



Global Environment Facility

Summary of Document GEF/C.28/3

Relations with Conventions and other Institutions

Recommended Council Decision

The Council reviewed document GEF/C.28/3, *Relations with Conventions and Other Institutions*, and welcomed the progress made in supporting the international environmental conventions, and GEF collaboration with the UN Commission on Sustainable Development and other international processes relevant to GEF's mandate.

The Council requests the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing and Executing Agencies to continue to seek opportunities to work with recipient countries to develop and implement projects consistent with the decisions of the Conventions.

The GEF Secretariat is requested to maintain its consultations with the Implementing Agencies, Executing Agencies and Convention Secretariats to promote continued responsiveness to convention guidance and to keep the Council informed of the progress that is being made.

The Council also approves the *Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Convention on to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the Council of the Global Environment Facility*.

The Council welcomes the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) adopted at the International Conference on Chemicals Management in Dubai, UAE in February, 2006.

The Council requests the Secretariat, working with the Implementing and Executing agencies, to elucidate how GEF's current activities can support SAICM implementation. In this context, Council requests the GEF Secretariat to 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.

Executive Summary

This document reports on developments of interest to the GEF within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and its Multilateral Fund.

The report also includes updated information on the International Conference on Chemicals Management and the fourth World Water Forum.

Highlights reported include:

- (a) The third Meeting of the Parties (COP/MOP-3) to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety held in Curitiba, Brazil in March 2006.
- (b) The eighth Conference of the Parties (COP-8) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) convened in Curitiba, Brazil.
- (c) The eleventh Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held from November 2005 in Montreal, Canada.
- (d) GEF activities undertaken in response to guidance received from the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.
- (e) The seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Desertification convened in Nairobi, Kenya, in October, 2005 is included.
- (f) The Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Seventeenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer held jointly in Dakar, Senegal, in December 2005.
- (g) The International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in February 2006 that finalized and adopted the "Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management" (SAICM).
- (h) A report on GEF participation in the fourth World Water Forum held in Mexico City, Mexico, in March 2006.
- (i) The activities planned by the GEF for the upcoming meeting of the Commission for Sustainable Development in New York in May, 2006.