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GEF Council
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Agenda Item 3

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 1

OPENING OF THE MEETING

(CEO Chairs)

1. The meeting will be opened by Leonard Good, 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 Theophile Worou, the Council Member representing the constituency comprising Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, 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 "Annual Performance Report, agenda item 5 "Portfolio Performance Report, agenda item 6 "Costa Rica Portfolio Evaluation", agenda item 7 "Evaluation Office Progress Report", agenda item 8 "Evaluation Office four year rolling work plan and budget, agenda item 9, Amendments to the Instrument proposed by the Evaluation Office, agenda item 10 "STAP," agenda item 11 "Statements by the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions and CSD," agenda item 12 "Relations with Conventions and other Institutions", agenda item 17 "Corporate Budget", agenda item 18 "Review of Financial Statements", agenda item 21 "Appointment of CEO/Chairperson of the Facility"" agenda item 25 "Participation of NGOs in the GEF".

4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 27, "Other Business," and agenda item 28, "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.28/1/Rev.2.

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

AGENDA ITEM 4

GEF ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

8. Document GEF/ME/C.28/2/Rev.1, *GEF Annual Performance Report 2005*, to be presented by the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office contains an assessment of GEF results coming from terminal evaluations, a review of projects monitoring, and evaluation arrangements at entry, project-at-risk systems in all GEF Implementing Agencies and an assessment of the Management Action Record (GEF/ME/C28/Inf.2). *The Council is invited to **review** and **comment** on the document.*

9. GEF/ME/C.28/3 *Management Response to the Annual Performance Report 2005*, prepared by the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies, provides GEF management's response to the review conducted by the GEF Evaluation Office, *GEF Annual Performance Report 2005* (GEF/ME/C.28/2). *The Council is invited to **review** the Annual Performance Report, **taking note** of the report's recommendations, and to consider the GEF Management Response.*

AGENDA ITEM 5

GEF PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE REPORT

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

10. A representative of the GEF Secretariat will present document *GEF Portfolio Performance Report* (GEF/ME/C.28/4), the first PPR prepared by the GEF Secretariat in collaboration with the GEF Implementing and Executing Agencies, fulfilling their monitoring role in the GEF M&E Policy. *Council is invited to **review** and **comment** on this report and take note of the report's recommendations.*

AGENDA ITEM 6

COSTA RICA PORTFOLIO EVALUATION

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

11. The Director of the GEF Evaluation Office will present the first GEF Country Portfolio Evaluation, conducted in Costa Rica (*GEF Country Portfolio Evaluation – Costa Rica*, GEF/ME/C.28/5). The document presents an assessment of the relevance and efficiency of the GEF portfolio in this country and the results of this portfolio of projects. *The Council is invited to **review** the GEF Country Portfolio Evaluation, **taking note** of the report's recommendations.*

AGENDA ITEM 7

EVALUATION OFFICE PROGRESS REPORT

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

12. The Director of the GEF Evaluation Office will present document GEF/ME/C.28/1, *GEF Evaluation Office Progress Report 2006*, which provides an assessment and update on the work conducted by the Office in FY06. In particular, the Director will brief the Council on the on-going evaluations, the implementation of the GEF M&E Policy, the consultative process and the Office's international cooperation and knowledge management activities. *Council is invited to **review, comment and take note** of the activities carried out by the Evaluation Office in FY06 and proposed recommendations.*

AGENDA ITEM 8

EVALUATION OFFICE FOUR YEAR ROLLING PLAN AND BUDGET *(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

13. Document GEF/ME/C.28/7, prepared by the GEF Evaluation Office, presents the *Four-year Rolling Work Program and Budget (FY07-10) and Results in FY06*. This report contains a detailed proposal for the budget for FY07, as well as the outlook for the following years leading into an eventual OPS4. *The Council is invited to **review and comment** on the document. Council Members are requested to **approve** the proposed budget for FY07 core activities and special initiatives.*

AGENDA ITEM 9

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GEF INSTRUMENT AND RULES OF PROCEDURES OF THE COUNCIL *(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

14. The Director of the GEF Evaluation Office will present document GEF/ME/C.28/8 which contains options for Council that introduce the principle of independent evaluation in the Instrument of the GEF, as well as the Rules and Procedures of the Council. *Council is invited to **review and comment** on this document and **decide** on a course of action regarding the proposed amendments.*

AGENDA ITEM 10

STAP *(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

15. Document GEF/C.28/2 "*Proposal by the Executive Director of UNEP on the Composition of STAP 4*" outlines the composition of STAP proposed by the Executive Director of UNEP on the basis of the recommendations put forward by the Search Committee for the Partial Reconstitution of STAP. *The Council is requested to **approve** the composition of STAP as presented in the document. The Council is also requested to **support** the recommendation that Yolanda Kakabadse continue as Chair of STAP and that her term be renewed for two years. Furthermore, the Council is requested to **support** the proposal that Michael Stocking serve as Vice-Chair.*

AGENDA ITEM 11

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

16. The Executive Secretaries of the Conventions and the representative of the CSD will be invited to make statements to the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 12

RELATIONS WITH CONVENTIONS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS *(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

17. Document GEF/C.28/3, *Relations with Conventions and other Institutions*, reports on developments of interest to the GEF occurring since the GEF Council meeting in November 2005 within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), the UN Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa (UNCCD), and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Montreal Protocol). The report also highlights developments in other meetings dealing with global environmental issues, such as the International Conference on Chemical Management and the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

18. *The Council is invited to **review** the report and to **take note** of the work that has been undertaken within the framework of the global environmental conventions. The Council is also requested to **approve** the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Council of the GEF. The Council is also requested to **invite** the Secretariat, working with the Implementing and Executing Agencies, to prepare a report for Council review on how GEF's current activities can support SAICM implementation and in so doing clarify how paragraph 3 of the GEF Instrument that refers to the eligibility of activities that "achieve global environmental benefits concerning chemicals management" related to the GEF focal areas can be operationalized.*

AGENDA ITEM 13

STATUS REPORT ON THE SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND *(CEO Chairs)*

19. Document GEF/C.28/4 reports on the status and activities of the climate change funds (the Least Developed Countries Fund, the Special Climate Change Fund and the Adaptation Fund). *The Council is invited to **take note of** the operations carried out under the funds, including the additional resources that have been recently pledged to the funds.*

20. Document GEF/C.28/18, *Programming Paper for Funding the Implementation of NAPAs under the LDC Trust Fund*, is a program for guiding operations under the LDC Trust Fund. The programming paper has been prepared on the basis of guidance received from the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and information emerging from the preparation of the National Adaptation Plans of Actions (NAPAs). On the basis of the programming paper, additional funds have been mobilized to finance the implementation of NAPAs. *The Council is invited to **review and approve** the programming paper.*

AGENDA ITEM 14

STRATEGY FOR FINANCING BIOSAFETY ACTIVITIES (CEO Chairs)

21. At its meeting in June 2005, the Council requested the Secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the Implementing Agencies, a proposed strategy on the most efficient and effective means to provide additional support to countries to strengthen their capacity to implement national biosafety frameworks, as called for in the guidance of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

22. At its meeting in November 2005, the Council reviewed *Elements of a Biosafety Strategy* (document GEF/C.27/12) and welcomed the substantive elements as a basis for developing a strategy to guide the provision of GEF assistance to support the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

23. The GEF Secretariat was invited to take into account the comments made at the Council meeting and to prepare, in consultation with the Implementing and Executing Agencies, a draft biosafety strategy for Council review and comment.

24. *The Council is requested to **review and approve** the GEF Strategy for Financing Biosafety Activities proposed in document GEF/C.28/5.*

AGENDA ITEM 15

WORK PROGRAM (CEO Chairs)

25. Document GEF/C.28/6, *Work Program*, contains the proposed work program comprised of project proposals that are recommended by the CEO for Council approval. *The Council is invited to **review** the proposed work program with a view to **approving** it for further development.*

AGENDA ITEM 16

THIRD GEF ASSEMBLY (CEO Chairs)

26. At its meeting in November 2005, Council agreed that the Assembly and associated meetings will be held in Cape Town, South Africa, from August 27-September 1, 2006. Document GEF/C.28/7, *Note on the Organization of the Third Assembly*, requests the Council to **approve** the provisional agenda for the Third Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 17

CORPORATE BUDGET, FY07 (Executive Session - (Elected Chairperson Chairs))

27. The Council is invited to **review** and **approve** the proposed corporate budget for fiscal year 07 presented in document GEF/C.28/8.

AGENDA ITEM 18

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Elected Chairperson Chairs)

28. At the Council meeting in June 2005, the Council requested that there be annual Council discussion of financial statements and audits to ensure the adequacy of public financial reports. The Trustee has prepared document GEF/C.28/9, which includes the financial statements for the IBRD as Trustee, the GEF Secretariat, the IBRD as an Implementing Agency, and UNDP and UNEP. *The Council is invited to **review** and **comment** on the financial statements.*

AGENDA ITEM 19

REVIEW OF FEE SYSTEM (CEO Chairs)

29. At its meeting in June, 2005, Council reviewed GEF/C.23/8/Rev.1, *Proposal for Revising the Fee System*, and agreed that the GEF should implement a flat fee of 9 percent of the GEF grant. Council requested that the new system be reviewed and discussed at the June 2006 Council.

30. Document GEF/C.28/11/Rev.1 reports on the operational experience in fiscal year 06 in applying the fee system. *The Council is invited to **comment** upon the conclusions of the review and to **request** the Secretariat and the agencies to continue to monitor the impact of the fee system on the GEF portfolio of projects.*

AGENDA ITEM 20

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RAF *(CEO Chairs)*

31. At a Special Council Meeting in August, 2005, Council reviewed GEF/C.26/2/Rev.1, *Technical Paper on the GEF Resource Allocation Framework*, and reached agreement on a GEF resource allocation framework (RAF) to be applied to resources allocated under the biodiversity and climate change focal areas beginning in GEF4.

32. In November 2005, the Council reviewed document GEF/C.27/5, *Implementing the GEF Resource Allocation Framework*, which reported work that has been initiated by the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies to operationalize the RAF decision and requested the Secretariat to report on progress in June 2006, and to continue to consult with countries to assist them with the transition to the RAF, involving the Executing Agencies, especially the regional development banks, in the planning process.

33. Document GEF/C.28/12, *Progress Report on Implementing the Resource Allocation Framework*, takes note of the work being undertaken by the Secretariat and the Implementing and Executing Agencies to ensure the effective implementation of the agreed RAF in GEF-4 and provides information on the consultations undertaken with recipient countries to assist them in the transition to the RAF.

AGENDA ITEM 21

APPOINTMENT OF CEO/CHAIRMAN OF THE FACILITY *(Elected Chairperson Chairs)*

34. At its November 2005 Council Meeting, the Council, reviewed document GEF/C.27/7, *Process for selecting CEO/Chairman of the Facility*, and approved a process to be followed in selecting the CEO/Chairman of the Facility.

35. The Council approved the terms of reference for the CEO, the process for advertising the CEO position, and the terms of reference for an independent consulting firm to assist in screening applications.

36. Document GEF/C.28/13 reports back on the outcome of this process and sets forth the joint recommendation of the Implementing Agencies regarding the appointment of the CEO/Chairperson of the Facility. *The Council is **invited to agree** on the appointment of the CEO/Chairperson of the Facility.*

AGENDA ITEM 22

REPORT ON FOURTH REPLENISHMENT OF THE GEF TRUST FUND *(CEO chairs)*

37. The CEO will provide the Council with an oral up-date on the negotiations for the fourth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund. *The Council is invited to take note of the up-dated information.*

AGENDA ITEM 23

PRIVATE SECTOR STRATEGY (CEO Chairs)

38. At its meeting in November 2005, the Council reviewed document GEF/C.27/13, *GEF Strategy to Enhance Engagement with the Private Sector*. The Council invited Council Members to submit written comments on the proposed strategy to the Secretariat and requested the Secretariat to develop the strategy further, on the basis of the Council discussions and written comments, and to submit the strategy for review and approval at the June 2006 Council meeting. Document GEF/C.28/14, *GEF Strategy to Enhance Engagement with the Private Sector*, is provided in response to this request.

39. *The Council is requested to **endorse** the operational guidelines that have been proposed to enhance private sector participation in GEF activities, and **invite** the Implementing and Executing Agencies to follow the guidelines when developing GEF project proposals.*

40. *The Council is also **requested** to invite:*

- (a) *the IFC, in collaboration with the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing and Executing Agencies, to develop a project proposal for the establishment of a public/private sector partnership fund for Council consideration at the Council meeting in December 2006;*
- (b) *the Trustee and the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Implementing and Executing Agencies, to develop operational policies for the use of non-grant instruments, building upon an assessment of the GEF experience in the use of non-grant instruments; and*
- (c) *the Secretariat to explore tools and opportunities for strengthening knowledge sharing and information dissemination aimed at promoting engagement with the private sector within the broad GEF knowledge management activities.*

AGENDA ITEM 24

ROLES AND COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES OF THE GEF AGENCIES (CEO chairs)

41. At its meeting in November 2005, the Council requested the Secretariat to prepare, in collaboration with the Implementing

and Executing Agencies, a draft policy paper clarifying the roles and comparative advantage of the Implementing Agencies (as referenced in the Instrument) and the Executing Agencies for Council consideration in June 2006.

42. Document GEF/C.28/15, *Comparative Advantages and Complementary Roles of the Implementing and Executing Agencies of the GEF*, proposes an approach towards clarification of the roles of the GEF agencies with respect to the development and management of GEF projects. *Council is requested to **review and comment** on the paper.*

AGENDA ITEM 25

PARTICIPATION OF NGOS IN THE GEF (*Elected Chairperson Chairs*)

43. At its meeting in November 2005, Council took note of the documents GEF/C.27/Inf.5, *Review of the Non-Governmental Organization Network of the GEF*, and GEF/C.27/Inf.13, *GEF-NGO Network Response to the Independent Review of the GEF-NGO Network*, and requested the Secretariat to prepare, in consultation with key stakeholders, including the GEF-NGO network, a paper to present to the Council.

44. Document GEF/C.28/16, *Action Plan to Respond to the Recommendations of the Independent GEF-NGO Review*, responds to this request and proposes an action plan to respond to the GEF-NGO network review. *Council is requested to **confirm** the revision of the GEF NGO network accreditation process and to **approve** the recruitment of an NGO coordinator. The Council is also invited to **request** the Secretariat, in collaboration with Implementing and Executing Agencies and the NGO network, to prepare for consideration by the Council at its meeting in December 2006, costed proposals to (i) implement a GEF NGO network sharing and learning initiative, and (ii) develop a support programme for the NGO Network Coordination Committee.*

AGENDA ITEM 26

CONFIRMATION OF CONSTITUENCIES (*CEO chairs*)

45. Pursuant to Annex E, paragraph 8, of the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF, the Council is **invited to confirm** the constituency groupings described in document GEF/C.28/17, *Confirmation of Participants Joining Constituency Groupings* which includes new Participants. The inclusion of the additional country Participants in the constituencies has been agreed to by the Participants in each of the respective constituency groupings

AGENDA ITEM 27

OTHER BUSINESS (*Jointly Chaired*)

46. Members and the Chairpersons may raise any other business under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 28

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS
(Jointly Chaired)

47. 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.

ANNEX A: PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE
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Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Morning Session

09:30 – 10:00	Agenda Item 1	Opening of the Meeting (CEO)
	Agenda Item 2	Election of Chairperson (CEO)
	Agenda Item 3	Adoption of agenda (Elected Chair)
10:00 – 1:00	Agenda Item 4	Annual Performance Review (Elected Chair)
	Agenda Item 5	Portfolio Performance Review (Elected Chair)

Afternoon Session

2:30 – 6:00	Agenda Item 6	Costa Rica Portfolio Evaluation (Elected Chair)
	Agenda Item 7	Evaluation Office Progress Report (Elected Chair)
	Agenda Item 8	Evaluation Office four year rolling work plan and budget (Elected Chair)
	Agenda Item 9	Amendments to the Instrument proposed by the Evaluation Office (Elected Chair)

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Morning Session

9:00 – 10:00	Agenda Item 10	STAP (Elected Chair)
10:00 – 11:00	Agenda Item 11	Statements by Executive Secretaries of the Conventions and CSD (Elected Chair)
11:00 – 1:00	Agenda Item 12	Relations with Conventions and Other Institutions (Elected Chair)

Afternoon session

2:30 – 3:30	Agenda Item 13	Special Climate Change Funds (CEO)
3:30 – 4:30	Agenda Item 14	Strategy for financing biosafety activities (CEO)
4:30 – 6:00	Agenda Item 15	Work Program (CEO)

Thursday, June 8, 2006

Morning Session

9:00 – 10:00	Agenda Item 16	Third GEF Assembly (CEO)
10:00 – 11:30	Agenda Item 17	Corporate Budget (Executive Session) (Elected Chair)
11:30 – 12:30	Agenda Item 18	Review of Financial Statements (Elected Chair)
12:30 – 1:00	Agenda Item 19	Review of Fee System (CEO)

Afternoon Session

2:30 – 3:30	Agenda Item 20	Progress report on the implementation of the RAF (CEO)
3:30 - 4:30	Agenda Item 21	Appointment of CEO/Chairperson of the Facility (Elected Chair)
4:30 – 5:00	Agenda item 22	Report on the Fourth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (CEO)
5:00 – 6:30	Agenda item 23	Private Sector Strategy (CEO)

Friday, June 9, 2006

Morning Session

9:30 – 11:00	Agenda Item 24	Roles and Comparative Advantages of the GEF Agencies (CEO)
11:00 – 12:00	Agenda Item 25	Participation of NGOs in the GEF (Elected Chair)
12:00 – 12:30	Agenda Item 26	Confirmation of constituencies (CEO)
12:30 – 1:00	Agenda Item 27	Other business (Jointly Chaired)

Afternoon session

4:30 – 5:30	Agenda Item 28	Joint Summary of the Chairs (Jointly Chaired)
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