



# Global Environment Facility

GEF/C.36/2  
October 23, 2008

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GEF Council Meeting  
November 10 - 12, 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 Mr. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah, the Council Member representing the constituency of Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Togo.
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, "Report by the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel," agenda item 5, "Statements by Executive Secretaries of the Conventions," agenda item 6, "Relations with the Conventions," agenda item 7, "Report of the Evaluation Office Director," and agenda item 8, "Annual Impact Report 2009."
4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 13, "OPS-4 and Update on GEF-5 Replenishment Discussions," agenda item 14, "Other Business," and agenda item 15 "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.36/1.
7. *The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 4.

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

8. 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 Panel.
9. *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 5.

STATEMENTS BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE  
CONVENTIONS  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

10. The representative of the Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification will report on the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties. The representative of the Convention on Biological Diversity will report on the recent decisions and developments under the Convention related to the activities of the GEF. The representative of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change will report on the preparations for the upcoming fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, as well as recent events and activities pertinent to the GEF. The Manager of the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat will provide an overview of what the Adaptation Fund Board has accomplished since the last Council meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6.

RELATIONS WITH THE CONVENTIONS  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

11. Document GEF/C.36/3, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, reports on developments of interest to the GEF occurring since the GEF Council meeting in June 2009 within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), 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.

12. Annexed to the document for Council's review are proposed terms of reference for the fourth review of the effectiveness of the CBD financial mechanism.
13. *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.*
14. *The Council is further invited to review the terms of reference for the fourth review of the financial mechanism of the CBD, as set forth in Annex A, and to express a preference for one of the two options for implementing the review.*

AGENDA ITEM 7.

**REPORT OF THE EVALUATION OFFICE DIRECTOR**

*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

15. Document GEF/ME/C.36/1, *GEF Evaluation Office: Progress Report from the Director*, to be presented by the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office, provides important information to Council on the on-going work of the Evaluation Office, focusing to a large extent on the Fourth Overall Performance Study and its implications for the budget of the Office.
16. *The Council is invited to review the document, take note of the on-going and expected work of the Evaluation Office, and approve an additional amount for the budget of the Evaluation Office for fiscal year 2010, to be subtracted from the upcoming budget proposal for fiscal year 2011. The Council is further invited to request the Evaluation Office to prepare a revised four-year work plan and budget cycle for GEF-5 for presentation at the spring 2010 Council meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 8.

**ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2009**

*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

17. Document GEF/ME/C.36/2, *GEF Annual Report on Impact - 2009*, to be presented by the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office, presents a summary of the conclusions and recommendations from impact evaluation work finalized since the previous Annual Report-2008, including the impact evaluation of GEF support to the phase-out of ozone depleting substances.
18. Document GEF/ME/C.36/3, *Management Response to the GEF Annual Report on Impact - 2009*, prepared by the GEF Secretariat

and the GEF Agencies, provides the GEF management's response to the evaluation conducted by the GEF Evaluation Office.

19. *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.

**SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**  
*(CEO Chairs)*

20. Document GEF/C.36/4, *Small Grants Programme: Execution Arrangements and Upgrading Policy for GEF-5*, explores four possible execution arrangements for, and suggests an upgrading policy for, the SGP in GEF-5.
21. *The Council is invited to approve the proposed execution arrangements and upgrading policy for country programs of the SGP.*

AGENDA ITEM 10.

**ADHERING TO THE PARIS DECLARATION ON AID EFFECTIVENESS**  
*(CEO Chairs)*

22. Document GEF/C.36/5, *Proposal for the GEF to Formally Adhere to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness*, provides an overview of the Paris Declaration and the rationale for the GEF to adhere to the framework for harmonization, alignment and managing for results. The document also outlines how the GEF already supports the international agreement and contributes further to its aims.
23. *The Council is invited to approve that the GEF formally adhere to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.*

AGENDA ITEM 11.

**SYSTEM FOR A TRANSPARENT ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES**  
*(CEO Chairs)*

24. Document GEF/C.36/6, *System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR): Options and Scenarios*, is the latest version of the STAR model, which focuses on how to improve the structure of the STAR design, refine indicators for each focal area, and provide Council with clear options on key design features.
25. *The Council is invited to approve specific design features for the GEF-5 STAR, to recommend that the GEF Secretariat proceed with one of the two STAR options outlined in the document in GEF-5, and*

*to ask the Secretariat to provide further details on the implementation of one of the two STAR options at the next GEF Council meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 12.

**WORK PROGRAM**  
*(CEO Chairs)*

26. Document GEF/C.36/7, *Work Program* 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 twelfth 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 \$161.44 million in GEF financing.
27. *The Council is invited to review the proposed work program with a view to approving it for further development.*

AGENDA ITEM 13.

**OPS-4 AND UPDATE ON GEF-5 REPLENISHMENT DISCUSSIONS**  
*(Jointly Chaired)*

28. Document GEF/ME/C.36/Inf.1, *Main Conclusions and Recommendations of the Fourth Overall Performance Study of the GEF: Progress Toward Impact*, prepared by the GEF Evaluation Office, assesses the extent to which the GEF is achieving its objectives as laid down in the GEF Instrument and as developed and adopted by the GEF Council and Assembly. The findings, conclusions, and recommendations are being incorporated into the discussions and negotiations of the fifth replenishment of the GEF.
29. Document GEF/C.36/Inf.7, *Summary of the October 2009 GEF-5 Replenishment Meeting*, provides the summary of the co-chairs of the third meeting for the fifth replenishment of the GEF, which was held in Paris, France October 14-15, 2009.
30. *The Council is invited to discuss the progress that has been made in the replenishment discussions and how the findings of OPS4 may be reflected in GEF-5.*

AGENDA ITEM 14.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*(Jointly Chaired)*

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

AGENDA ITEM 15.

**JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS**

*(Jointly Chaired)*

24. 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 10, 2009***

#### *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 – 11:00	Agenda Item 4	Report by the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel ( <i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i> )
11:00 – 12:00	Agenda Item 5	Statements by Executive Secretaries of the Conventions ( <i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i> )
	Agenda Item 6	Relations with the Conventions ( <i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i> )
12:00 – 1:00	Agenda Item 7	Report of the Evaluation Office Director ( <i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i> )

#### *Afternoon Session*

3:00 – 4:00	Agenda Item 8	Annual Impact Report 2009 ( <i>Elected Chairperson Chairs</i> )
4:00 – 5:30	Agenda Item 9	Small Grants Program ( <i>CEO Chairs</i> )
5:30 – 6:00	Agenda Item 10	Adhering to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness ( <i>CEO Chairs</i> )

### ***Wednesday, November 11, 2007***

#### *Morning Session*

9:00 – 11:00	Agenda Item 10	System for a Transparent Allocation of Resources ( <i>CEO Chairs</i> )
11:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 11	Work Program ( <i>CEO Chairs</i> )

#### *Afternoon Session*

2:30 – 6:00	Agenda Item 13	OPS-4 and Update on GEF-5 Replenishment ( <i>Jointly Chaired</i> )
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***Thursday, November 12, 2007***

*Morning Session*

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

11:00 – 1:00

Agenda Item 14       Other Business (*Jointly Chaired*)

Agenda Item 15       Joint Summary of the Chairs (*Jointly Chaired*)