

60th GEF Council Meeting
June 14 – 18, 2021
Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item 02

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 01.

Opening of the Meeting

1. The meeting will be opened by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO/Chairperson of the Facility.
2. Council will recall that Mette Møglestue, Council member for the Constituency of Norway, Denmark, Latvia and Lithuania, has been designated as Elected Chairperson for the year 2021 by a decision adopted on April 22, 2021.

Agenda Item 02.

Adoption of the Agenda

3. The *Provisional Agenda* has been issued as document GEF/C.60/01/Rev.01, for consideration by the Council.
4. The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Agenda Item 03.

Work Program for GEF Trust Fund

5. Document GEF/C.60/03, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, outlines important aspects of the proposed Work Program, including programming trends in the GEF resources relative to focal area strategies and objectives, distribution by regions and GEF Agencies, and highlights of innovative elements inherent in the programs and projects. The Council is requested to review and approve the Work Program for the total resources requested.
6. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.60/03, Work Program for GEF Trust Fund, approves the Work Program comprising 33 projects and 3 programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 15, 2021.*

Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$281.1 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 Nonexpedited 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.

In light of the recent audit report by the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) of UNDP GEF Management, all projects included in the Work Program implemented by UNDP shall be circulated by email for Council review at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval. This shall take place as actions of the Management Action Plan that address the OAI recommendations are being implemented, and as the independent, riskbased third-party review of compliance by UNDP with the GEF Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards is being completed. Project reviews will take into consideration the relevant findings of the external audit and the UNDP management responses and note them in the endorsement review sheet that will be made available to the Council during the 4-week review period.

Agenda Item 04.

Progress Report on the Independent Third Party Review of UNDP

7. Document GEF/C.60/05, *Progress Report on the Third Party Review of UNDP*, summarizes the actions taken with respect to Council decisions on the review of UNDP's GEF-financed activities, including the current status of the Independent Third Party Review of UNDP's compliance with the GEF Minimum Fiduciary Standards (MFS).
8. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document, GEF/C.60/05, Progress Report on the Third Party Review of UNDP, takes note of the report.*

Agenda Item 05. Follow up of UNDP related decisions from the 59th Council meeting

9. The GEF Secretariat and UNDP will each provide an oral report on actions taken, under their respective responsibilities, in response to Council decisions related to UNDP approved at the 59th Council Meeting in December 2020.

Agenda Item 06. Third Joint GEF-UNDP Evaluation of the Small Grants Programme

10. Document GEF/E/C.60/01, *Third Joint GEF-UNDP Evaluation of the Small Grants Programme*, builds on the assessment of results and impacts of the 2015 joint evaluation and uses the previous evaluation findings as baselines against which to assess progress, without conducting an in-depth aggregation of country-level results from the small grants. The focus of this evaluation is placed on strategic issues that have arisen since the last evaluation. This report is forward-looking and provides benchmarks against which to assess progress in the next evaluations.
11. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/E/C.60/01, Third Joint GEF-UNDP Evaluation of the Small Grants Programme, and the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.*

Agenda Item 07. GEF Support to Innovation – Findings and Lessons

12. Document GEF/E/C.60/02, *GEF Support to Innovation – Findings and Lessons*, presents findings of study carried out by the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) to assess the GEF's efforts and progress in supporting innovation since its inception, the results of innovative interventions, the factors that have influenced innovation in the GEF, and to identify lessons for GEF-8.
13. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered the document GEF/E/C.60/02, GEF Support to Innovation – Findings and Lessons, and the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.*

Agenda Item 08. Evaluation of the Country Support Program (CSP)

14. Document GEF/E/C.60/03, *Evaluation of the Country Support Programme (CSP)*, presents, for Council consideration, insights and lessons regarding the

CSP and its services, as the GEF moves forward into the eighth replenishment discussions.

15. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/E/C.60/03, Evaluation of the Country Support Programme (CSP), and the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.*

Agenda Item 09.

Formative Evaluation of the GEF Integrated Approach to Address the Drivers of Environmental Degradation

16. Document GEF/E/C.60/04, *Formative Evaluation of the GEF integrated Approach to Address the Drivers of Environmental Degradation*, assesses the GEF integrated approach applied through the GEF-6 IAPs and GEF-7 impact programs to address the drivers of environmental degradation. The evaluation presents a set of key findings, conclusions and recommendations.
17. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/E/C.60/04, Formative Evaluation of the GEF integrated Approach to Address the Drivers of Environmental Degradation, and the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.*

Agenda Item 10.

Evaluation of GEF Engagement with Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises

18. Document GEF/E/C.60/05, *Evaluation of GEF Engagement with Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises*, looks for the first time at the extent to which the GEF engages MSMEs, which constitute the larger part of the private sector in the countries that the GEF works in. The evaluation assesses the types of interventions that engage MSMEs, the extent to which they have been engaged, and the environmental, social, and economic outcomes of these interventions. It also assesses the factors that influence the extent of MSME engagement and provides lessons on how the GEF can more effectively engage MSMEs.
19. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/E/C.60/05, Evaluation of GEF Engagement with Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, and the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.*

Agenda Item 11.

Evaluation of Institutional Policies and Engagement at the GEF

20. Document GEF/E/C.60/06, *Evaluation of Institutional Policies and Engagement of the GEF*, focuses on three policies at the GEF – the Stakeholder Engagement Policy, the Gender Equality Policy, and the Policy on Environmental and Social Safeguards. The evaluation assesses the coherence, operational relevance, and implementation of the three policies.
21. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/E/C.60/06, Evaluation of Institutional Policies and Engagement of the GEF, and the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.*

Agenda Item 12.

Results Based Management – Evaluations of the Agency Self-Evaluation Systems and the GEF Portal

22. Document GEF/E/C.60/07, *Results Based Management – Evaluations of the Agency Self-Evaluation Systems and the GEF Portal*, brings together evidence from two evaluations: i) The Evaluation of the Agency Self-Evaluation Systems; and, ii) The Evaluation of the GEF Portal. The paper presents findings, conclusions and recommendations for both evaluations.
23. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/E/C.60/07, Results Based Management – Evaluations of the Agency Self-Evaluation Systems and the GEF Portal, and the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.*

Management responses to Agenda items 06 - 12

24. Document GEF/E/C.60/09, *Management Response to IEO Evaluations*, presents the GEF Secretariat's management responses to the above reports of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO).

Agenda Item 13.

Report of the Chairperson of the STAP

25. 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.60/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 14.

GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY22

26. Document GEF/C.60/03, *GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY22*, reports on the execution of the FY21 administrative budget approved by Council and sets out the FY22 administrative budget request of the Secretariat. It presents the GEF Business Plan for FY22 budget request to cover expenses of the four central GEF entities for their activities under the GEF Trust Fund: Secretariat; the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) and the Trustee. It also includes budget requests for the Secretariat and the Trustee for their activities under the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) and CBIT.
27. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.60/03, GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY22, takes note of the business plan, and approves an FY21 corporate budget from the GEF Trust Fund of US\$30.768 million, comprised of:*

(a) US\$24.708 million for the GEF Secretariat;

(b) US\$2.725 million for STAP; and

(c) US\$3.335 million for the Trustee, including its core budget and Special Initiative

The Council also approves a total FY22 administrative budget for the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) of US\$18,500, comprised of the following allocations from the NPIF to cover the Secretariat's and Trustee's expenses for NPIF administration and implementation:

(a) US\$13,500 for the GEF Secretariat; and

(b) US\$5,000 for the Trustee

The Council also approves a total FY22 administrative budget for the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) from the CBIT Trust Fund of US\$421,000, comprised of:

(a) US\$392,000 for the GEF Secretariat; and

(b) US\$29,000 for the Trustee

The Council requests the Secretariat, in consultation with STAP and the Trustee, to present a combined FY23 corporate budget and business plan for discussion at its June 2022 meeting.

Agenda Item 15.

Work Program and Budget of the Independent Evaluation Office: June 2021

28. Document GEF/E/C.60/08, *Work Program and Budget Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: May 2021*, presents the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) budget for FY21, and the proposed budget for FY22. It also provides an update on the Office's completed and ongoing evaluations and knowledge management activities during the reporting period of January–May 2021.
29. Draft Decision: *The Council, having reviewed the "Work Program and Budget Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: May 2021," acknowledges the progress made by the Independent Evaluation Office in the reporting period, and approves the IEO budget for FY22.*

Agenda Item 16.

Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

30. Consideration of this item will begin with a conversation with the Executive Secretaries of the MEAs that the GEF serves as financial mechanism.
31. Document GEF/C.60/06, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, provides the Council with an update on the activities of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in 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 November 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, the document also provides information on relations between the GEF Secretariat and other international conventions, institutions, and fora.

32. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.60/06, Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions, welcomes the report and requests the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.*

Long-term vision on complementarity, coherence, and collaboration between the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility

33. Document GEF/C.60/08, *Long-term vision on complementarity, coherence, and collaboration between the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility*, presents a Long-Term Vision on Complementarity, Coherence, and Collaboration between the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), as annex I, developed jointly by the GCF and the GEF Secretariats. It builds on the ongoing collaboration and opportunities that have been identified and presents topics where the two funds will work together.
34. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.60/08, Long-Term Vision on Complementarity, Coherence, and Collaboration between the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility, welcomes the document and looks forward to the annual joint progress report to be submitted to the GEF Council and the GCF Board.*

Agenda Item 17.

Strengthening Consultations with Civil Society: Proposed Topics for Discussion at the Consultations of the 61st GEF Council Meeting

35. Document GEF/C.60/07, *Strengthening Consultations with Civil Society: Proposed Topic for Discussion at the Consultations of the 61st GEF Council Meeting*, proposes, for Council consideration, the following topic to be addressed at the GEF Consultations with civil society preceding the 61st Council meeting in December 2021: “Engaging the Youth in Promoting GEF’s mission: Youth-led Advocacy and Solutions to the Planet’s Environmental Crisis”. The Council may select either this topic or any new topic of their preference to be discussed in these Consultations.
36. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered Document GEF/C.60/07, Strengthening Consultations with Civil Society: Proposed Topic for Discussion at the Consultations Prior to the 61st GEF Council Meeting, selects the following topic to be addressed as part of the Council Consultations with Civil*

Society: Engaging Young people in promoting GEF's mission: Youth-led solutions to the planet's environmental crisis.

Agenda Item 18. Report of the Selection and Review Committee (Executive Session)

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

Agenda Item 19. Numbering system for Council decisions

38. Document GEF/C.60/09, *Numbering System for GEF Council Decisions*, introduces a numbering system for all Council decisions, including those approved during the Council meetings as well as those approved by mail.
39. Draft Decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.60/09, Numbering System for GEF Council Decisions, welcomes the proposal and approves the numbering system for GEF Council Decisions.*

Agenda Item 20. Other Business

40. Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item.
41. The Chair will inform the Council of possible dates for holding the 64th and 65th Council Meeting (Spring and Fall 2023).

Agenda Item 21. Joint Summary of the Co-Chairs

42. The CEO/Chairperson will present a summary of the decisions approved during the meeting.