



Global Environment Facility

GEF/C.15/2/Rev.1
April 12, 2000

GEF Council
May 9-11, 2000

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. Hans-Peter Schipulle, the member representing the constituency of Germany. 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, "Appointment/reappointment of CEO/Chairperson of the Facility", agenda item 5, "Statements on behalf of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity", agenda item 9, "GEF Corporate Budget FY01", agenda item 10, "Report on the implementation of the fee-based system", agenda item 12, "Relations with conventions", agenda item 13, "Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Study of GEF's Overall Performance and the Policy Recommendations for the Second Replenishment together with the 1999 Project Performance Report", agenda item 14, "Approach for the second Study of GEF's Overall Performance", and agenda item 15, "Progress report on the World Bank Environment Strategy."
4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 15, "Other Business", and agenda item 16, "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 THE AGENDA *(Elective Chairperson chairs)*

6. A provisional agenda for consideration by the Council has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/C.15/1/Rev.1. *The Council is invited to **adopt** its agenda for the meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 4.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF CEO/CHAIRPERSON OF THE FACILITY *(Elected Chairperson chairs)*

7. Paragraph 21 of the *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF* provides that “the CEO shall be appointed to serve for three years on a full-time basis by the Council on the joint recommendation of the Implementing Agencies. Such recommendation shall be made after consultation with the Council. The CEO may be reappointed by the Council.”
8. The Council was informed in November 1999 that the term of the CEO will expire in July 2000, and of the need to reach a decision concerning the position of the CEO at its meeting in May 2000.
9. On March 9, 2000, the Heads of the three Implementing Agencies of the GEF wrote to Council Members recommending that the Council reappoint Mr. Mohamed T. El-Ashry to a three year term, beginning July 12, 2000, as the CEO/Chairperson of the GEF. The recommendation was made after consultations with Council Members.
10. The Council is invited to consider this recommendation of the Heads of the three Implementing Agencies *with a view to **reappointing** Mr. Mohamed T. El-Ashry to a three year term.*

AGENDA ITEM 5.

STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

11. In accordance with paragraph 11 of the Rules of Procedure for the GEF Council, a representative of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and a representative of the Convention on Biological Diversity 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.

AGENDA ITEM 6.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR OF STAP

(CEO chairs)

12. The Chair of STAP has 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 Chair of STAP.

AGENDA ITEM 7.

WORK PROGRAM

(CEO chairs)

13. Document GEF/C.15/3, *Work Program Submitted for Council Approval*, (this document includes a cover note together with 24 project proposals), contains the 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 8.

PROGRESS REPORT ON EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXECUTING AGENCIES

(CEO chairs)

14. At its meeting in May 1999, the Council approved proposals for expanding opportunities for Regional Development Banks to participate in preparing and executing GEF projects, while urging the Implementing

Agencies to make a greater effort to diversify and cooperate with a wider range of executing agencies, including in the implementation of strategic partnerships. The Council also requested the Secretariat to provide a report on progress made at its May 2000 meeting. Document GEF/C.15/4 is a progress report on the actions taken to implement the Council's decision, and includes proposed arrangements to expand opportunities for additional executing agencies. *The Council is invited to **take note** of the progress that has been achieved and to **approve** the arrangements to expand opportunities for additional executing agencies.*

AGENDA ITEM 9.

GEF CORPORATE BUDGET FY01

(Elected Chairperson chairs – Executive session)

15. The proposed Corporate Budget for FY01 is presented in document GEF/C.15/5. *The Council is invited to **review** the proposed budget with a view to **approving** it.*

AGENDA ITEM 10.

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEE-BASED SYSTEM

(Elected Chairperson chairs – Executive session)

16. In May 1999 the Council approved the application of a fee-based system to determine Implementing Agencies' fees with respect to GEF projects. The Council also requested the Secretariat to report on the first-year of operation of the fee-based system and on the outcome of the related actions requested by the Council. Document GEF/C.15/6 reports on the implementation of the fee-based system. *The Council is invited to **take note** of the progress that has been achieved in implementing the fee-based system, including the revised approach to determining fees.*

AGENDA ITEM 11.

ELEMENTS OF AN OPERATIONAL PROGRAM ON AGROBIODIVERSITY

(CEO chairs)

17. Since its third meeting in November 1996, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity has stressed the importance of Parties addressing the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity and has called for the GEF to provide financial resources to developing countries for country driven activities and programs, consistent with national priorities and objectives, for supporting such efforts.

18. At its meeting in October 1998, the Council had before it document GEF/C.12/Inf.10, *Framework for GEF Activities concerning Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity important to Agriculture*. In this paper, it was noted that the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity important to agriculture was covered by the *GEF Operational Strategy* and was included in the biodiversity operational programs, as well as the criteria for the financing of enabling activities. To this extent, the GEF has developed projects concerning the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity important to agriculture in response to requests from countries.
19. Based on its experience in assisting countries to prepare projects related to agrobiodiversity, the Secretariat and Implementing Agencies have concluded that a new operational program on biodiversity important to agriculture would enhance their ability to fully respond to the concerns of the countries and the guidance of the convention. As noted in the *GEF Operational Strategy*: “Country-driven project concepts may emerge for which an immediate matching with a GEF operational program does not exist. These concepts will be explored further to determine whether they provide a basis for a new operational program. Flexibility will be an integral element of this strategy so that the GEF may learn from and be responsive to the strategic insights of recipient countries.”
20. Document GEF/C.15/7 sets forth the proposed elements of an operational program on agrobiodiversity. *The Council is invited to **review** these elements with a view to **approving** them*. Once the elements are approved, the Secretariat will develop and publish the operational program.

AGENDA ITEM 12.

RELATIONS WITH CONVENTIONS

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

21. Document GEF/C.15/12 reports on developments of interest to the GEF within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and other international agreements as well as efforts of the GEF Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies to operationalize the guidance of the Conferences of the Parties. *The Council is invited to **review** and **comment** upon the report.*

AGENDA ITEM 13.

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY OF GEF OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SECOND REPLENISHMENT PERIOD TOGETHER WITH 1999 PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORT
(Elected Chairperson chairs)

22. At its meeting in May 1999, the Council requested that a discussion of the annual Project Performance Report, as well as the recommendations of the *Study of GEF's Overall Performance* and the policy recommendations of the second replenishment be included on its agenda. Document GEF/C.15/9, *Third Progress Report on Action to Implement the Recommendations of the Study of GEF Overall Performance and the Policy Recommendations for the Second Replenishment Period*, provides the Council with information on the actions that have been taken to respond to those recommendations. Document GEF/C.15/10, *1999 Project Performance Report*, presents the results of the annual project implementation review. *The Council is invited to **review** and **comment** upon these documents and to **take note** of the actions that the Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies have undertaken since the last Council meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 14.

APPROACH FOR SECOND STUDY OF GEF'S OVERALL PERFORMANCE
(Elected Chairperson chairs)

23. The Council, at its last meeting, requested the Secretariat to prepare for consideration at its meeting in May 2000 a proposal for the evaluation of GEF operations prior to the next replenishment. Document GEF/C.15/11 proposes an approach for the preparation of the second study of GEF's overall performance. *The Council is invited to **review** and **comment** upon the approach proposed in the paper.*

AGENDA ITEM 15

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORLD BANK ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY
(Elected Chairperson chairs)

24. At its meeting in December 1999, the Council took note of the progress that had been made by the World Bank Group in developing a strategy for addressing global environmental concerns in World Bank Group policies and programs as part of a corporate strategy covering local, regional and global aspects of the environment as a whole.

Noting that the World Bank expected to complete its strategy for consideration by the Council meeting at its meeting in November 2000, the Council requested that the World Bank present to its May 2000 meeting a progress report setting out the further development of issues addressed in the strategy. The World Bank report on the progress that has been made in developing its environment strategy is before the Council as document GEF/C.15/12. *The Council is invited to **review** the progress report and to **provide comments** for consideration by the World Bank in the further development of its environment strategy.*

AGENDA ITEM 16.

OTHER BUSINESS

(Jointly chaired)

25. Members and the Chairpersons may raise any other business under this agenda item. In particular, the Council's attention is drawn to the information papers before it.

AGENDA ITEM 17.

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS

(Jointly chaired)

26. 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

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE
GEF COUNCIL MEETING**

MAY 9-11, 2000

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

Morning session

09:30 - 10:30	Agenda Item 1 Agenda Item 2 Agenda Item 3 Agenda Item 4	Opening of the Meeting Election of a Chairperson Adoption of Agenda Appointment/reappointment of CEO/Chairperson of the Facility
10:30 – 12:00	Agenda Item 5 Agenda Item 6	Statements on behalf of Conventions Statement by the Chair of STAP
12:00 - 1:00	Agenda Item 7	Work Program

Afternoon session

2:30 – 4:30	Agenda Item 7	Work Program (continued)
4:30 – 6:00	Agenda Item 8	Progress Report on expanded opportunities for executing agencies

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Morning session

Executive Session

9:30 – 1:00	Agenda Item 11 Agenda Item 12	GEF Corporate Budget FY01 Report on implementation of the fee-based system
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Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Afternoon session

2:30 – 4:00	Agenda Item 9	Elements of an operational program on agrobiodiversity
4:00 – 5:00	Agenda Item 15	Progress report on the World Bank Environment Strategy
5:00 – 6:00	Agenda Item 10	Relations with conventions

Thursday, May 11, 2000

Morning session

9:30 – 11:00	Agenda Item 13	Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Study of Overall Performance and 1999 Project Implementation Review
11:00 – 12:00	Agenda Item 14	Approach for second study of GEF's overall performance
12:00 – 1:00	Agenda Item 16	Other Business

Afternoon session

3:00 – 4:30	Agenda Item 17	Joint summary of the Chairs
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