

57th GEF Council Meeting
December 17 – 19, 2019
Washington, D.C.

Agenda Item 03

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 01.

Opening of the Meeting

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

Agenda Item 02.

Election of a Chairperson

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 the Council Member representing Estonia, Finland and the Netherlands. At this Council the Elected Chair will be from a developing country.

Agenda Item 03.

Adoption of the Agenda

3. In addition to this document GEF/C.57/02/Rev.01, *Annotated Provisional Agenda*, a *Provisional Agenda* for consideration by the Council has been issued as document GEF/C.57/01/Rev.01.
4. The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Agenda Item 04.

The GEF Monitoring report 2019

5. Document GEF/C.57/03, *The GEF Monitoring Report 2019*, presents for Council consideration a summary of the progress and performance of the active portfolio of projects with financing from the GEF Trust Fund from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. It reflects the GEF's approach to portfolio-level monitoring and reporting on results, performance and financing.
6. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.57/03, The GEF Monitoring Report 2019, welcomes the overall finding that the GEF portfolio under implementation in FY19 performed satisfactorily.*

Agenda Item 05.

Updated policy on minimum fiduciary standards

7. Document GEF/C.57/04/Rev.01, *Updated policy on minimum fiduciary standards*, presents for Council consideration an updated policy on the GEF Minimum Fiduciary Standards (GMFS). The GMFS were introduced in 2007 to ensure accountability, integrity, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of GEF financing. In November 2017, at its 53rd Meeting, the Council requested that the GMFS be reviewed in light of evolving best practice. The document presents, for Council consideration, an update of the existing Policy.

8. Draft decision:

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.57/04/Rev.01, Updated Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards, approves, with immediate effect, the Policy contained in Annex B to the document, which supersedes the existing Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards for GEF Partner Agencies (GA/PL/02).

2. The Council requests each GEF Partner Agency, within 9 months of the Policy approval (or by September 30, 2020), to conduct a self-assessment and present a report to the GEF Secretariat on its compliance with the GEF Minimum Fiduciary Standards, including a signed certification of compliance, and, as necessary, timebound action plans to remedy any shortfall. The GEF Secretariat is requested to consolidate GEF Partner Agency reports as an information document for submission to the Council at its meeting in December 2020.

3. Recognizing that international practices will evolve over time, the Council agrees to review the GEF Minimum Fiduciary Standards as appropriate and needed.

Agenda Item 06.

Report on the Assessment of GEF Agencies' Compliance with Minimum Standards in the Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender Equality, and Stakeholder Engagement

9. Document GEF/C.57/05, *Report on the Assessment of GEF Agencies' Compliance with Minimum Standards in the Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender Equality, and Stakeholder Engagement*, presents, for Council consideration, the findings of the required assessment of GEF Agencies' compliance with the applicable minimum standards.

10. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document, GEF/C.57/05, Report on the Assessment of GEF Agencies' Compliance with Minimum Standards in the Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender Equality, and Stakeholder Engagement, welcomes the assessment (in annex 1) and takes note of the findings and the plans of action submitted by Agencies to address the findings of non-compliance. The Council requests that:*

a. Each Agency determined not to be in full compliance with the minimum standards provide updates to the Secretariat, ahead of every Council meeting, on the progress in implementing their plans of action according to the timelines set out in those plans, until they have completed implementation of the plans of action to come into full compliance with each minimum standard in the three Policies (mentioned above)

b. The Secretariat report to the Council on the progress on Agencies' implementation of the plans of action at subsequent Council meetings, based on the updates provided by the Agencies and, as needed, further expert assessment and consultation with the Agencies; and to provide a summary of overall progress in the annual reports on the implementation of the Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards.

c. The Secretariat notify Council when Agencies have met their commitments set out in their respective plans of action to achieve compliance. The Council approves the plans of action submitted by Agencies to achieve full compliance as summarized in paragraphs 18-54 of this document and further detailed in the letters provided by Agencies in Annex 2 and decides that these Agencies may continue to seek GEF financing while they implement the time-bound plans of action.

Agenda Item 07.

GEF's Private Sector Engagement Strategy.

11. Document GEF/C.57/06, *GEF's Private Sector Engagement Strategy*, present for Council consideration a proposal for a strategy on private sector engagement. The Private Sector Engagement Strategy aims to develop the rationale for a more productive approach to private sector engagement, underpinned by GEF Secretariat coordination support. It also seeks to capture private sector leadership to support the GEF Partnership and its networks, so that the private sector becomes mainstreamed in to the GEF's work.
12. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered Document GEF/C.57/06, GEF's Private Sector Engagement Strategy, endorses the Private Sector Engagement Strategy. The Council requests the GEF Secretariat to report periodically on its implementation. The Council extends its appreciation to the Private Sector Advisory Group (PSAG) and invites it to continue dispensing its duties, as approved by the Council in Document GEF/C.54/13/Rev.01, until the end of the GEF-7 replenishment cycle.*

Agenda Item 08.

Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

13. 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.57/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 09.

Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the Independent Evaluation Office and Management Response

- 14. Document GEF/ME/C.57/01, *Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: December 2019*, provides an update on ongoing evaluations and knowledge management activities of the Independent Evaluation Office during the reporting period of June 2019 through November 2019. Document GEF/ME/C.57/04, *Management Response to the Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the Independent Evaluation Office: December 2019*, provides a response from the GEF Secretariat to the Independent Evaluation Office regarding : i) the conclusions and recommendations of one evaluation completed by the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) during the reporting period from June 2019 through November 2019, ii) a report on the methodological approach for post-completion verification, and iii) an update on other activities of the IEO, including results of its stakeholder engagement and knowledge management needs assessment survey.

Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.57/01, the “Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: November 2019,”, acknowledges the progress made by the Independent Evaluation Office in the reporting period.*

Agenda Item 10.

The Strategic Country Cluster Evaluation of the Small Island Developing States

- 15. Document GEF/ME/C.57/02, *The Strategic Country Cluster Evaluation of the Small Island Developing States*, presents an evaluation with two strategic objectives: First to assess the relevance and performance of GEF support aimed at addressing the main environmental challenges to SIDS from the country perspective. Second to provide a deeper understanding of the determinants of sustainability regarding the outcomes of GEF-supported interventions in SIDS.
- 16. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.57/02, the “Strategic Country Cluster Evaluation of the Small island Developing States” endorses the recommendations of the evaluation.*

Agenda Item 11.

A Methodological Approach for Post Completion Verification: November 2019

- 17. Document GEF/ME/C.57/03, *A Methodological Approach for Post Completion Verification*, illustrates a framework for post completion evaluation assessments developed by the IEO at the request of the Council.

It presents a methodology that could be applied for consistent post completion evaluation assessments building upon existing frameworks used by the IEO, the World Bank and JICA.

18. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed the “A Methodological Approach for Post-Completion Verification: November 2019,” endorses the approach and supports the application of the post-completion verification methodology.*

Agenda Item 12.

Work Program for GEF Trust Fund

19. Document GEF/C.57/07, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, contains 53 projects and programs for a total request of \$539.2 million from the GEF trust fund and \$49.3 million in associated Agency fees. This total of \$588.5 million represents 15.1% of the entire GEF-7 replenishment. The Work Program is accompanied by an indicative \$5.6 billion in co-financing, meaning that each dollar provided by the GEF is expected to be matched by \$9.5 in co-financing provided by other sources. The Council is requested to review and approve the Work Program for the total resources requested.
20. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.57/07, Work Program for GEF Trust Fund, approves the Work Program comprising 48 projects and 5 programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 16, 2020.*

Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$588.5 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs), Program Framework Documents (PFDs), and Non-expedited Enabling Activity: [See Annex A]

With respect to the PIFs and Non-expedited Enabling Activity approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs and Non-expedited Enabling Activity (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council’s and the STAP reviewer’s comments on the Work Program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

With respect to any PIF and Non-expedited Enabling Activity approved in this Work Program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document

shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

With respect to the PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, the final child project documents fully incorporating and addressing the Council's and STAP reviews shall be circulated for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval.

Agenda Item 13.

Towards Greater Durability of GEF Investments

21. Document GEF/C.57/08, *Towards Greater Durability of GEF Investments*, provides the Council a summary of key factors that influence the sustainability of GEF projects and programs, and how such factors are taken into account and may be strengthened in current GEF operations.
22. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.57/08, Towards Greater Durability of GEF Investments, welcomes the analysis carried out by the Secretariat and agrees with the conclusions and next steps.*

Agenda Item 14.

Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

23. Document GEF/C.57/09, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, provides the Council with an update on the activities of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in support of the following multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs): 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 Minamata Convention on Mercury, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Montreal Protocol). Covering the period from April to October 2019, the document also provides information on relations between the GEF Secretariat and other international conventions, institutions, and fora.
24. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.57/09, 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 15.

Approval of amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meetings of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Council of the Global Environment Facility Regarding Secretariat Services to the Adaptation Fund Board

25. Document GEF/C.57/10, *Approval of amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meetings of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Council of the Global Environment Facility Regarding Secretariat Services to the Adaptation Fund Board*, presents to Council the amendment of the MOU where the CMP decided that the Adaptation Fund shall serve the Paris Agreement under the guidance of, and be accountable to, the CMA with respect to all matters relating to the Paris Agreement, effective 1 January 2019, and that it shall exclusively serve the Paris Agreement once the share of proceeds under Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement becomes available .
26. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.57/10, Approval of Amendment of Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Council of the Global Environment Facility:*
- (a) Approves the amended and restated Memorandum of Understanding as adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) at its 15th session as adopted by the President of the Conference of the Parties and as annexed to this document; and*
- (b) Requests the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility to transmit its approval to the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Chair of the Adaptation Fund Board.*

Agenda Item 16.

Strengthening Consultations with Civil Society: Proposed Topics for Discussion at the Consultations of the 58th and 59th GEF Council Meetings

27. Document GEF/C.57/11, *Strengthening Consultations with Civil Society: Proposed Topics for Discussion at the Consultations of the 58th and 59th GEF Council Meetings*, proposes two topics that Council may consider to be discussed at subsequent GEF Consultations with CSOs preceding the Council meetings in 2020. The Council may select either one of the topics, both topics or any new topic to be discussed in these future Consultations.
28. Draft Decision: *The GEF Council having considered Document GEF/C.57/11, Strengthening Consultations with Civil Society: Proposed Topics for Discussion at the 58 th and 59th GEF Council Meetings, selects the following topic(s) to be addressed as part of the GEF Consultations with Civil Society:*
- [a) The Application of Traditional Knowledge by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, Stewards of the Global Environment to be discussed at the 58th Council meeting in June 2020; and*

b) Enhancing Climate Resilience and the Role of Civil Society, Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples to be discussed at the 59th Council meeting in December 2020.]

Agenda Item 17.

Report of the Selection and Review Committee
(Executive Session)

29. The Selection and Review Committee will present its report to the Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Agenda Item 18.

Other business

30. Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item.
31. The Chair will inform the Council of possible dates for holding the 2022 Spring and Fall Council meetings.

Agenda Item 19.

Joint Summary of the Chairs

32. The Elected Chair and the CEO/Chairperson will present a joint summary of the decision approved during the meeting.

Provisional Timetable

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Agenda Item 01. | Opening of the Meeting (CEO Chairs) |
| | Agenda Item 02. | Election of a Chairperson (CEO Chairs) |
| | Agenda Item 03. | Adoption of the Agenda (Elected Chairperson Chairs) |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | Agenda Item 04. | The GEF Monitoring report 2019 (CEO Chairs) |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Agenda Item 05. | Updated policy on minimum fiduciary standards (CEO Chairs) |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Agenda Item 06. | Report on the Assessment of GEF Agencies’ Compliance with Minimum Standards in the Policies on Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender Equality, and Stakeholder Engagement (CEO Chairs) |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Agenda Item 08. | Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (Elected Chairperson Chairs) |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | Agenda Item 13. | Towards Greater Durability of GEF Investments (CEO Chairs) |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | Agenda Item 12. | Work Program for GEF Trust Fund (CEO Chairs) |

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

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| 09:00 – 10:00 | Agenda Item 09. | Semi-Annual Evaluation Report of the Independent Evaluation Office and Management Response (Elected Chairperson Chairs) |
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| 10:00– 11:00 | Agenda Item 10. | The Strategic Country Cluster Evaluation of the Small Island Developing States (Elected Chairperson Chairs) |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Agenda Item 11. | A Methodological Approach for Post Completion Verification (Elected Chairperson Chairs) |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Agenda Item 07. | GEF’s Private Sector Engagement Strategy (CEO Chairs) |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | Agenda Item 14. | Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions (Elected Chairperson Chairs) |
| | Agenda Item 15. | Approval of amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meetings of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Council of the Global Environment Facility Regarding Secretariat Services to the Adaptation Fund Board (Elected Chairperson Chairs) |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Agenda Item 16. | Strengthening Consultations with Civil Society: Proposed Topics for Discussion at the Consultations of the 58th and 59th GEF Council Meetings (Elected Chairperson Chairs) |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Agenda Item 18. | Other Business (Jointly Chaired) |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | Agenda Item 17. | Report of the Selection and Review Committee (Elected Chairperson Chairs – Executive Session) |

Thursday, December 19, 2019

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| 09:00 – 11:00 | | LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Agenda Item 19. | Joint Summary of the Chairs (Jointly Chaired) |
| 12:00 – 14:00 | | Lunch |