



# Global Environment Facility

## Summary of Document GEF/C.34/7

### GEF Trust Fund for Programs

#### Recommended Council Decision

The Council approves the establishment of the GEF Trust Fund for Programs (GTFP) as described in document GEF/C.34/7 and requests the World Bank, as Trustee for the GEF, to administer the GTFP. The Council invites the Secretariat to actively seek contributions from potential donors to the GTFP to finance a broad range of activities in accordance with the principles set forth in this document. The Council requests the Secretariat to report annually on the activities of, and status of commitments to, the GTFP.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The use of programmatic approaches to support the implementation of medium to long-term Programs through a set of interlinked projects within countries or across regions has been widely recognized as a more effective financing vehicle to support the sustainable development of developing countries, as opposed to traditional support, which is provided on a project-by-project basis. However, the large-scale and sustained impact on the global environment that programmatic approaches offer also simultaneously requires larger-scale resources.

2. Thus, additional funding needs have prompted GEF to review alternative funding sources, in addition to the GEF Trust Fund which is being replenished once every four years. In this process, the GEF has seen opportunities to attract new and additional resources to help finance the increased level of activities that result from programmatic approaches. In particular, several potential donors have expressed interest to contribute funding to this additional funding needs for programmatic approaches. To receive contributions of these interested donors, the GEF proposed to establish the GEF Trust Fund for Program (GTFP). This paper outlines the objectives and procedures to effect the GTFP and seeks Council approval the establishment of the GTFP.

3. All activities to be financed from the GTFP will be consistent with GEF strategies and policies, including eligibility criteria for recipient countries. The Council will have approved all programmatic approaches and constituent projects that are to be provided additional funding from the GTFP. Moreover, activities to be financed by the GTFP will normally be described in the Programmatic Framework Document approved by the Council.

4. Because the activities of the GTFP are expected to complement or enhance the activities of the GEF Trust Fund associated with programmatic approaches, the GTFP will be charged only for incremental administrative costs to manage the GTFP. It will also follow similar rules as applied to the GEF Trust Fund in accountability, reporting and auditing.