



Global Environment Facility

GEF/C.14/2
November 5, 1999

GEF Council
December 8-10, 1999

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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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. Inaamul Haque, the Member representing the constituency of Afghanistan, Jordan Lebanon, Pakistan and Yemen. This meeting's elected Chairperson will be nominated by the non-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 the Convention on Biological Diversity and the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change"; agenda item 6, "World Bank Group Environment Strategy and Mainstreaming the Global Environment"; agenda item 10, "Draft annual report"; agenda item 11, "Corporate business plan FY01-03"; agenda item 12, "Monitoring and evaluation"; and agenda item 13, "Relations with conventions".
4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 14, "Other Business", and agenda item 15, "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 *(Elected Chairperson chairs)*

6. A provisional agenda for consideration by the Council has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/C.14/1. *The Council is invited to **adopt** its agenda for the meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM 4

STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND U.N. FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE *(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.

AGENDA ITEM 5

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR OF STAP *(CEO Chairs)*

8. 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 6

WORLD BANK GROUP ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY AND MAINSTREAMING THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT *(Elected Chairperson chairs)*

9. At its meeting in May 1999, the Council took note of the World Bank's status report on its efforts to prepare a document entitled, *World Bank Environment Strategy and Mainstreaming the Global Environment*. The Council requested the

World Bank to present to the present meeting the draft environment strategy paper as well as a summary setting out specific elements that will have a direct bearing on integrating global environment concerns into Bank policies and programs.

10. *The Council is invited to **review and comment** on the World Bank's report.*

AGENDA ITEM 7

LINKAGES BETWEEN LAND DEGRADATION, PARTICULARLY DESERTIFICATION AND DEFORESTATION, AND THE GEF FOCAL AREAS

(CEO chairs)

11. At its meeting in May 1999, the Council requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the Implementing Agencies and the CCD Secretariat, to prepare for Council review at its meeting in December 1999, a paper defining inter-linkages between land degradation and the GEF focal areas. The Council also requested the GEF Secretariat, in consultation with the Implementing Agencies and the CCD Secretariat, to prepare information addressing the constraints and challenges for addressing land degradation and its linkages to sustainable development. It was noted that this information should include an action plan and time table for increasing GEF support for land degradation activities in relation to the GEF focal areas and that such support should be geographically broad based.
12. Document GEF/C.14/4 has been prepared in response to the above request. It presents an overview of the issues, principles, content and modalities of programming at the interface between land degradation and the GEF focal areas
13. *The Council is invited to **review** the document and to **approve** the proposed actions with a view to increasing the number of GEF-financed projects that address the cross-cutting issue of land degradation.*

AGENDA ITEM 8

INCREMENTAL COSTS

(CEO chairs)

14. At its meeting in May 1999, the Council approved a number of steps to be undertaken to make the process of determining incremental costs more transparent and its application more pragmatic. The Council also requested the Secretariat to keep it informed of progress made in completing the proposed activities and to identify specific actions to be implemented.
15. Document GEF/C.14/5 reports on the progress that has been achieved since the last Council meeting by the Secretariat, together with the Implementing Agencies and the Convention Secretariats, in their joint efforts to make the application of the incremental cost approach more pragmatic and transparent..
16. *The Council is invited to **review** the progress that has been achieved and to **take note** of the continuing action that is proposed.*

AGENDA ITEM 9

WORK PROGRAM

(CEO Chairs)

17. Document GEF/C.14/6, *Project Proposals Submitted for Council Approval*, contains the proposed work program of 19 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 a cover 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 10

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

(Elected Chairperson Chairs)

18. Paragraph 31 of the *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF* provides

that “the Council shall approve an Annual Report on the activities of the GEF”. Document GEF/C.14/7 is Volume I of the draft annual report covering GEF activities in FY99. Volume II of the draft report, document GEF/C.14/8, includes the Financial Statements for FY99. *The Council is invited to review and approve the Annual Report.*

AGENDA ITEM 11

CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN FY01-03

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

19. Document GEF/C.14/9 presents the *GEF Corporate Business Plan for FY01-03*. *The Council is invited to review and approve the business plan so as to provide guidance to the Implementing Agencies and budget for FY00.*
20. The Council also has before it for information, in document GEF/C.14/Inf.9, a report on GEF FY99 estimated end-year expenditures.

AGENDA ITEM 12

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

21. 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 in its agenda. Document GEF/C.14/10, *Actions to Implement the Recommendations of the Study of GEF’s Overall Performance and the Policy Recommendations to the Second Replenishment*, provides the Council with information on the actions that have been taken to respond to those recommendations. *The Council is invited to take note of the actions that the Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies have undertaken since the last Council meeting.*
22. The Council also has before it an *Interim Assessment of Biodiversity Enabling Activities* (Document GEF/C.14/11) that has been prepared by a study team based on interviews and reviews of key documents as well as visits to 12 countries that

received GEF assistance for biodiversity enabling activities. Additional reports were commissioned on enabling activities in two countries, together with two broader regional reviews. *The Council is invited to **review** the document, to **note** the recommendations contained in the evaluation, and to **request** the Secretariat and UNDP to take the report fully into consideration in the work of the Capacity Development Initiative. The Council is also invited to **request** the Secretariat to submit the report to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological .*

23. The Council may also wish to note document GEF/C.14/Inf. 6, *Study of impacts of GEF ozone phase-out activities*, and GEF/C.14/Inf.7, *Progress Report on Monitoring and Evaluation Activities*.

AGENDA ITEM 13

RELATIONS WITH CONVENTIONS

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

24. Document GEF/C.14/12 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.*
25. The Council also has before it document GEF/C.14/13, *Draft Report of the GEF to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity*. In accordance with the procedures for the meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, documentation is to be transmitted to the Parties six months in advance of the meeting. The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held in Nairobi in May 2000. *The Council is invited to **review** the draft report with a view to **approving** it for submission to the Conference of the Parties.*

AGENDA ITEM 14

OTHER BUSINESS

(Jointly chaired)

26. 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 15

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS

(Jointly chaired)

27. 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**

DECEMBER 8-10, 1999

Wednesday, December 8, 1999

Morning session

09:30-11:30	Agenda Item 1 Agenda Item 2 Agenda Item 3 Agenda Item 4 Agenda Item 5	Opening of the Meeting Election of a Chairperson Adoption of Agenda Statements on behalf of Conventions Statement by the Chair of STAP
11:30-1:00	Agenda Item 6	World Bank Group Environment Strategy

Afternoon session

2:30 – 4:30	Agenda Item 7	Linkages between land degradation and focal areas
4:30 - 6:00	Agenda Item 8	Incremental costs

Thursday, December 9, 1999

Morning session

9:00 - 12:00	Agenda Item 9	Projects Proposed for Council approval
12:00 – 1:00	Agenda Item 10	Draft Annual Report

Afternoon session

2:30 –6:00	Agenda Item 11	Corporate Business Plan FY01-03
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Friday, December 10, 1999

Morning session

9:00 – 10:30	Agenda Item 12	Monitoring and evaluation
10:30 – 11:30	Agenda Item 13	Relations with conventions
11:30 – 1:00	Agenda Item 14	Other business

Afternoon session

3:30-5:00	Agenda Item 15	Joint summary of the Chairs
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