



**Fwd: Comments SE co-chair summary and policy recommendations**

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Dear Naoko

Please find Sweden's comments to the chair summary attached to this email.

While we agree in large with the summary been made, from our perspective there is no full agreement yet on the adjustment of the STAR when it comes



to the level of increase of the floors as well as the GDP-factor.

In regards to the policy recommendations we would like to see the section on gender revised along the following lines:

31. Participants welcome and acknowledge the GEF's commitment to engage in and systematically enhance gender mainstreaming at corporate and focal area levels during GEF-6. Participants request the Secretariat, in collaboration with the agencies, and other relevant partners to develop an action plan, for enhancing gender mainstreaming, including use of relevant gender sensitive indicators and sex-disaggregated data, and to present the action plan to the Council at its November 2014 meeting. Participants further request **THAT THE SECRETARIAT ACQUIRES THE NECESSARY CAPACITY IN THIS AREA TO HELP DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE GENDER ACTION PLAN.**

All the best

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To: Ramesh Ramankutty  
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**THIRD MEETING  
FOR THE SIXTH REPLENISHMENT OF RESOURCES  
SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS  
OF THE GEF TRUST FUND  
PARIS, FRANCE  
DECEMBER 10-12, 2013**

**SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS**

The third meeting of Participants for the GEF-6 Replenishment was held at the World Bank European Office in Paris, France on December 10-12, 2013.

Ms. Sylvie Lemmet, Director for International and European Affairs, Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy of France addressed Participants at the opening of the meeting. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Joachim von Amsberg, Vice-President, Concessional Finance and Global Partnerships, World Bank, and Ms. Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility.

Contributing participants were joined by non-donor recipient country participants representing Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, observers from the GEF Agencies, and two NGO/CSO observers representing donor and recipient country-based NGOs/CSOs respectively. Representatives from global environmental Conventions for which the GEF serves as a financial mechanism also attended the meeting as observers.

At this meeting, Participants converged on the key issues for the replenishment, recognized that the mandate of the GEF has increased over time, reinforcing the need for a robust replenishment, and agreed that the convergence reached during the meeting would provide a good basis for finalization of their pledges.

***OPS5*** - The GEF Evaluation Office presented the final report of OPS5. Participants considered the observations with respect to the GEF business model and confirmed that it remains relevant, but that more work can still be done to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the project cycle. Participants expressed appreciation for the report and requested that in the future these studies be delivered earlier in the replenishment process to increase their value in informing the discussions.

***Programming Strategies*** - Participants expressed broad support for the direction of programming strategies as proposed for GEF-6. Participants recognized the additional demands on the GEF for meeting added obligations by Conventions and that the proposed allocations among the focal areas, set-asides and agreed integrated approach pilots are indicative.

***Policy Recommendations*** - Participants expressed broad support for the proposed set of policy recommendations for GEF-6 regarding co-financing, expanded use of non-grant instruments,



project cycle enhancements, further work on gender mainstreaming, engagement with the private sector, and strengthening results based and knowledge management. Participants agreed that the proposed package of adjustment measures to the STAR allocation methodology (to harmonize the allocation ceiling across focal areas at 10%, to increase the weight of the GDP parameter in the STAR allocation formula from 0.04 to at least 0.08, and to increase the minimum allocation floor for LDCs to US\$6-8 million) provided an appropriate framework for meeting the objective of allocating an increased share of resources to lower-income recipient countries.

**Financial Issues** - Participants recognized the need for a robust replenishment to support the agreed programming strategies. They also recognized the importance of efforts by all contributing participants, regardless of size, to stretch contributions to the maximum of their abilities. Participants reviewed the early draft of the Replenishment Resolution and accompanying Summary of Negotiations, requesting additional information on process and next steps, and consideration of investment strategy options at an upcoming Council meeting.

**Next steps** - Participants agreed to provide comments on the revised Policy Recommendations and the Programming Directions to the Secretariat by December 31, 2013. Both documents will be revised accordingly and re-circulated to all Participants by mid-January to allow sufficient time to prepare for the pledging session at the next, final meeting. Participants agreed that the next meeting, originally scheduled for February 10-12, should be held in mid-March as many participants indicated that this would be helpful to achieving a successful outcome. The objective at the next meeting will be to confirm agreement on the revised Programming and Policy Recommendation documents and to finalize the financial framework for the replenishment. Switzerland offered to host the meeting, subject to venue availability; the dates and location will be communicated by the Co-Chairs as soon as possible.