



Global Environment Facility

Summary of Document GEF/C.32/4

Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

Recommended Council Decision

The Council considered document GEF/C.32/4, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, and welcomes the proposed guidance and decisions that have 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 GEF related decisions at the multilateral environmental agreements, including the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the UN 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.
2. Highlights reported include:
 - (a) Meetings and activities associated with the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.
 - (b) Issues addressed at the Twenty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Bodies of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Bonn, Germany from May 7-18, 2007.
 - (c) A report on the third Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants held in Dakar, Senegal from April 30 to May 4, 2007.
 - (d) A report on the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification held in Madrid, Spain, from September 1 to 14, 2007.

- (e) A report on the nineteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and the 20th Anniversary celebrations that took place in Montreal, Canada, September 17 to 21, 2007. The GEF was awarded a “Partner’s Award”. The meeting was preceded by an anniversary seminar organized by the Government of Canada to celebrate 20 years of progress.
- (f) A brief mention on the meeting of the Commission for Sustainable Development held in New York from May 1-12, 2007. Excerpts of the meeting can be downloaded from the CSD website: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/index.html>