



Global Environment Facility

GEF/C.13/2
April 2, 1999

GEF Council
May 5-7, 1999

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 1

OPENING OF THE MEETING

(CEO chairs)

1. The meeting will be opened by Mohamed T. El-Ashry, 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 shall alternate from one meeting to another between recipient and non-recipient Council Members. The elected Chairperson at the previous Council meeting was Mr. James Carruthers, the member representing the constituency of Canada. This meeting's elected Chairperson will be nominated by the recipient Council Members.
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 on behalf of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity", agenda item 7, "Implementing Agencies' action plans for integrating global environmental activities"; agenda item 11, "Corporate budget for FY00 and proposal for a fee-based system", and agenda item 12, "Relations with conventions".
4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 15, "Other Business", and agenda item 16, "Joint Summary of the Chairs".
5. The CEO/Chairperson of the Facility will chair the Council meeting during discussions on 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.13/1/Rev.1. *The Council is invited to **adopt** its agenda for the meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 4

STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF U.N. FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE CONVENTION AND CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
(Elected Chairperson chairs)

7. In accordance with paragraph 11 of the Rules of Procedure for the GEF Council, a representative of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and a representative of the Convention on Biological Diversity have been invited to make a general introductory statement to the Council. An opportunity will be provided after each statement for Council Members to address questions to the representative.

AGENDA ITEM 5

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR OF STAP
(CEO Chairs)

8. The Chair of STAP has been invited to make a general statement to the Council on the work of STAP. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to address questions to the Chair of STAP.

AGENDA ITEM 6

EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXECUTING AGENCIES
(CEO chairs)

9. At its meeting in October 1998, the Council reviewed a document on expanded opportunities for executing agencies. After having discussed the options outlined in the paper for further enhancing the opportunities for executing agencies in GEF projects, especially the Regional Development Banks, the Council requested the Secretariat to present the Council with a more detailed analysis of options. Document GEF/C.13/3, *Expanded*

Opportunities for Executing Agencies: Recent Efforts and Current Proposals to Expand Opportunities for Regional Development Banks, responds to that request.

10. *The Council is invited to review the document with a view to **approving** the approach for the participation of Regional Development Banks in preparing and implementing GEF projects.*

AGENDA ITEM 7

IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES ACTION PLANS FOR INTEGRATING GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES *(Elected Chairperson chairs)*

11. At its meeting in October 1998, the Council welcomed the reports that had been submitted by the three Implementing Agencies concerning their strategies for integrating global environmental activities into, or complementarity of such issues with, the regular programs of the Implementing Agencies. The Council invited the Implementing Agencies to continue their efforts to develop a strategic approach to the matter, including preparation by UNDP and the World Bank of action plans for integrating global environmental activities in their regular operations and preparation by UNEP of an action plan on complementarity and additionality. The Implementing Agencies were requested to submit the actions plans (or in the case of the World Bank a status report on its preparation) to the Council.
12. The reports of the Implementing Agencies are before the Council as documents GEF/C.13/4, GEF/C.13/5, and GEF/C.13/6. Each Implementing Agency will be invited to present its report. *The Council is invited to **review and comment** on the reports.*

AGENDA ITEM 8

INCREMENTAL COSTS *(CEO chairs)*

13. At its meeting in November 1997, the Council called on the Secretariat to continue its work on clarifying

and simplifying incremental costs in consultation with the Implementing Agencies and the Secretariats of the Biodiversity and Climate Change Conventions. This request was reiterated by the first GEF Assembly in New Delhi. At its meeting in October 1998, the Council had before it as an information document an issues assessment concerning incremental costs (GEF/C.12/Inf.4, *Progress on Incremental Costs*).

14. Since the last Council meeting, the Secretariat, together with the Implementing Agencies and the Convention Secretariats, worked in partnership with the International Institute for Environment and Development, to organize a workshop to provide input into the development of guidelines for negotiating agreed incremental costs as well as simplified approaches to incremental cost determination in the GEF focal areas.
15. On the basis of the consultation, the Secretariat has prepared a report (document GEF/C.13/7, *Incremental Costs*) on recommended steps to be undertaken to move forward in making the process of determining incremental costs more transparent and its application more pragmatic. *The Council is invited to **review** the recommended steps with a view to **approving** the proposed actions.*

AGENDA ITEM 9

WORK PROGRAM (*CEO Chairs*)

- 16.. Document GEF/C.13/8, *Project Proposals Submitted for Council Approval*, (this document includes a cover note together with 28 project proposals), contains the proposed work program comprised of project proposals that have been developed by the Implementing Agencies, reviewed by the GEF Operations Committee (GEFOP) and recommended by the CEO for Council approval. The Secretariat has prepared an introductory note to the proposed work program in which it reports on policy and programming issues associated with it. *The Council is invited to review the proposed work*

*program with a view to **approving** it for further development.*

AGENDA ITEM 10

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

(CEO Chairs)

17. Document GEF/C.13/9, *Strategic Partnerships with GEF Implementing Agencies*, presents proposals for how the GEF and the Implementing Agencies, working together on shared operational objectives, can maximize their positive impact on the global environment. Specifically, the document identifies a few critical areas where the GEF and the Implementing Agencies can develop strategic partnerships to achieve a shared objective. Each partnership would be a progressive relationship, built around a specific operational objective, jointly managed, and entailing long-term commitment.
18. *The Council is invited to **take note** of the current exploratory efforts of the Implementing Agencies and the Secretariat to design strategic partnerships and to **request** the Secretariat to bring specific proposals to the Council for decision as appropriate.*

AGENDA ITEM 11

CORPORATE BUDGET FOR FY00 AND PROPOSAL FOR A FEE-BASED SYSTEM

(Elected Chairperson chairs - Executive Session)

19. At its meeting in October 1998, the Council requested the Secretariat to continue to work with the Implementing Agencies to introduce a comprehensive fee-based system to finance GEF project implementation. Document GEF/C.13/11, *Proposal for a Fee-based System for Funding GEF Project Implementation*, sets forth the proposal prepared by a working group comprising representatives of the three Implementing Agencies and the GEF Secretariat. *The Council is invited to **review** the document with a view to **approving** the application of a fee-based system beginning in FY00 together with a disbursement of resources to cover the outstanding implementation and*

supervision costs of the agencies' portfolio of GEF projects approved by the Council through June 1999.

20. The proposed Corporate Budget for FY00 is presented in document GEF/C.13/10. The budget has been prepared on the assumption that a fee-based system for funding the costs of project implementation by the Implementing Agencies will be applied in the fiscal year. The budget also takes into account the proposals for strategic partnerships presented in document GEF/C.13/9 as well as proposals for strengthening country level coordination presented in document GEF/C.13/13. *The Council is invited to review the proposed budget with a view to **approving** it.*

AGENDA ITEM 12

RELATIONS WITH CONVENTIONS

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

21. Document GEF/C.12/12 reports on developments of interest to the GEF within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and other international agreements as well as efforts of the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies to operationalize the guidance of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity as well as the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC. *The Council is invited to **review and comment** upon the report.*

AGENDA ITEM 13

CONSTITUENCIES AND ASSISTANCE FOR COUNTRY LEVEL COORDINATION

(CEO chairs)

22. At its meeting in October 1998, the Council discussed a number of matters related to country level coordination, communication within countries, and communication within constituencies. Document GEF/C.13/13, *Constituencies and Assistance for Country Level Coordination*, presents proposals both for strengthening country level coordination and for improving communication within constituencies and between constituencies

and the GEF. In particular, proposals are made for amendment of the *Rules of Procedure for the GEF Council* and for activities and financial resources to strengthen country level coordination. *The Council is invited to **review** the document with a view to **approving** the amendment of the rules of procedure and the proposed activities to assist national focal points and Council Members.*

AGENDA ITEM 14

ELEMENTS OF AN OPERATIONAL PROGRAM ON CARBON SEQUESTRATION

(CEO Chairs)

23. In approving the GEF Operational Strategy, the Council requested the Secretariat to prepare an operational program on carbon sequestration. Elements for an operational program are presented in document GEF/C.13/14. *The Council is invited to **review** the proposed elements with a view to **approving** them so that the Secretariat may proceed to elaborate an operational program on transport.*

AGENDA ITEM 15

OTHER BUSINESS

(Jointly chaired)

24. Members and the Chairpersons may raise any other business under this agenda item. In particular, the Council's attention is drawn to the information papers before it.

AGENDA ITEM 16

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS

(Jointly chaired)

25. The elected Chairperson 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
GEF COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5-7, 1999**

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

Morning session

09:30-11:30	Agenda Item 1 Agenda Item 2 Agenda Item 3 Agenda Item 4 Agenda Item 5	Opening of the Meeting Election of a Chairperson Adoption of Agenda Statements on behalf of Conventions Statement by the Chair of STAP
11:30-1:00	Agenda Item 6	Expanded opportunities

Afternoon session

2:30 – 5:00	Agenda Item 7	Implementing Agencies' action plans Constituencies and assistance for country level coordination
5:00 - 6:30	Agenda Item 13	

Thursday, May 6, 1999

Morning session

9:00 - 12:00	Agenda Item 9	Work Program
12:00 – 1:00	Agenda Item 10	Strategic Partnerships

Afternoon session

Executive Session

2:30 –6:30 for	Agenda Item 11	Corporate Budget for FY00 and Proposal a fee-based system
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Friday, May 7, 1999

Morning session

9:00 – 10:30	Agenda Item 12	Relations with conventions, including the INC for POPs
10:30 – 12:00	Agenda Item 8	Incremental Costs
12:00 – 1:00	Agenda Item 14	Elements for an operational program on carbon sequestration

Afternoon session

2:30 – 3:30	Agenda Item 15	Other Business
5:00 – 6:00	Agenda Item 16	Joint summary of the Chairs