

49<sup>th</sup> GEF Council Meeting  
October 20 – 22, 2015  
Washington, D.C.

Agenda Item 03

## **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Agenda Item 01.**

**Opening of the Meeting**

*(CEO Chairs)*

1. The meeting will be opened by Naoko Ishii, CEO/Chairperson of the Facility.

**Agenda Item 02.**

**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 Council Members from developed and developing countries. The elected Chairperson at the previous Council meeting was Mr. Leander Treppel, the Council Member representing Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Luxembourg, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, and Turkey.
3. Consistent with paragraph 18 of the Instrument, the Elected Chairperson is expected to Chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 03, "Adoption of the Agenda", agenda item 04, "Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions", agenda item 05, "Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel", agenda item 07, "Semi-Annual Evaluation Report October 2015 and Management Response", agenda item 08, "Knowledge Management Needs Assessment", agenda item 09, "Impact Evaluation of GEF Support to Protected Areas and Protected Area Systems", agenda item 11, "Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY15: Part I", and agenda item 15, "Report of the Selection and Review Committee".
4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 14, "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 of the other items on the agenda.

**Agenda Item 03.**

**Adoption of the Agenda**

*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

6. A *Provisional Agenda* for consideration by the Council has been issued as document GEF/C.49/01/Rev.02.

7. *The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.*

**Agenda Item 04.**

**Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions**  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

8. Richard Kinley from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will address the GEF Council, focusing among other things on preparations for COP21.
9. Document GEF/C.49/06, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, provides the Council with an update on the activities of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in relation to the following multilateral environmental conventions: the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Montreal Protocol) and the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The document also provides information on relations between the GEF Secretariat and other international conventions, institutions, and fora.
10. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.49/06, Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions, welcomed the report and requested the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.*

**Agenda Item 05.**

**Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel**  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

11. The Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will be invited to make a statement to the Council on the work of the Panel. A written report of the Chairperson can be found in document GEF/STAP/C.49/Inf.01, *Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel*. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to comment on the report, address questions to the Chairperson, and provide guidance to the Panel, as appropriate.

**Agenda Item 06.**

**Future Directions on Accreditation**  
*(CEO Chairs)*

12. Document GEF/C.49/04.Rev.01, *Future Directions on Accreditation*, provides initial assessments of potential impacts on four key GEF Agency accreditation issues: coverage, competition, engagement, and efficiency.
13. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.49/04/Rev.01, Future Directions on Accreditation, appreciates the opportunity to discuss possible future directions on Agency accreditation. The Council requests that the Secretariat conduct further analysis on the key issues identified in the document and that it provide an update on this work to Council at its spring 2016 meeting. The Council also requests that the IEO take the accreditation pilot into account in the planned review of the health of the GEF Partnership as part of the Sixth Overall Performance Study of the GEF (OPS6).*

**Agenda Item 07.**

**Semi-Annual Evaluation Report October 2015 and Management Response**  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs – GEF IEO Session)*

14. Document GEF/ME/C.49/01, *Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: October 2015*, presents the findings and recommendations of the Joint Impact Evaluation of GEF Support to Protected Areas and Surrounding Landscapes. The SAER also includes the main findings of the Morocco Country Portfolio Evaluation, the Knowledge Management Needs Assessment, and the review of the Climate-Eval community of practice. An overview of the ongoing work on the thematic and country program evaluations, policies, tools and methodologies is also included. The full evaluation report of the Joint Impact Evaluation of GEF Support to Protected Areas and Surrounding Landscapes and the Knowledge Management Needs Assessment, are provided in the Information Documents GEF/ME/C.49/Inf.02 and GEF/ME/C.49/Inf.01 respectively
15. Document GEF/ME/C.49/02, *Management Response to the Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: October 2015*, was prepared by the GEF Secretariat, in consultation with entities of the GEF partnership.

16. Draft decision:

**1) Regarding the Joint Impact Evaluation of GEF Support to Protected Areas and Surrounding Landscapes.**

17. *The Council, having reviewed the section on the Joint Impact Evaluation of GEF Support to Protected Areas and Surrounding Landscapes, in the “Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: October 2015,” and GEF/ME/C.49/02, “Management Response to the Semi-Annual Evaluation Report October 2015”, takes note of the conclusions of the evaluation and endorses the recommendations.*

**2) Regarding the Knowledge Management Needs Assessment and the Review of Climate-Eval.**

18. *The Council takes note of the findings of the GEF IEO Knowledge Management Needs Assessment and the Review of Climate-Eval.*

**Agenda Item 08.**

**Knowledge Management Needs Assessment**  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs – GEF IEO Session)*

19. Document GEF/ME/C.49/Inf.01, *Knowledge Management Needs Assessment*, presents the findings of an external needs assessment on the use of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) evaluation reports/products and the knowledge needs of key stakeholders, carried out in August-September 2015. A document review, online surveys (820 responses) and semi-structured interviews (48) were carried out covering all geographic regions and all parts of the GEF Partnership, in addition to external stakeholders such as civil society, academia and governments.

**Agenda Item 09.**

**Impact Evaluation of GEF Support to Protected Areas and Protected Area Systems**  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs – GEF IEO Session)*

20. Document GEF/ME/C.49/Inf.02, *Impact Evaluation of GEF Support to Protected Areas and Protected Area Systems*, assesses the impact of GEF investments in non-marine protected areas (PAs) and PA systems. This evaluation adopts the OECD-DAC (2002) definition of impact as the “positive and negative, primary and secondary long-term effects produced by a development intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended”. The evaluation analyzes the extent to which the management and governance approaches

supported by GEF have led to the achievement of GEF objectives on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. The evaluation probes into how future support can best contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity by assessing the factors and conditions that affect the interaction between human livelihood objectives and biodiversity objectives. In addition, it looks at the extent to which GEF support has promoted human well-being as a key contribution to the effective management of PAs and their immediately adjacent landscapes. When information was available, the analysis included evidence comparing supported areas with those lacking such support, or receiving other types of intervention. The evaluation also explored new methods and approaches to assess the impact of GEF support, several of which have been incorporated into other GEF IEO evaluations. It is so far the most comprehensive global evaluation undertaken on the impact of protected areas on biodiversity, in terms of the diversity of methods used and the scope of inquiry.

**Agenda Item 10.**

**Panel Discussion on the Amazon**  
*(CEO Chairs)*

21. A Panel discussion chaired by the internationally renowned scientist and Amazon expert, Dr. Tom Lovejoy, will also include Dr. Cristian Samper who is the CEO of the Wildlife Conservation Society. Dr. Lovejoy who was also past chair of the STAP, will introduce the council to the Amazon ecosystem, its global importance, and the critical nature of establishing collaboration between neighboring countries with respect to the Amazon basin. Dr. Samper, a Colombian native will also discuss the importance of the Amazon ecosystem, the importance of Colombia in the basin and the need to have a large-scale approach to managing the Amazon ecosystem.

**Agenda Item 11.**

**Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY15: Part I**  
*(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

22. Document GEF/C.49/03/Rev.01, *Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY14: Part I*, provides: (i) key highlights; (ii) expected corporate results in terms of global environmental benefits (iii) information on organizational effectiveness and efficiency; (vi) an analysis of GEF-6 project approvals through FY15; and (v) a summary of GEF's active portfolio, including performance ratings. The FY15 report also includes a first disbursement analysis for those projects which were CEO endorsed/approved during GEF-5.

23. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.49/03/Rev.01, Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY 15: Part I, welcomes the overall finding that the GEF portfolio under implementation in FY15 performed satisfactorily across all focal areas. The Council welcomes the update on the replenishment targets against expected results for approved projects and the first disbursement analysis.*

**Agenda Item 12.**

**Work Program**  
*(CEO Chairs)*

24. Document GEF/C.49/05, *Work Program*, requests a total \$233.67 million of GEF trust fund resources and \$21.32 million in associated Agency fees, plus an indicative amount of \$4.71 billion in co-financing, meaning that each dollar provided by the GEF is being matched by over \$18 in co-financing. In this work program, recommended projects and programs focus on two main areas: climate change and the sustainable management of the Amazon ecosystem. The focus on climate change responds to significant country demand for funding climate change projects and programs in advance of the COP21 in Paris. The recommended work program consists of 17 project concepts (including one child project from a Programmatic Approach approved as part of GEF-5) and two programmatic approaches, proposed in accordance with the GEF 2020 strategy and the GEF-6 Programming Directions framework.
25. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.49/05, Work Program for GEF Trust Fund, approved the work program comprising 17 project concepts (including a child project from a programmatic approach approved as part of GEF-5) and two programmatic frameworks, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by November 5, 2015.*
26. *Total resources approved in this work program amounted to \$254.99 million, which include GEF project financing and Agency fees.*

**Agenda Item 13.**

**Update on the Preparation of Integrated Approach Pilots**  
*(CEO Chairs)*

27. This session will be dedicated to a brief report on the preparation of the Integrated Approach Pilots during the period June – October 2015.

**Agenda Item 14.**

**Other Business**

*(Jointly Chaired)*

28. Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item.
29. The Chair will inform the Council of possible dates for holding the spring 2017 Council meeting.

**Agenda Item 15.**

**Report of the Selection and Review Committee**

*(Elected Chairperson Chairs – Executive Session)*

30. The Chair of the Selection and Review Committee will present the report of the SRC to the Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

**Agenda Item 16.**

**Joint Summary of the Chairs**

*(Jointly Chaired)*

31. 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, October 20, 2015***

*Morning Session*

09:00 – 09:30	<b>Agenda Item 01.</b>	<b>Opening of the Meeting</b> (CEO Chairs)
	<b>Agenda Item 02.</b>	<b>Election of a Chairperson</b> (CEO Chairs)
	<b>Agenda Item 03.</b>	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b> (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
09:30 – 10:30	<b>Agenda Item 10.</b>	<b>Panel Discussion on the Amazon</b> (CEO Chairs)
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Agenda Item 05.</b>	<b>Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel</b> (Elected Chairperson Chairs)

*Lunch Break*

12:00 – 14:00		<b>CEO Lunch with Council Members and Alternates</b>
12:00 – 14:00		<b>General Lunch</b>

*Afternoon Session*

14:00 – 15:30	<b>Agenda Item 04.</b>	<b>Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions</b> (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
15:30 – 17:30	<b>Agenda Item 06.</b>	<b>Future Directions on Accreditation</b> (CEO Chairs)

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

*Morning Session*

- |               |                        |   |
|---------------|------------------------|---|
| 09:00 – 09:45 | <b>Agenda Item 07.</b> | <b>Semi-Annual Evaluation Report October 2015 and Management Response</b><br>(Elected Chairperson Chairs – GEF IEO Session)             |
| 09:45 – 10:30 | <b>Agenda Item 09.</b> | <b>Impact Evaluation of GEF Support to Protected Areas and Protected Area Systems</b><br>(Elected Chairperson Chairs – GEF IEO Session) |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | <b>Agenda Item 08.</b> | <b>Knowledge Management Needs Assessment</b><br>(Elected Chairperson Chairs – GEF IEO Session)  |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | <b>Agenda Item 11.</b> | <b>Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY15: Part I</b><br>(Elected Chairperson Chairs)  |

*Lunch Break*

- |               |  |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| 12:30 – 14:30 |  | <b>IEO Director Lunch with Council Members</b> |
| 12:30 – 14:30 |  | <b>General Lunch</b>                           |

*Afternoon Session*

- |               |                        |  |
|---------------|------------------------|--|
| 14:30 – 16:30 | <b>Agenda Item 12.</b> | <b>Work Program</b><br>(CEO Chairs)  |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | <b>Agenda Item 13.</b> | <b>Update on the Preparation of Integrated Approach Pilots</b><br>(CEO Chairs) |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | <b>Agenda Item 14.</b> | <b>Other Business</b><br>(Jointly Chaired)                                     |

**Thursday, October 22, 2015**

*Morning Session*

- |               |                        |   |
|---------------|------------------------|---|
| 09:00 – 10:00 | <b>Agenda Item 15.</b> | <b>Report of the Selection and Review Committee</b><br>(Elected Chairperson Chairs – Executive Session) |
| 10:00 – 11:00 |                        | <b><i>LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting</i></b>   |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | <b>Agenda Item 16.</b> | <b>Joint Summary of the Chairs</b><br>(Jointly Chaired)   |