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Decision by Mail – March 2014

Decision 1/2014 Intersessional Work Program

1. The GEF Council reviewed the proposed [work program](#) posted on February 24, 2014, and approves the work program comprising 32 out of 34 stand-alone Project Identification Forms¹ (PIFs) and three PIFs associated with a previously approved programmatic approach, subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by March 17, 2014:

Biodiversity

1. **Cameroon:** Participative Integrated Ecosystem Services Management Plans for Bakassi Post Conflict Ecosystems PINESMAP BPCE (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,652,968)
2. **Chile:** Mainstreaming the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Valuation of Critically Threatened Species and Endangered Ecosystems into Development-frontier Production Landscapes of the Arica y Parinacota, and Biobio Regions (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,411,416)
3. **China:** A New Green Line: Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation Objectives and Practices into China's Water Resources Management Policy and Planning Practice. (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,639,726)
4. **China:** Developing and Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,436,210)
5. **Congo:** Creation of Conkouati Dimonika PA Complex and Development of Community Private Sector Participation Model to Enhance PA Management Effectiveness CDC&CPSPM (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,889,434)
6. **Macedonia:** Achieving Biodiversity Conservation through Creation and Effective Management of Protected Areas and Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Land Use Planning (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,360,731)
7. **Madagascar:** A Landscape Approach to Conserving and Managing Threatened Biodiversity in Madagascar with a Focus on the Atsimo-Andrefana Spiny and Dry Forest Landscape (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,329,452)

¹ Council requested 2 PIFs to be deferred to the May 2014 Council meeting

8. **Madagascar:** Conservation of Key Threatened Endemic and Economically Valuable Species in Madagascar (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,650,000)

Climate Change Mitigation

9. **Algeria:** Integrated Municipal Management Model of Household and Similar Waste with Low Greenhouse Gas Emissions (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,187,671)
10. **Botswana:** Promoting Production and Utilization of Biomethane from Agro-Waste in South-Eastern Botswana (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,632,300)
11. **China:** Enabling Solid State Lighting Market Transformation Promotion of Light Emitting Diode Lighting (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,242,694)
12. **China:** Greening the Logistics Industry in Zhejiang Province (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,913,700)
13. **Congo DR:** Promotion of Mini and Micro-hydro Power Plants in Congo DR (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,187,669)
14. **India:** Market Transformation and Removal of Barriers for Effective Implementation of the State Level Climate Change Action Plans (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,744,438)
15. **Morocco:** Promoting the Development of Photovoltaic Pumping Systems for Irrigation (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,639,726)
16. **Paraguay:** Innovative Use of a Voluntary Payment for Environmental Services Scheme to Avoid and Reduce GHG Emissions and Enhance Carbon Stocks in the Highly Threatened Dry Chaco Forest Complex in Western Paraguay (CI) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,201,614)
17. **Serbia:** Removing Barriers to Promote and Support Energy Management Systems in Municipalities (EMIS) throughout Serbia (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,300,000)
18. **Sudan:** Promoting the Use of Electric Water Pumps for Irrigation (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,365,753)
19. **Venezuela:** Promotion and Development of Renewable Energies through the Set-up of Mini-hydro Plants in Rural Communities Located in the Region of The Andes and the Southern Area of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,657,534)

International Waters

20. **Global:** Targeted Research for Improving Understanding of the Global Nitrogen Cycle towards the Establishment of an International Nutrient Management System INMS (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,000,000)
21. **Regional (Burkina Faso, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Algeria, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Chad):** Improving IWRM Knowledge based Management and Governance of the Niger Basin and the Iullemeden Taoudeni Tanezrouft Aquifer System (ITTAS) (UNDP/UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$13,425,000)
22. **Regional (Uganda, Congo DR):** Lakes Edward and Albert Integrated Fisheries and Water Resources Management Project (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,100,000)

Multi Focal Area

23. **Regional (Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Ukraine):** Initial Technical Assistance for the Regional Demonstration Project for Coordinated Management of ODS and POPs Disposal in the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Armenia (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$18,000,000)
24. **Haiti:** Ecosystem Approach to Haiti's Cote Sud5 (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,097,500)
25. **Mauritius:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity into the Management of the Coastal Zone in the Republic of Mauritius (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,664,521)
26. **Pakistan:** Sustainable Forest Management to Secure Multiple Benefits in High Conservation Value Forests (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,338,000)

Persistent Organic Pollutants

27. **Regional (Antigua And Barbuda, Barbados, Bahamas, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts And Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent and Grenadines):** Disposal of Obsolete Pesticides including POPs, Promotion of Alternatives and Strengthening Pesticides Management in the Caribbean (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,357,500)
28. **Regional (Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, El Salvador, Uruguay, Venezuela):** Strengthening of National Initiatives and Enhancement of Regional Cooperation for the Environmentally Sound Management of POPs in Waste

of Electronic or Electrical Equipment (WEEE) in Latin-American Countries (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,500,000)

29. **Regional (Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe):** Disposal of PCB Oils Contained in Transformers and Disposal of Capacitors Containing PCB in Southern Africa (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,710,000)
30. **Regional (Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia):** Promotion of BAT and BEP to Reduce uPOPs Releases from Waste Open Burning in the Participating African Countries of COMESA-SADC Subregions (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,615,000)
31. **China:** POPs and Chemical Pollution Solutions through Area-based-Ecoeffective-Management (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,000,000)
32. **Kenya :** Sound Chemicals Management Mainstreaming and uPOPs Reduction in Kenya (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,515,000)

PIFs under a Previously Approved Programmatic Approach

Multifocal Area

33. **Niue:** R2R Application of Ridge to Reef Concept for Biodiversity Conservation, and for the Enhancement of Ecosystem Services and Cultural Heritage (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,194,862) *under the R2R Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods Program*
34. **Palau:** R2R Advancing Sustainable Resources Management to Improve Livelihoods and Protect Biodiversity in Palau (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,747,706) *under the R2R Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods Program*
35. **Tonga:** R2R Integrated Land and Agro-Ecosystem Management Systems (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,344,954) *under the R2R Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods Program*

2. With respect to the following six PIFs approved as part of the work program, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive draft final project documents at least four weeks prior to the CEO endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency to provide Council Members the opportunity to transmit to the CEO any concerns they may have:

- a) **Cameroon:** Participative Integrated Ecosystem Services Management Plans for Bakassi Post Conflict Ecosystems (UNEP);
- b) **China:** Developing and Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge (UNDP);
- c) **China:** Enabling Solid State Lighting Market Transformation Promotion of Light Emitting Diode Lighting (UNDP);
- d) **China:** Greening the Logistics Industry in Zhejiang Province (UNDP);
- e) **Regional (Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Ukraine):** Regional Demonstration Project for Coordinated Management of ODS and POPs Disposal in the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Armenia (UNIDO);
- f) **China:** POPs and Chemical Pollution Solutions through Area-based Eco-effective Management (UNIDO).

With respect to the following PIFs, the Council requests that the project proposals be deferred for consideration at the May 2014 Council meeting:

- a) **Russian Federation:** Low Carbon Technology Transfer in the Russian Federation (UNIDO)
- b) **Turkey:** Conservation and Sustainable Management of the Steppe Ecosystems (FAO)

3. With respect to all PIFs approved in this work program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF Policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the STAP reviewer's [comments on the work program](#), and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

4. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there have been major changes to the project scope and approach since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
5. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council is appended as [Annex 1](#).

46th Council Meeting – May 2014

Decision 2/2014 Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY13: Part II

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.46/04, [Annual Monitoring Review \(AMR\) FY13: Part II](#), welcomed the report and appreciated the reformed AMR process. The Council requested the GEF Secretariat to continue providing two AMR reports per year: the first, presented in the fall, containing a quantitative overview of information on the portfolio under implementation and the second, presented in the spring, containing more in-depth analysis of outcomes, experiences, and lessons learned.
2. The Council requested the GEF Agencies, in collaboration with the recipient countries and the Secretariat, to expedite the preparation of all overdue projects.

Decision 3/2014 GEF 2020 – Strategy for the GEF

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.46/10, [GEF2020 – Strategy for the GEF](#), welcomed the draft GEF2020 strategy. The Council requested the Secretariat to finalize the document taking into account comments raised and promptly submit the revised document to the Council for endorsement consideration by mail. The Council also requested the Secretariat to arrange for discussions on the GEF's long-term strategy at Council meetings on an annual basis.

Decision 4/2014 Summary of Negotiations of the Sixth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund

1. The Council, having reviewed the [Summary of Negotiations of the Sixth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund](#) (Document GEF/C.46/07/Rev.01), welcomed the successful conclusion of the replenishment, took note of the Summary, and endorsed the programming directions (Annex A) including the allocations of resources set forth in Table 1 (and associated detailed table in the Annex), the policy recommendations (Annex B), and the Draft Replenishment Resolution (Annex C).

2. The Council requested the CEO/Chairperson of the Facility to transmit this Summary to the World Bank with a request that the World Bank Executive Directors be invited to adopt Annex C to this Summary, *Draft World Bank Resolution No. _____, The Global Environment Facility Trust Fund: Sixth Replenishment of Resources*, thereby authorizing the World Bank, as Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund, to manage the resources made available under GEF-6.

Decision 5/2014 Proposal for the System of Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) for GEF-6

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.46/05/Rev.01, [Proposal for the System of Transparent Allocation of Resources \(STAR\) for GEF-6](#), adopted all the elements of the revised STAR for implementation during the sixth replenishment period of the GEF.
2. The Council also noted the operational procedures described in Annex 2 of this document, and requests the GEF Secretariat to implement the STAR accordingly.
3. The Council also requested the Secretariat to present progress reports on the implementation of the STAR for GEF-6 at each Council meeting.

Decision 6/2014 Co-Financing Policy

1. The Council, having reviewed Council Document GEF/C.46/09, [Co-financing Policy](#), approved the proposed policy attached as Annex 1, as revised², to this Document. The Council requested the collaboration of recipient countries, GEF Partner Agencies, and the Secretariat in implementing the provisions of the Policy. This new policy replaces and supersedes the Co-financing policy of May 2003 set out in Council Document GEF/C.20/6/Rev.1, *Co-financing*.

Decision 7/2014 GEF Business Plan and FY15 Corporate Budget

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.46/08, [GEF Business Plan and FY15 Corporate Budget](#), took note of the business plan, and approved a FY15 corporate budget from the GEF Trust Fund of \$24.668 million, comprised of:
 - (a) \$18.988 million for the GEF Secretariat,
 - (b) \$2.540 million for the STAP, and
 - (c) \$3.140 million for the Trustee,

² Footnotes will be added to: (i) reflect that GEF financing is determined on the basis of the agreed incremental cost principle; and (ii) define emergency and other unforeseen circumstances.

2. In addition, under agenda item 17, the Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.46/01, [Work Program and Budget of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office \(IEO\)](#), approved a FY15 budget of \$3.912 million for the IEO, comprising \$3.242 million for its annual budget and \$0.670 million to support multi-annual evaluations.
3. The Council also approved a total FY15 administrative budget for the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) of \$49,600, comprised of the following allocations from the NPIF to cover the Secretariat's and Trustee's expenses for NPIF administration and implementation:
 - (a) \$25,000 for the GEF Secretariat; and
 - (b) \$24,600 for the Trustee;
4. The Council requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the STAP and Trustee, to present a combined FY16 corporate budget and business plan for discussion at its spring 2015 meeting. The corporate budget should include the budgets of the Secretariat, STAP, and Trustee. This combined budget and business plans should report on the use of GEF resources during FY15 and GEF accomplishments over the same period.

Decision 8/2014 GEF Small Grants Programme: Implementation Arrangements for GEF-6

1. The Council considered document GEF/C.46/13, [GEF Small Grants Programme: Implementation Arrangements for GEF-6](#), and approved the proposed implementation arrangements for country programs of the Small Grants Programme.

Decision 9/2014 Work Program

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.46/06, [Work Program](#), approved³ the following, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by June 9, 2014:

³ The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its policies for certain development projects opposed the following projects and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: (1) **Argentina: Sustainable Business Models for Biogas Production from Organic Municipal Solid Waste**; and (2) **Sri Lanka: Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework in Accordance with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**. The Council Member representing the United States of America abstained from the decision on the following projects: (1) **Regional (Angola, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Congo DR): Multi-Country Project to Strengthen Institutional Capacity on LMO Testing in Support of National Decision-making**; (2) **Regional (Angola, Namibia, South Africa): Realizing the Inclusive and Sustainable Development in the BCLME Region through the Improved Ocean Governance and the Integrated Management of Ocean Use and Marine Resources**; (3) **Angola: Promotion of Sustainable Charcoal in Angola through a Value Chain Approach**; (4) **China: Accelerating the Development and Commercialization of Fuel Cell Vehicles in China**; and (5) **Regional (China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam): Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea**.

Biodiversity

1. **Global:** Effective Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into Government Policy and Private Sector Practice: Piloting Sustainability Models to Take the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) to Scale (CI)(GEF Project Grant: \$9,800,000)
2. **Global:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Information into the Heart of Government Decision Making (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$5,000,000)
3. **Global:** Strengthening Human Resources, Legal Frameworks and Institutional Capacities to Implement the Nagoya Protocol (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$12,000,000)
4. **Global:** UNEP-GEF Project for Sustainable Capacity Building for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,699,684)
5. **Regional (Angola, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Congo DR):** Multi-Country Project to Strengthen Institutional Capacity on LMO Testing in Support of National Decision-making (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,860,000)
6. **Brazil:** Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening on the National Framework for Access and Benefit Sharing under the Nagoya Protocol (IADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,401,931)
7. **Colombia:** Consolidation of the National System of Protected Areas (SINAP) at National and Regional Levels. (IADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,157,000)
8. **El Salvador:** Conservation, Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, and Maintenance of Ecosystem Services in Protected Wetlands of International Importance (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,191,781)
9. **Indonesia:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use into Inland Fisheries Practices in Freshwater Ecosystems of High Conservation Value (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$6,192,694)
10. **Mexico:** Strengthening of National Capacities for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,283,105)
11. **Sri Lanka:** Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework in Accordance with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,365,964)

12. **Turkey:** Conservation and Sustainable Management of the Steppe Ecosystems⁴ (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,328,767)

Climate Change

13. **Algeria:** Algeria Energy Efficiency Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,620,000)
14. **Angola:** Promotion of Sustainable Charcoal in Angola through a Value Chain Approach (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,620,000)
15. **Argentina:** Sustainable Business Models for Biogas Production from Organic Municipal Solid Waste (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,779,849)
16. **China:** Accelerating the Development and Commercialization of Fuel Cell Vehicles in China (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$8,233,560)
17. **Lesotho:** Development of Cornerstone Public Policies and Institutional Capacities to Accelerate Sustainable Energy for All (SE4A) Progress (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,500,000)
18. **Nigeria:** Preparation of Third National Communication (TNC) to the UNFCCC and Capacity Strengthening on Climate Change⁵ (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$1,850,000)
19. **Philippines:** Promotion of Low Carbon Urban Transport Systems in the Philippines (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,639,726)
20. **South Africa:** Promoting Organic Waste-to-Energy and other Low-carbon Technologies in Small and Medium-scale Enterprises (SMMEs): Accelerating Biogas Market Development (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,222,110)
21. **Thailand:** Reduction of GHG Emission in Thai Industries through Promoting Investments of the Production and Usage of Solid Bio-fuel (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,850,000)
22. **Trinidad and Tobago:** Improving Energy Efficiency in the Social Housing Sector (IADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,550,000)
23. **Turkey:** Sustainable Energy Financing Mechanism for Solar PV in Forest Villages in Turkey (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,780,000)

International Waters

24. **Global:** GEF International Waters: Learning Exchange and Resources Network IW LEARN (UNDP/UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,987,500)

⁴ Project was deferred from March 2014 Intersessional Work Program.

⁵ Non-expedited enabling activity

25. **Regional (Angola, Namibia, South Africa):** Realizing the Inclusive and Sustainable Development in the BCLME Region through the Improved Ocean Governance and the Integrated Management of Ocean Use and Marine Resources (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$10,900,000)
26. **Regional (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico):** Integrated Transboundary Ridges-to-Reef Management of the Mesoamerican Reef (WWF-US) (GEF Project Grant: \$9,018,349)
27. **Regional (Bolivia, Peru):** Integrated Water Resources Management in the Titicaca-Desaguadero-Poopo-Salar de Coipasa (TDPS) System (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$6,563,750)
28. **Regional (China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam):** Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$15,000,000)
29. **Regional (Indonesia, Timor Leste):** Enabling Transboundary Cooperation for Sustainable Management of the Indonesian Seas (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,000,000)
30. **China:** Mainstreaming Integrated Water and Environment Management (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$9,500,000)

Land Degradation

31. **Global:** Participatory Assessment of Land Degradation and Sustainable Land Management in Grassland and Pastoral Systems (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,639,726)

Multi-Focal Area

32. **Global (Armenia, Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Maldives, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam, Congo DR):** GEF SGP Fifth Operational Phase-Implementing the Program Using STAR Resources III (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$6,965,151)
33. **Regional (Burkina Faso, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Chad):** Integrated Development for Increased Rural Climate Resilience in the Niger Basin (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant: \$12,014,800)
34. **Regional (Latin America and Caribbean):** IDB-GEF Climate-Smart Agriculture Fund for the Americas⁶ (PROGRAM) (IADB) (GEF Program Grant: \$5,000,000)

⁶ This is a programmatic approach

35. **Benin:** Promotion of Sustainable Biomass-based Electricity Generation in Benin (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,872,602)
 36. **Bolivia:** Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems in Amazonia by Indigenous and Local Communities to Generate Multiple Environmental and Social Benefits (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$6,208,848)
 37. **Indonesia:** Sustainable Management of Peatland Ecosystems in Indonesia (2014-2018) (IFAD) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,766,756)
 38. **Mozambique:** Payment for Ecosystem Services to Support Forest Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,637,748)
 39. **Nigeria:** Sustainable Fuelwood Management in Nigeria (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,410,000)
2. With respect to the following project proposals, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:
1. **Global:** UNEP-GEF Project for Sustainable Capacity Building for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)
 2. **Global:** Strengthening Human Resources, Legal Frameworks and Institutional Capacities to Implement the Nagoya Protocol
 3. **Global:** Participatory Assessment of Land Degradation and Sustainable Land Management in Grassland and Pastoral Systems
 4. **Regional (Angola, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Congo DR):** Multi-Country Project to Strengthen Institutional Capacity on LMO Testing in Support of National Decision-making
 5. **Regional (Angola, Namibia, South Africa):** Realizing the Inclusive and Sustainable Development in the BCLME Region through the Improved Ocean Governance and the Integrated Management of Ocean Use and Marine Resources
 6. **Algeria:** Algeria Energy Efficiency Project
 7. **Mexico:** Strengthening of National Capacities for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity
 8. **Sri Lanka:** Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework in Accordance with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

3. With respect to the following project proposals, *Low Carbon Technology Transfer in the Russian Federation and Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Natural Resources Management in the Ural River Basin*, the Council agreed that the proposed decision to approve the projects will be circulated for Council approval by mail in accordance with paragraphs 43 to 45 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council. The proposed decision will be circulated for a three-week review period. If at the end of the three weeks there is no objection, the decision on the project proposals will be approved. If there is an objection raised by any Member to the proposed decision, the CEO will include the consideration of the project proposals as an agenda item for the next Council meeting.
4. With respect to the PIFs and the non-expedited EA approved as part of the work program, the Council finds that each of these (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF Policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the work program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.
5. With respect to any PIF and non-expedited EA approved in this work program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project scope and approach since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

Decision 10/2014 Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.46/03, [*Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*](#), welcomed the report and requested the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision 11/2014 Update on the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.46/12, [*Update on the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund*](#), took note of the good progress made by the GEF Secretariat in managing the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF), and decided to extend the operation of the NPIF to December 31, 2020 for operational reasons, to allow continuation of project preparation for, and implementation of, the Project Identification Form (PIF) approved projects. Consistent with the May 2011 GEF Council

decision on the NPIF, the Council will not approve new PIFs under the NPIF after 30 June 2014. Noting that the GEF-6 Biodiversity Focal Area Strategy includes resources for implementing the Nagoya Protocol, Council requested that the GEF Secretariat report to the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity on funding for the ratification and early implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

Decision 12/2014 Annual Performance Report 2013 Main Findings and Recommendations and Management Response

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.46/02, "[Annual Performance Report 2013](#)," and GEF/ME/C.46/03, "[Management Response to the Annual Performance Report 2013](#)," noted the evaluative information on the performance of the GEF portfolio and business processes. The Council requested the GEF Independent Evaluation Office to continue its work on extending coverage of reporting on outcomes to earlier periods; ensuring consistency in reporting on outcomes; finalization of the terminal evaluation guidelines; developing its approach to reporting on programs; and streamlining of the management action record process.

Decision 13/2014 Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report 2014 and Management Response

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.46/04, "[Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report 2014](#)," document GEF/ME/C.46/05, "[Management Response to the Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report 2014](#)," requested the Secretariat:
 - 1) To explore and pursue, where appropriate, the use of established SGP country programmes as service providers to implement community level activities for FSPs and MSPs.
2. The Council requested the Secretariat and the Agencies:
 - 2) To pay greater attention to national knowledge exchange and promote dissemination of data and information in the relevant national languages.

Decision 14/2014 Work Program and Budget of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.46/01, "[Work Program and Budget of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office](#)," approved the annual budget for the Independent Evaluation Office for fiscal year 2015 for a total of US\$ 3.242 million. The multi-annual budget for the evaluation program of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office is approved for an amount of US\$ 0.67 million for evaluations carried out in fiscal

year 2015, thus closing the GEF-5 period for the Office. The Office is requested to prepare an updated work plan and multi-annual budget for the GEF-6 period, including the preparations for the 6th Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF, after the new Director has taken up the position in September 2014.

Decision 15/2014 Report of the Second Professional Peer Review of the GEF evaluation function and Management Response

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.46/06, "[Report of the Second Professional Peer Review of the GEF Evaluation Function](#)," as well as GEF/ME/C.46/07, "[Management Response to the Report of the Second Professional Peer Review of the GEF Evaluation Function](#)," requested the Independent Evaluation Office, in consultation with the Secretariat, STAP and the GEF Agencies, to take the findings and recommendations of the peer review, as well as comments made during the Council meeting, into account when preparing the Work Program of the Office for GEF-6.

Decision 16/2014 Report of the Selection and Review Committee

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.46/11, "[Report of the Selection and Review Committee](#)," took note of the SRC's recommendation to the Council to offer Dr. Juha Uitto the position of Director of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office. Decision on Agenda Item 20 Appointment of the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office 33. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.46/11 Report of the Selection and Review Committee decided to appoint Dr. Juha Uitto as Director of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office for a five-year term beginning on or around September 1, 2014. The Council expressed its strong support for the appointment of Dr. Uitto and recognizes his broad experience in evaluation work focused on environmental issues, as well as his leadership skills. The Council looks forward to working with him to further strengthen the GEF.
2. The Council requested the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank's Human Resource Department for finalization of the recruitment process.

Decision 17/2014 Other Business

1. The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.46/CRP.01, "[Progress Report on the Pilot Accreditation of GEF Project Agencies](#)," noted the status of the Stage II reviews conducted by the Accreditation Panel to date. In particular, the Council noted that all Stage II initial desk reviews have been completed as planned and that the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) have received approval from the Panel to progress from Stage II to Stage III.

2. The Council approved initial grant ceilings for IUCN and DBSA, determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in Council document GEF/C.40/09, [Broadening the GEF Partnership under Paragraph 28 of the Instrument](#) (Decision 10 / 2011), as follows:
 - (a) individual project ceilings for a GEF grant: \$27.4 million for IUCN and \$206.6 million for DBSA; and
 - (b) total project ceilings: \$75.8 million for IUCN and \$360 million for DBSA.
3. The Council authorized the Secretariat to recalculate these ceilings at the time of project approvals for these agencies and inform the Council of any changes.
4. The Council confirmed that it will hold its fall 2015 meeting during the week of October 20, 2015.

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Decision 18/2014 GEF 2020 – Strategy for the GEF

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.46/10/Rev.01, [GEF2020: Strategy for the GEF](#), welcomes the completion of the strategy exercise and endorses GEF2020.

Decision 19/2014 Report to the Minamata Convention

1. The Council, having reviewed the document [GEF Report to the 6th Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee of the Minamata Convention 'Efforts Taken by the GEF in Relation to the Implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury in the Interim Period'](#), approves the report for submission to the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee of the Minamata Convention.

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Decision 20/2014 Annual Monitoring Review (AMR) FY14: Part I

1. The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.47/04, [Annual Monitoring Review \(AMR\) FY14: Part I](#), welcomes the overall finding that the GEF portfolio under implementation in FY14 performed satisfactorily across all focal areas. The Council welcomes the first disbursement analysis in the management effectiveness section.

Decision 21/2014 Results-based Management: Action Plan

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.47/05, [Results-based Management: Action Plan](#), welcomed and approved the Action Plan. The Council requests the Secretariat to report on progress in the implementation of the Action Plan at the next Council meeting in June 2015.

Decision 22/2014 GEF-6 Non-Grant Instrument Pilot and Updated Policy for Non-Grant Instruments

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/06, [GEF-6 Non-Grant Instrument Pilot and Updated Policy for Non-Grant Instruments](#), approves the implementation modalities for the Non-Grant Instrument Pilot. The Council also approves the updated Policy on Non-Grant instruments presented in Annex 1 to this document with an effectiveness date of November 1, 2014. This new policy replaces and supersedes the policy of March 2008 set out in Council Document GEF/C.33/12 with the title “Operational Policies and guidance for the Use of Non-Grant Instruments.”

Decision 23/2014 Improving the GEF Project Cycle

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/07, [Improving the GEF Project Cycle](#), approves the following: (i) the updated Project Cancellation Policy as proposed in this paper and set out in Annex 2; and (ii) a revised Programmatic Approach modality as proposed in this paper. Furthermore, the Council requests the GEF Secretariat to provide at the 48th Council Meeting an analysis of the stock of projects approved before the 46th Council Meeting that are delayed more than 18 months from PIF/Council approval to CEO endorsement, and provide recommendations on how to address the issue, including possible modalities for inclusion in the updated Cancellation Policy.

Decision 24/2014 The Country Support Programme Implementation

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/08, [The Country Support Programme Implementation](#), approved the proposal for the Secretariat to execute the Country Support Programme according to the procedures contained therein.
2. The Country Support Programme will be comprised of the following elements, funded with a total allocation from the GEF Trust Fund of \$23 million, allocated across each activity as specified below:
 - (a) Support for National Portfolio Formulation Exercises (NPFES): \$2.4 million;
 - (b) Multi-stakeholder dialogues: \$2 million;

- (c) GEF Workshops: \$12 million (ECWs 10 million; other workshops 2 million)
 - (d) Constituency Meetings: \$5 million;
 - (e) GEF Introduction Seminars: \$1.2million; and
 - (f) Pre-Council Meeting for Recipient Country Council Members/Alternates: 0.4 million
3. The Council directed the Trustee to set aside \$23 million in GEF Trust Fund resources for use by the Secretariat to fund these activities.

Decision 25/2014 Gender Equality Action Plan

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/09, [*Gender Equality Action Plan \(GEAP\)*](#), welcomes the action plan and approves its implementation, on the understanding that the relevant sections of the GEAP will be updated to clarify that the Secretariat will be creating a gender anchor function with gender specific expertise. The updated GEAP (GEF/C.47/09.Rev.01) will be posted on the GEF webpage section on Council Documents.
2. The Secretariat will bring in external gender specific expertise to help develop a long-term solution to establish capacity in the Secretariat to meet the commitments made under this GEAP, including the creation and adequate staffing of the gender anchor function. The Secretariat will take these steps as a matter of high priority and provide an update on the progress at the 48th Council Meeting in June 2015.
3. The Council recognizes the close collaboration among the GEF Secretariat, GEF Agencies, related Multilateral Environment Agreements, civil society organizations, including women's groups, and other partners, in developing the action plan, and requests that this will be continued for its implementation.

Decision 26/2014 Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.47/03, [*Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*](#), welcomed the report and requested the GEF Secretariat for future Council meetings to provide highlights of the key issues of relevance to the GEF that were discussed at the meetings of the conventions and the decisions taken thereon. Further the Council requested the Secretariat to include in future reports the table with responses to the guidance from the COPs of all conventions for which the GEF serves as a financial mechanism. Finally, the Council requested the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision 27/2014 Progress Report on the Pilot Accreditation of GEF Project Agencies & Timeline for Further Discussion of Accreditation

1. The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.47/10, [Progress Report on the Pilot Accreditation of GEF Project Agencies & Timeline for Further Discussion of Accreditation](#), notes the status of the Stage II reviews conducted by the Accreditation Panel to date and welcomes the Panel's decision to approve FUNBIO's progress from Stage II to Stage III.
2. The Council requests the Independent Evaluation Office to initiate an evaluation of the GEF accreditation process, and to present the findings of this evaluation to the Council at its 48th meeting in June 2015. The Council also requests the Secretariat to present a paper regarding possible directions on accreditation in the context of the evolving GEF business model, as a basis for discussion at the 49th meeting of the Council in November 2015.

Decision 28/2014 Progress Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office Director

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.47/01, [Progress Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office Director](#), takes note of the directions outlined in the document and authorizes the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office to further develop the work program with guidance from the Council and in consultation with GEF stakeholders for approval by the Council in its first meeting in 2015.

Decision 29/2014 Work Program

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/11, [Work Program](#), approved the work program comprising fifteen (15) new project concepts, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by November 6, 2014.
2. Total resources approved in this work program⁷ amounted to \$190.74 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs):

⁷ The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its policies for certain development projects, abstained from participating in the decision on the following projects: 1) *China* : Upgrading of China SHP Capacity Project, and 2) *Belarus* : Belarus Forestry Development Project; and likewise, opposes the following projects and therefore does not join the Council decision that would support: 1) *Global* : GEF Small Grants Programme - Sixth Operational Phase (Part I), and 2) *Global (Afghanistan, Antigua And Barbuda, Angola, Burkina Faso, Bahrain, Dominica, Eritrea, Fiji, Gambia, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Cambodia, Comoros, Kiribati, Lao PDR, St. Lucia, Liberia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Myanmar, Mauritius, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Somalia, Sao Tome and Principe, Uganda, Zambia, Congo DR)* : Umbrella Programme for Biennial Update Report to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Chemicals and Waste

1. **China:** UPOPs Reduction through BAT/BEP and PPP-based Industry Chain Management in Secondary Copper Production Sector in China (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing: \$12,600,000) (GEF ID 6966)
2. **Colombia:** Reducing UPOPs and Mercury Releases from Healthcare Waste Management, e-Waste Treatment, Scrap Processing and Biomass Burning (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing: \$5,600,000) (GEF ID 6928)

Climate Change

3. **Global (Afghanistan, Antigua And Barbuda, Angola, Burkina Faso, Bahrain, Dominica, Eritrea, Fiji, Gambia, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Cambodia, Comoros, Kiribati, Lao PDR, St. Lucia, Liberia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Myanmar, Mauritius, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Somalia, Sao Tome and Principe, Uganda, Zambia, Congo DR):** Umbrella Programme for Biennial Update Report to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (UNEP) (GEF Project Financing: \$12,936,000) (GEF ID 6925)
4. **China:** Upgrading of China SHP Capacity Project (UNIDO) (GEF Project Financing: \$8,925,000) (GEF ID 6919)
5. **Ukraine:** Finance and Technology Transfer Centre for Climate Change (FINTECC) (EBRD) (GEF Project Financing: \$7,000,000) (GEF ID 6942)

International Waters

6. **Regional (Azerbaijan, Georgia):** Advancing IWRM Across the Kura River Basin through Implementation of the Transboundary Agreed Actions and National Plans (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing: \$5,329,452) (GEF ID 6962)
7. **Regional (Burkina Faso, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Togo):** Volta River Basin Strategic Action Programme Implementation Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Financing: \$7,200,000) (GEF ID 6964)
8. **Mexico:** Implementation of the Strategic Action Program of the Gulf of Mexico Large Marine Ecosystem (UNIDO) (GEF Project Financing: \$12,900,000) (GEF ID 6952)

Multi Focal Area

9. **Global:** GEF Small Grants Programme - Sixth Operational Phase (Part I) (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing: \$67,307,692) (GEF ID 6931)

10. **Regional (Indonesia, Timor Leste):** Implementation of the Arafura and Timor Seas Regional and National Strategic Action Programs (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing: \$9,745,662) (GEF ID 6920)
 11. **Regional (Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu):** Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program (PROP) (World Bank) (GEF Project Financing: \$6,301,370) (GEF ID 6970)
 12. **Azerbaijan:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Globally Important Agro-biodiversity (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing: \$4,160,502) (GEF ID 6943)
 13. **Belarus:** Belarus Forestry Development Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Financing: \$2,727,273) (GEF ID 6947)
 14. **Lao PDR:** Sustainable Forest and Land Management in the Dry Dipterocarp Forest Ecosystems of Southern Lao PDR (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing: \$10,879,174) (GEF ID 6940)
 15. **Tajikistan:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pamir Alay and Tian Shan Ecosystems for Snow Leopard Protection and Sustainable Community Livelihoods (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing: \$4,181,370) (GEF ID 6949)
3. With respect to the following projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:
1. **Tajikistan:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pamir Alay and Tian Shan Ecosystems for Snow Leopard Protection and Sustainable Community Livelihoods (UNDP)
 2. **China:** Upgrading of China SHP Capacity Project (UNIDO).
4. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the work program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (i) is consistent with the Instrument and GEF Policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the work program, and that the CEO confirms that with these revisions, the project is consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.
5. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project scope and approach after PIF approval, the final project

document will be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO considering endorsement.

6. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 47th session of the work program is part of the associated [Annex 1](#) appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs. Pursuant to the draft decision circulated by mail on June 05, 2014, concerning projects with GEF ID numbers 5366 (Low Carbon Technology Transfer in the Russian Federation) and 5739 (Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Natural Resources Management in the Ural River Basin), the Council decided to postpone their consideration to a future date.

Decision 30/2014 Report of the Selection and Review Committee

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/12, *Report of the Selection and Review Committee (SRC)*:
 - (a) Takes note of the FY15 goals for the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) and the GEF CEO and requests the SRC to present the performance evaluation of the IEO Director and the GEF CEO for the Council's review at its second meeting in 2015;
 - (b) Agrees with the SRC's positive assessment of the GEF CEO's FY14 performance and the recommendation to provide the GEF CEO with a "4" rating on the World Bank's 5-point scale, with an associated merit-based salary increase of 5.6%. The Council requests the SRC to communicate this decision to the World Bank Human Resource Department.

Decision 31/2014 Other Business

1. The Council confirmed that it will hold its spring 2016 meeting during the week of June 06, 2016

Decision by Mail – December 2014

Decision 32/2014 Eligibility for Enabling Activities under the Minamata Convention

1. The Council agrees that the eligibility for enabling activities under the Minamata Convention on Mercury should be extended to developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are non-signatories provided that those states are taking meaningful steps towards becoming a Party to the Convention, as evidenced by a letter

from the relevant minister to the Executive Director of UNEP and to the CEO and Chairperson of the GEF.