

GEF/C.9/2

GEF Council
April 30 - May 1, 1997

**ANNOTATED
PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

(CEO chairs)

1. The meeting will be opened by Mohamed T. El-Ashry, 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 shall alternate from one meeting to another between recipient and non-recipient Council Members. The elected Chairperson at the previous Council meeting was Mr. David Turner. Mr. Turner represents the constituency of the United Kingdom. This meeting's elected Chairperson will be nominated by the recipient Council Members.

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, "Statements on behalf of Biological Diversity Convention, Climate Change Convention and STAP followed by questions and answers"; agenda item 7 "GEF corporate budget for FY98"; and agenda item 10, "Relations with conventions".

4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 12, "Other Business", and agenda item 13, "Joint Summary of the Chairs".

5. The CEO/Chairperson of the Facility will chair the Council meeting during discussions on the other items on the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

6. A provisional agenda for consideration by the Council has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/C.9/1. *The Council is invited to **adopt** its agenda for the meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 4 STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY CONVENTION, CLIMATE CHANGE CONVENTION AND STAP FOLLOWED BY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

7. In accordance with paragraph 11 of the Rules of Procedure for the GEF Council, a representative of the Convention on Biological Diversity and a representative of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change have been invited to make a general introductory statement to the Council. An opportunity will be provided after each statement for Council Members to address questions to the representative.

8. The Chairman of STAP has also been invited to make a general statement to the Council on the work of STAP. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to address questions to the Chairman of STAP. With regard to STAP activities, the Council has before it the following information documents:

GEF/C.9/Inf. 8 Report of the seventh meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

GEF/C.9/Inf.9 Report of the eighth meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

GEF/C.9/Inf.10 Report of the STAP workshop on options for mitigation of greenhouse gases (GHGs) emissions from the transport sector

AGENDA ITEM 5 REPORT ON REPLENISHMENT

(CEO chairs)

9. In February 1997, the Council approved by mail a decision requesting the Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund, in cooperation with the CEO/Chairman of the Facility, to initiate replenishment of the Trust Fund in early 1997. Document GEF/C.9/Inf.6 is the Summary of the Co-Chairs of the planning meeting for the second GEF replenishment that was convened in Paris on March 12, 1997. The CEO will respond to any questions that Council Members might wish to raise concerning the replenishment process.

AGENDA ITEM 6 WORK PROGRAM

(CEO chairs)

10. Document GEF/C.9/3, *Work program proposed for Council approval*, presents a proposed work program comprised of project proposals that have been developed by the Implementing Agencies, reviewed by the GEF Operations Committee (GEFOP) and recommended by the CEO for Council approval. The Secretariat has prepared an introductory note to the proposed work program in which it reports on policy and programming issues associated with it. *The Council is invited to review the proposed work program with a view to **approving** it for further development.*

AGENDA ITEM 7 GEF CORPORATE BUDGET FOR FY98

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

11. The proposed GEF corporate budget for FY98 is presented in document GEF/C.9/4. *The Council is invited to review the proposed budget with a view to **approving** it.*

AGENDA ITEM 8 PRINCIPLES FOR GEF FINANCING OF TARGETED RESEARCH

(CEO chairs)

12. At its meeting in October 1996, the Council reviewed a draft text of principles for GEF financing of targeted research. STAP was requested to revise the document on the basis of written comments received from Members as well as those made during the meeting. STAP has prepared a revised document, GEF/C.9/5, which *the Council is invited to **review and approve**.*

AGENDA ITEM 9 FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO STAP WORKSHOP ON LAND DEGRADATION

(CEO chairs)

13. At its last meeting, the Council requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the Implementing Agencies and STAP, to prepare for Council review recommendations concerning follow-up actions to the report of the STAP expert workshop on land degradation (Dakar, Senegal, September 18-20, 1996). The follow-up to the Dakar workshop that is recommended by the Secretariat is elaborated upon in document GEF/C.9/6. *The Council is invited to **review and comment upon** the follow-up action.*

AGENDA ITEM 10 RELATIONS WITH CONVENTIONS

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

15. Document GEF/C.9/7, *Relations with conventions*, reports on developments within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change since the last review by the Council of matters arising from the conventions for which the GEF serves as the operator of the financial mechanism. *The Council is invited to **review and comment** upon the report. The Council is also invited to **approve** the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Council of the Global Environment Facility, and the Annex on the Determination of Funding Necessary and Available for the Implementation of the Convention to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Council of the Global Environment Facility.*

AGENDA ITEM 11 GEF ASSEMBLY

(CEO chairs)

18. At its meeting in October 1996, the Council held a preliminary discussion on the organization of the first GEF Assembly. The Council noted with appreciation and accepted the offer of the Government of India to host the first Assembly. The Council also requested the Secretariat to prepare a note on the scope and format of the Assembly, taking into account the Council's discussions. This note has been circulated as document GEF/C.9/8. *The Council is invited to **review** the note with a view to **approving** the proposed approach to the scope and format of the GEF Assembly.*

AGENDA ITEM 12 OTHER BUSINESS

(Jointly chaired)

20. In addition to the documents referred to under the agenda items above, the Council has before it the following documents for information:

GEF/C.9/Inf.2 GEF Council Members, Alternates and constituencies

GEF/C.9/Inf. 3 Status of Commitments and Pledges to the GEF Trust Fund

GEF/C.9/Inf.4 Procedures for GEF operational programming

GEF/C.9/Inf.5 Operational Guidelines for Expedited Financing of Initial Communications from non-Annex-1 Parties

GEF/C.9/Inf.7 Project Implementation Review of the GEF, 1996

GEF/C.8/4/Rev.1 Framework and work program for GEF's monitoring, evaluation and dissemination activities

21. Members and the Chairpersons may raise any matter discussed in these documents or any other business under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 13 JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS

(Jointly chaired)

22. The elected Chairperson and the CEO/Chairperson will present a joint summary of the main discussions and conclusions of the meeting. Decisions approved by the Council during the meeting will be appended to the Chairs' joint summary.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR

**GEF COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 1997**

Wednesday, April 30

Morning session

9:00 am - 10:30 am Agenda Item 1. Opening of meeting

Agenda Item 2. Election of a Chairperson

Agenda Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

Agenda Item 4. Statements on behalf of Biological Diversity and Climate Change Conventions followed by questions and answers

10:30 am - 11:30 am Agenda Item 5 Report on replenishment

11:30am - 12:00 pm Agenda Item 4. (cont'd) Statement on behalf of STAP followed by questions and answers

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Agenda Item 8 Principles for GEF financing of target research

Afternoon session

2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Agenda Item 6 Proposed work program

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Agenda Item 9 Follow-up action to STAP workshop on land degradation

Thursday, May 1

Morning session

(Executive Session)

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Agenda Item 7 GEF corporate budget for FY98

Afternoon session

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Agenda Item 10 Relations with conventions

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Agenda Item 11 GEF Assembly

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm Agenda Item 12 Other business

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Agenda Item 13 Joint Summary of the Chairs