18). The meeting took place in New Delhi, India, from October 30 to November 3, 2006.
- (e) A brief report on the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP8) to the Basel Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. The meeting was held from November 27 to December 1, 2006, at the UN Office in Nairobi, Kenya.