



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
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GEF/C.43/02
October 15, 2012

GEF Council meeting
November 13 – 15, 2012
Washington, D.C.

Agenda Item 3

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1.

Opening of the Meeting
(CEO Chairs)

1. The meeting will be opened by Naoko Ishii, CEO and 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 Mr. Jozef Buys, the non-recipient Council Member representing the constituency of 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 discussion on agenda item 3, "Adoption of the Agenda", agenda item 4, "Vision for the GEF 2020", agenda item 6, "Statements by the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions", agenda item 7, "Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions", agenda item 8, "Report by the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel", agenda item 9, "GEF Evaluation Office: Progress Report from the Director", agenda item 10, "Annual Thematic Evaluations Report 2012 and Management Response", agenda item 11, "Annual Impact Report 2012 and Management Response", agenda item 12, "Annual Monitoring Review FY12: Part I" and agenda item 17, "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 18, "Other Business," and agenda item 19, "Joint Summary of the Chairs."
5. The CEO and 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.43/01/Rev.01.
7. *The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.*

Agenda Item 4.

Vision of the GEF 2020
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

8. Keynote address by the Deputy Minister of Environment of Brazil.
9. The CEO/Chairperson will share ideas with the Council for carrying out a strategic visioning exercise to help draw the path towards key goals to be achieved by the GEF by 2020.

Agenda Item 5.

Briefing on the Replenishment Process
(CEO Chairs)

10. Document GEF/C.43/10, *Decision on the Sixth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund*, reports to the Council on its replenishment process.
11. *The Council is invited to request the Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund, in cooperation with the CEO and Chairperson of the Facility, to initiate discussions on the replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund for the negotiations of the sixth replenishment of resources of the GEF Trust Fund.*

Agenda Item 6.

Statements by the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

12. The representative(s) from the different Convention(s) will report on the recent decisions and developments under their Convention related to the activities of the GEF.

Agenda Item 7.

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

13. Document GEF/C.43/03, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, reports on developments of

interest to the GEF Council under the following multilateral environmental conventions: the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the MP). The document also provides information on relations between the GEF Secretariat (the Secretariat) and other international conventions and institutions.

14. *The Council is invited to consider the report and request the GEF network to continue working with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their respective GEF programming and activities.*

Proposed Framework for a Financial Mechanism for the Future Mercury Convention and Draft Operational Program for Mercury
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

15. Document GEF/C.43/04, *Proposed Framework for a Financial Mechanism for the Future Mercury Convention and Draft Operational Program for Mercury*, responds to the request of the 42nd GEF Council to revise document GEF/C.42/Inf.10, *Operational program for Mercury and Options for a Financial Mechanism* and present it to the 43rd Meeting of the Council.
16. *The Council is invited to take note of the progress of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to prepare a global legally binding instrument on mercury; and if requested by the INC, would welcome the GEF becoming a Financial Mechanism of the future instrument on mercury, within the framework of the GEF.*

Agenda Item 8.

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

17. The Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel will be invited to make a statement to the Council on the work of the Panel. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to address questions to the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel. A written report

of the Chair can be found in document GEF/STAP/C.43/Inf.01, *Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP)*.

18. *The Council is invited to comment on the report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel and to provide guidance to the Panel, as appropriate.*

Agenda Item 9.

GEF Evaluation Office: Progress Report from the Director
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

19. Document GEF/ME/C.43/01, *GEF Evaluation Office: Progress Report from the Director*, presents to the Council with important information on on-going work for the Fifth Overall Performance Study of the GEF and other activities of the Evaluation Office.
20. *The Council is invited to take note of the on-going work of the Office and the progress made towards completion of the Fifth Overall Performance Study of the GEF.*
21. *The Council is invited to request the Secretariat to prepare a management response to the Fifth Overall Performance Study in consultation with the Agencies as part of the replenishment negotiations.*

Agenda Item 10.

Annual Thematic Evaluations Report 2012 and Management Response
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

22. Document GEF/ME/C.43/02, *Annual Thematic Evaluations Report 2012*, provides an overview by the Evaluation Office of the on-going work for the thematic evaluations work program for fiscal year 2012 and presents the main conclusions and recommendations for the Evaluation of the GEF Focal Area Strategies.
23. Document GEF/ME/C.43/03, *Management Response to the Annual Thematic Evaluations Report 2012*, has been prepared by the GEF Secretariat in consultation with the GEF Agencies.
24. *The Council is invited to review both documents and request the Secretariat to incorporate the main conclusions and recommendations of the Evaluation of the GEF Focal Area Strategies in the programming approach for GEF-6.*

Agenda Item 11.

Annual Impact Report 2012 and Management Response
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

25. Document GEF/ME/C.43/04, *Annual Impact Report 2012*, presents to the Council an overview of the on-going work for impact evaluation for fiscal year 2012 and presents the main conclusions and recommendations of the Impact Evaluation of the GEF in the South China Sea and Adjacent Areas.
26. Document GEF/ME/C.43/05, *Management Response to the Annual Impact Report 2012*, has been prepared by the GEF Secretariat in consultation with the GEF Agencies.
27. *The Council is invited to review both documents and requests the Secretariat to incorporate the main conclusions and recommendations of the Evaluation in future projects and programs in the South China Sea and adjacent areas and in the International Waters programming approach for GEF-6*

Agenda Item 12.

Annual Monitoring Review FY12: Part I
(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

28. Document GEF/C.43/05, *Annual Monitoring Review FY12: Part I*, presents to the Council an overview of the health of the GEF Trust Fund's active portfolio in FY12, including an in-depth analysis of outcomes, experiences, and lessons learned.
29. *The Council is invited to welcome the overall finding that the GEF portfolio under implementation in 2012 performed satisfactorily across all focal areas.*
30. *The Council is invited to welcome the inclusion of an annual status update on Enabling Activities and Programmatic Approaches as well as the information provided on the National Portfolio Formulation Exercise (NPFE).*
31. *The Council is further invited to request the Secretariat to align its reporting requirements to the streamlining measures undertaken in the Project Cycle.*

Agenda Item 13.

Streamlining of Project Cycle
(CEO Chairs)

32. Document GEF/C.43/06, *Streamlining of Project Cycle*, responds to the request of the 42nd Council meeting and

presents a set of streamlining measures in the GEF project cycle.

33. *The Council is invited to appreciate the cooperative manner in which the GEF Secretariat and the Agencies have worked together to arrive at a set of streamlining measures in GEF procedures and practices, and welcome its implementation by January 2013.*
34. *The Council is also invited to support the streamlining measures described in the document, and agree to increase the MSP grant ceiling to \$2 million from the current \$1 million with delegated approval authority to the CEO.*
35. *The Council is further invited to encourage the Secretariat and the Agencies to continue to collaborate on further streamlining measures, and report to the Council at its next meeting in June 2013.*
36. *The Council is invited to thank the Working Group for its guidance on this exercise and notes that the Group has concluded its work.*

Agenda Item 14.

Progress Report: Accreditation Process for GEF Project Agencies (CEO Chairs)

37. Document GEF/C.43/07, *Progress Report: Accreditation Process for GEF Project Agencies*, summarizes the outcome of the Accreditation Panel's work since June 2012 and also, reports on lessons learned to date during the first round of accreditation and the implications of these lessons.
38. *The Council is invited to take note the status of the Stage II reviews by the Accreditation Panel to date and the need for further reviews of several candidate agencies, including field visits as appropriate, in order to verify their compliance with all minimum Fiduciary Standards and Environmental and Social Safeguards of the GEF.*
39. *The Council is further invited to recognize the need to review the outcomes and experiences with the first round of reviews, and decide to postpone consideration of a second round of accreditation until its June 2013 meeting, pending the conclusion of all ongoing Stage II reviews by the Accreditation Panel.*

Agenda Item 15.

Financial Projections for GEF-5 Programming Options
(CEO Chairs)

40. Document GEF/C.43/08, *Financial Projections for GEF-5 Programming Options*, reports on the projected shortfall and presents to the Council three illustrative scenarios the Secretariat has developed for future programming. These scenarios, at the broadest level, demonstrate the various trade-offs that may need to be made during the next two years.
41. *The Council is invited to take note of the three scenarios for adjusting future programming presented by the Secretariat for a projected envelope of \$3.66 billion for GEF-5, and agree that the general principles outlined in scenario 3 be implemented.*
42. *The Council is further invited to request the Secretariat to report on the progress in programming at the next Council meeting, and whether any major adjustments need to be made to the implementation of the scenario.*

Agenda Item 16.

Work Program
(CEO Chairs)

43. Document GEF/C.43/09, *Work Program*, presents to the Council twenty eight (28) standalone project concepts and one programmatic approach amounting to \$158.37 million in GEF project grants and \$15.64 million in Agency fees. In addition, one project concept associated with a programmatic approach is also submitted for Council approval but whose project grant would be drawn from a previously approved program.
44. *The Council is invited to review the document and approve the work program comprising twenty eight (28) project concepts and one programmatic approach, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by November 29, 2012. In addition, one project concept associated with a previously approved programmatic approach is also submitted for Council approval. Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$174 million which include GEF project grants and Agency fees.*

Agenda Item 17.

Report of the Selection and Review Committee
(Elected Chairperson Chairs – Executive Session)

45. The Chair of the Selection and Review Committee will present the report of the SRC to the Council.

Agenda Item 18.

Other Business
(Jointly Chaired)

46. Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item.
47. The Chair will inform the Council of possible dates for the fall 2013 and spring 2014 Council meeting.

Agenda Item 19.

Joint Summary of the Chairs
(Jointly Chaired)

48. The Elected Chair and the CEO and 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, November 13, 2012

Morning Session

09:00 – 10:00	Agenda Item 1.	Opening of the Meeting (CEO Chairs)
	Agenda Item 2.	Election of a Chairperson (CEO Chairs)
	Agenda Item 3.	Adoption of the Agenda (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
10:00 – 11:30	Agenda Item 4.	Vision for the GEF 2020 (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
		Keynote address by the Deputy Minister of Environment of Brazil
11:30 – 12:30	Agenda Item 5.	Briefing on the Replenishment Process (CEO Chairs)
12:30 – 1:00	Agenda Item 6.	Statements by the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
<i>Afternoon Session</i>		
3:00 – 4:00	Agenda Item 7.	Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
		Proposed Framework for a Financial Mechanism for the Future Mercury Convention and Draft Operational Program for Mercury (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
4:00 – 4:30	Agenda Item 8.	Report by the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
4:30 – 5:15	Agenda Item 9.	GEF Evaluation Office: Progress Report from the Director (Elected Chairperson Chairs)
5:15 – 6:00	Agenda Item 10.	Annual Thematic Evaluations Report 2012 and Management Report (Elected Chairperson chairs)

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Morning Session

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| 9:00 – 9:45 | Agenda Item 11. | Annual Impact Report 2012 and Management Response
(Elected Chairperson Chairs) |
| 9:45 – 10:30 | Agenda Item 12. | Annual Monitoring Review FY12: Part I
(Elected Chairperson Chairs) |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Agenda Item 13. | Streamlining of Project Cycle
(CEO Chairs) |
| 11:30 – 1:00 | Agenda Item 14. | Progress Report: Accreditation Process for GEF Project Agencies
(CEO Chairs) |

Afternoon Session

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| 3:00 – 4:00 | Agenda Item 15. | Financial Projections for GEF-5 Programming Options
(CEO Chairs) |
| 4:00 – 5:00 | Agenda Item 16. | Work Program
(CEO Chairs) |
| 5:00 – 6:00 | Agenda Item 17. | Report of the Selection and Review Committee
(Elected Chairperson Chairs- Executive Session) |

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Morning Session

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| 9:00 – 10:00 | Agenda Item 18. | Other Business (Jointly Chaired) |
| 10:00 – 1:00 | <i>LDCF/SCCF Council Meeting</i> | |

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| 3:00 – 4:00 | Agenda Item 19. | Joint Summary of the Chairs (Jointly Chaired) |
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