



Global Environment Facility

GEF/C.34/2
October 23, 2008

GEF Council
November 11-13, 2008

Agenda Item 3

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 1.

OPENING OF THE MEETING
(CEO Chairs)

1. The meeting will be opened by Monique Barbut, 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 recipient and non-recipient Council Members. The elected Chairperson at the previous Council meeting was Ms. Mahaweb Aboul Azm, Council Member representing Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.
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, "Statements by Executive Secretaries of the Conventions," agenda item 5, "Relations with the Conventions," agenda item 7, "Progress Report of the Evaluation Director," agenda item 8, "Mid-Term Review of the RAF," agenda item 9, "Report by the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel," agenda item 16, "Appointment/Reappointment of the CEO/Chairperson of the Facility."
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 circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/C.34/1/Rev.1.
7. *The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 4.

STATEMENTS BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE CONVENTIONS

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

8. The representative of the Convention on Biological Diversity will report on recent decisions and developments under the Convention related to the activities of the GEF.

AGENDA ITEM 5.

RELATIONS WITH THE CONVENTIONS

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

9. Document GEF/C.34/3, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, reports on developments of interest to the GEF occurring since the GEF Council meeting in April 2008 within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, as well as other conventions and institutions of particular interest to the GEF.
10. *The Council is invited to consider the report and the proposed activities to implement the guidance and decisions that have been approved by the Conferences of the Parties to the global environmental conventions.*

AGENDA ITEM 6.

ORGANIZATION OF THE FOURTH GEF ASSEMBLY

(CEO Chairs)

11. Document GEF/C.34/4, *Note on the Organization of the Fourth GEF Assembly*, provides the Council with initial proposals regarding the organization of the Fourth GEF Assembly, including the proposal by Uruguay to host the Assembly, as well as estimated costs for Assembly-related activities that are to be undertaken during FY09.
12. *The Council is invited to review the Note on the Organization of the Fourth GEF Assembly, to accept the kind offer of Uruguay to host the next Assembly, and to approve the special initiative of \$653,730 for the planning of the next Council Assembly.*

AGENDA ITEM 7.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE EVALUATION DIRECTOR
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

13. Document GEF/ME/C.34/1, *Progress Report of the Evaluation Director*, to be presented by the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office, provides an assessment and update on the work conducted by the Evaluation Office in FY08, including progress implementing the Fourth Overall Performance Study.
14. *The Council is invited to review the document take note of its findings and encourage the Evaluation Office to bring forward all on-going work in the Fourth Overall Performance Study.*

AGENDA ITEM 8.

MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE RAF
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

15. Document GEF/ME/C.34/2, *Mid-Term Review of the Resource Allocation Framework*, to be presented by the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office, contains a review of the resource allocation framework.
16. GEF/ME/C.34/3, *Management Response to the Mid-Term Review of the Resource Allocation Framework*, prepared by the GEF Secretariat and the GEF Agencies, provides GEF management's response to the evaluation conducted by the GEF Evaluation Office.
17. *The Council is invited to review both the documents and approve the proposed Council decision, which has taken into consideration the GEF Management Response.*

AGENDA ITEM 9.

REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

18. The Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel will be invited to make a statement to the Council on the work of the Panel. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to address questions to the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel.
19. *The Council is invited to comment on the report of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel and to provide guidance to the Panel, as appropriate.*

AGENDA ITEM 10.

**STRATEGIC PROGRAM TO SCALE UP INVESTMENT IN
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**
(CEO Chairs)

20. Document GEF/C.34/5, *Elaboration of a Strategic Program to Scale up the Level of Investment in the Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies*, drafted in response to a request by the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, presents an overview of the GEF experience in financing technology transfer in the climate change focal area. The document identifies a range of elements or options for consideration and proposes a strategic program for implementation during the remainder of GEF-4 to support technology transfer activities at the GEF.
21. *The Council is invited to review the strategic program and to request the Secretariat to forward the document to the SBI at its 29th session in Poznan, Poland in December 2008. The Council is further invited to set aside \$50 million for the proposed technology transfer program.*

AGENDA ITEM 11.

WORK PROGRAM
(CEO Chairs)

22. Document GEF/C.34/6, *Work Program Submitted for Council Approval*, contains the proposed work program comprised of programmatic approaches and project proposals that are recommended by the CEO for Council endorsement and approval. This is the eighth work program presented for GEF Council review and approval in GEF-4 and since the GEF Resources Allocation Framework became applicable to the biodiversity and climate change focal areas. The work program requests \$201.17 million in GEF financing.
23. *The Council is invited to review the proposed work program with a view to approving it for further development.*

AGENDA ITEM 12.

GEF TRUST FUND FOR PROGRAMS
(CEO Chairs)

24. Document GEF/C.34/7, *GEF Trust Fund for Programs*, outlines the need and the procedures for and seeks Council approval for establishing a GEF Trust Fund for Programs.
25. *The Council is invited to review the document and approve the establishment of a GEF Trust Fund for Programs (GTFP) as described in the document. To this end the Council is invited to*

request the World Bank, as Trustee for the GEF, to administer the GTFP, and the Secretariat to actively seek contributions from potential donors to the GTFP and to report annually on the activities of, and status of commitments to, the GTFP.

AGENDA ITEM 13.

REPORT ON THE COMPLETION OF THE STRATEGIC PRIORITY ON ADAPTATION
(CEO Chairs)

26. Document GEF/C.34/8, *Report on the Completion of Programming of the Strategic Priority on Adaptation*, contains an account of the pilot phase of the Strategic Priority on Adaptation, including its challenges and benefits.
27. *The Council is invited to request the Office of Evaluation to conduct an independent evaluation of the Strategic Priority on Adaptation's pilot phase.*

AGENDA ITEM 14.

ENHANCING CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GEF
(CEO Chairs)

28. Document GEF/C.34/9, *Enhancing Civil Society Engagement and Partnerships with the GEF*, reports on measures taken in the period 2006-2008 to strengthen the GEF NGO Network and further explores ways to support the Network to promote more effective participation of, and engagement with, NGOs and other groups of CSOs.
29. *The Council is invited to review Document GEF/C.34/9, Enhancing Engagement of Civil Society with the GEF, and encourage support for implementation of the NGO's Strategic Operational Plan for 2008-2010. The Council is also invited to approve recreating the Voluntary NGO Trust Fund and adjusting the support provided for the participation of eligible NGO Network representatives at Council meetings.*

AGENDA ITEM 15.

DECISION ON THE FIFTH REPLENISHMENT OF THE GEF TRUST FUND
(CEO Chairs)

30. The Council is invited to review GEF/C.34/10, *Decision on the Fifth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund*, which explains the need to begin negotiation of the next replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund.

31. *The Council is invited to request the GEF Trustee, in cooperation with the GEF CEO, to initiate replenishment discussions.*

AGENDA ITEM 16. APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF THE CEO/CHAIRPERSON OF THE FACILITY
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

AGENDA ITEM 17. OTHER BUSINESS
(Jointly Chaired)

32. Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 18. JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS
(Jointly Chaired)

33. 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, November 11, 2008

Morning Session

09:30 – 10:30	Agenda Item 1	Opening of the Meeting (<i>CEO Chairs</i>)
	Agenda Item 2	Election of a Chairperson (<i>CEO Chairs</i>)
	Agenda Item 3	Adoption of the Agenda (<i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i>)
10:30 – 12:00	Agenda Item 4	Statements by Executive Secretaries of the Conventions (<i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i>)
	Agenda Item 5	Relations with the Conventions (<i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i>)
12:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 6	Organization of the Fourth GEF Assembly (<i>CEO Chairs</i>)

Afternoon Session

2:30 – 3:30	Agenda Item 7	Progress Report of the Evaluation Director (<i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i>)
3:30 – 5:00	Agenda Item 8	Mid-Term Review of the RAF (<i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i>)

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Morning Session

9:00 – 10:00	Agenda Item 9	Report by the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (<i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i>)
10:00 – 11:30	Agenda Item 10	Strategic Program to Scale up Investment in Technology Transfer (<i>CEO Chairs</i>)
11:30 – 1:00	Agenda Item 11	Work Program (<i>CEO Chairs</i>)

Afternoon Session

3:00 – 4:00	Agenda Item 12	GEF Trust Fund for Programs (<i>CEO Chairs</i>)
4:00 – 5:00	Agenda Item 13	Report on the Completion of the Strategic Priority on Adaptation (<i>CEO Chairs</i>)
5:00 – 6:00	Agenda Item 14	Enhancing Civil Society Engagement and Partnership with the GEF (<i>CEO Chairs</i>)

Thursday, November 13, 2008

Morning Session

9:00 – 11:00 LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting

11:00 – 11:30	Agenda Item 15	Decision on the Fifth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (<i>CEO Chairs</i>)
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11:30 – 12:00	Agenda Item 16	Appointment/Reappointment of the CEO/Chairperson of the Facility (<i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i>)
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12:00 – 1:00	Agenda Item 17	Other Business (<i>Jointly Chaired</i>)
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Afternoon session

3:00 – 5:00	Agenda Item 18	Joint Summary of the Chairs (<i>Jointly Chaired</i>)
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