



# Global Environment Facility

## Summary of Document GEF/C.34/3

### Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

#### Recommended Council decision for Relations with Conventions

The Council, having considered document GEF/C.34/3, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, welcomes the proposed activities to implement the 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 developments of interest to the GEF under the multilateral environmental conventions: the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and its Multilateral Fund (the Montreal Protocol). The document also provides information on relations of the GEF with other conventions and international institutions.

#### Highlights reported include:

- (a) Report of the GEF participation and contribution to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CBD COP-9 held in Bonn, Germany, from 19 - 30 May, 2008.
- (b) Proposed response by the GEF to guidance provided by the fourth meeting of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 4) held in Bonn, Germany, from 12 - 16 May, 2008.
- (c) Proposed response by the GEF to guidance provided by the ninth meeting of the Parties to CBD COP-9 held in Bonn, Germany, from 19 - 30 May, 2008.
- (d) A brief report on the twenty-eight session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to the UNFCCC held in Bonn, Germany, from 4 - 13 June, 2008;
- (e) A brief report on the 28th Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Bangkok, Thailand from 7 - 11 July, 2008.

- (f) A report on GEF participation in the high level policy dialogue implementing the UNCCD COP decision 3/COP.8 of The 10-year Strategic Plan and Framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention;
- (g) A brief note on further cooperation of the GEF with the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;
- (h) A report on the meetings and progress of the Adaptation Fund Board.