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EXCERPTS FROM THE SUMMARY OF THE CHAIR

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.59/06/Rev.02, Work Program for GEF Trust Fund, approves the Work Program comprising 60 projects and 2 programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 11, 2021¹.
2. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$409.2 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs), Program Framework Documents (PFDs), and Non-expedited Enabling Activity:
3. **Global (Madagascar):** Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Impact Program- Addendum III², FAO, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 9,874,117][GEF ID: 10726]
4. **China:** Yangtze River Basin Biodiversity Conservation Programme, IUCN, [GEF Program Financing: \$6,422,018][GEF ID: 10710]
5. **Regional (Africa):** COVID-19 Off-Grid Recovery Platform, AfDB, [GEF Project Financing: \$13,000,000][GEF ID: 10667]
6. **Regional (Congo DR, Madagascar, Namibia):** Strengthening the Implementation of National Biosafety Frameworks in Southern Africa (SINBF), UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,858,390][GEF ID: 10584]
7. **Colombia:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Cienaga Grande de Santa Marta, IADB, [GEF Project Financing: \$8,219,178][GEF ID: 10567]
8. **Fiji:** Safeguarding Marine & Terrestrial Biodiversity in Fiji (SAMBIO), CI, [GEF Project Financing: \$7,255,491][GEF ID: 10675]

¹ *The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries that are state sponsors of terrorism; and in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons; (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; or (iii) do not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security forces, opposes the following projects and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF project 10655 in Belarus, China, Cuba, Eritrea, and Zimbabwe; projects 10673, 10701, 10707, 10710, 10711, and 10722 in China; and project 10670 in Cuba. Further, the United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons, and policies related to development projects in Nicaragua, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 10674 in Nicaragua.*

² *Program 10726 is an Addendum to Program 10201 which was approved by Council in its June 2019 meeting. Therefore, Program Addendum 10726 in its entirety will be merged into program 10201 upon Council approval of the December 2020 Work Program*

9. **Gambia:** Effective Implementation of Access and Benefit Sharing of the Nagoya Protocol and Integration into Planned Co-management Arrangements in the Nyambai Forest Park of The Gambia, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,074,886][GEF ID: 10677]
10. **India:** Mainstreaming Natural Capital Values into Planning and Implementation for Sustainable Blue Economic Growth in Indian Coastal Districts, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,046,347][GEF ID: 10385]
11. **Mexico:** Green and Inclusive Recovery in Mexico (GreenMex): Making High-value Ecosystems and Rural Livelihoods More Resilient and Sustainable in a Post COVID-19 Scenario, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$10,103,670][GEF ID: 10717]
12. **Philippines:** Philippine Rise Integrated Conservation for Enduring Legacies through Ecosystem Support Services (PRICELESS), CI, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,662,844][GEF ID: 10568]
13. **Sao Tome and Principe:** Improving Biodiversity Mainstreaming in the Agro-forestry and Fishery Sectors in São Tomé and Príncipe, IFAD, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,543,379][GEF ID: 10570]
14. **Senegal:** Promoting cleantech innovation for climate action in Senegal, UNIDO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,342,018][GEF ID: 10715]
15. **Azerbaijan:** Towards a Land Degradation-Neutral Azerbaijan, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,091,781][GEFID: 10708]
16. **Bahamas:** Integrated Landscape Management for Addressing Land Degradation, Food Security and Climate Resilience Challenges in The Bahamas, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,329,452][GEF ID: 10694]
17. **Lesotho:** Regeneration of Livelihoods and Landscapes (ROLL) Project, IFAD, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 3,502,968][GEF ID: 10723]
18. **Pakistan:** Combating Land Degradation through Integrated and Sustainable Range and Livestock Management to Promote Resilient Livelihoods in Northern Punjab, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,183,105][GEF ID: 10693]
19. **Global (Albania, Burkina Faso, India, Montenegro, Uganda):** Phasing Out Mercury Measuring Devices in Healthcare, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$7,980,000][GEF ID 10716]
20. **Ethiopia:** Promotion of Circular Economy in the Textile and Garment Sector through the Sustainable Management of Chemicals and Waste in Ethiopia, UNIDO, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,000,000][GEF ID: 10683]
21. **Paraguay:** POPs and Mercury-free Solutions for Environmentally Sound Waste Management in Paraguay, UNIDO, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,000,000][GEF ID: 10682]

22. **Regional (Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Montenegro, Tunisia):** Build a Blue and Stronger Mediterranean, through the Mediterranean Network of Effective and Sustainable MPAs, CI, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,000,000][GEF ID: 10685]
23. **Regional (Fiji, Indonesia, Madagascar, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Tanzania):** Reefs, Resilient Communities, WWF-US, [GEF Project Financing: \$7,000,000][GEF ID: 10575]
24. **Regional (Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu):** Enhancing Water-Food Security and Climate Resilience in Volcanic Island Countries of the Pacific, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$6,000,000][GEF ID: 10712]
25. **Regional (Guinea, Guinea-Bissau):** Integrated Natural and Water Resources Management Project in the Corubal River Basin, IUCN, [GEF Project Financing: \$6,300,000][GEF ID: 10508]
26. **Regional (Indonesia, Timor Leste):** Management of Indonesian and Timor-Leste Transboundary Watersheds (MITLTW), CI, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 4,999,541][GEF ID: 10679]
27. **Regional (Philippines, Viet Nam):** Blue Horizon: Ocean Relief through Seaweed Aquaculture, WWF-US, [GEF Project Financing: \$6,000,000][GEF ID: 10573]
28. **Regional (Afghanistan, Tajikistan):** Institutionalising Transboundary Water Management between Tajikistan and Afghanistan for the Panj River Sub Basin, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 7,991,781][GEF ID: 10714]
29. **Chile:** Restoration of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at the Landscape Scale on Productive Agroforestry Areas and their Natural Environment, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,674,032][GEF ID: 10718]
30. **China:** Innovating Eco-Compensation Mechanisms in Yangtze River Basin (YRB), ADB, [GEF Project Financing: \$8,073,396][GEF ID: 10711]
31. **Iraq:** Promotion of Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Land Degradation Neutrality in Highly Degraded Landscapes of Iraq, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,538,128][GEF ID: 10672]
32. **Philippines:** Sustainable Management of Natural Resources towards Rehabilitation and Preservation of the Key Biodiversity Area along Bataan Province to Manila Bay, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,731,050][GEF ID: 10704]
33. **Sri Lanka:** Natural Capital Values of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in Sri Lanka Integrated into Sustainable Development Planning, IUCN, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,656,194][GEF ID: 10552]

34. **Benin:** Strengthening Human and Natural Systems Resilience to Climate Change through Mangrove Ecosystems Conservation and Sustainable Use in Southern Benin³, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,689,726][GEF ID: 10166]
35. With respect to the following 8 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.
36. **Madagascar:** Inclusive Conservation of Sea Turtles and Seagrass Habitats in the North and North-west of Madagascar, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 3,370,320][GEF ID: 10696]
37. **Venezuela:** Integrated Management of Multiple Use Landscapes and High Conservation Value Forest for Sustainable Development of the Venezuelan Andean Region, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,329,452][GEF ID: 10678]
38. **Nicaragua:** Sustainable Integrated Management of Biodiversity in the Indio-Maiz Biological Reserve, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,977,626][GEF ID: 10674]
39. **Brazil:** Strengthening Participatory Natural Resource Management Processes for Sustainable Economic Development, Conservation of Biodiversity and Maintenance of Carbon Stocks in Amazon Wetlands, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,411,644][GEF ID: 10706]
40. **Indonesia:** Strengthening Capacities for Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species (SMIAS) in Indonesia, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,416,210][GEF ID: 10705]
41. **Thailand:** Accelerating the Adoption and Life-cycle Solutions to Electric Mobility in Thailand, UNIDO, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,913,465][GEF ID: 10681]
42. **Panama:** Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Development through Productive Innovation and Competitiveness of the Rural Sector, World Bank, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,505,936][GEF ID: 10709]
43. **Madagascar:** Evaluation of Natural Capital to Support Land Use Planning, Improved Management Effectiveness of Terrestrial Protected Areas, Deployment of SLM Practices and Creation of Eco-Villages in Central Madagascar, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,653,425][GEF ID: 10389]
44. In light of the recent audit report by the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) of UNDP GEF Management, all projects [below] included in the Work Program implemented by UNDP shall be circulated by email for Council review at least four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval. This shall take place as actions of the Management Action Plan that

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address the OAI recommendations are being implemented, as well as the independent, risk-based third-party review of compliance by UNDP with the GEF Policy on Minimum Fiduciary Standards is being completed. Project reviews will take into consideration the relevant findings of the external audit and the management responses and note them in the endorsement review sheet that will be made available to council during the 4-week review period.

45. **China:** Transformational Wildlife Conservation Management in China, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,786,073][GEF ID: 10701]
46. **Haiti:** Improving the Flow of Ecosystem Services in Biologically-rich Watersheds of the Southern Region of Haiti, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,055,479] [GEF ID: 10684]
47. **Indonesia:** Investing in the Komodo Dragon and other Globally Threatened Species in Flores (IN-FLORES), UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 6,284,018][GEF ID: 10728]
48. **Mexico:** Fostering Sustainable, Legal and Traceable Use and Trade of Wild Native Species in Mexico, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$9,791,743][GEF ID: 10689]
49. **Tanzania:** Building the resilience of forest biodiversity to the threats of climate change in Tanzania's Nature Forest Reserves, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,837,010][GEF ID: 10690]
50. **China:** Facilitating Cleaner and Energy Efficient Phosphate Chemicals Industry in China (PhosChemEE) Project, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 9,343,379][GEF ID: 10722]
51. **Pakistan:** Combating Climate Change through the Promotion and Application of Sustainable Biomass Energy Technologies in Pakistan (PASBET), UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,439,041][GEF ID: 10720]
52. **China:** Green Production and Sustainable Development in Secondary Aluminum, Lead, Zinc and Lithium Sectors in China, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$15,750,000][GEF ID: 10673]
53. **Panama:** Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes Containing POPs and Mercury, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing:\$ 2,730,000][GEF ID: 10721]
54. **Peru:** Environmentally Sound Management of PCBs, Mercury and Other Toxic Chemicals in Peru, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 4,725,000][GEF ID: 10419]
55. **Philippines:** Reduction of POPs and UPOPs through Integrated Sound Management of Chemicals, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 6,562,500][GEF ID: 10686]
56. **Regional (Angola,Namibia):** Enhanced Water Security and Community Resilience in the Adjacent Cuvelai and Kunene Transboundary River Basins, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 11,167,890][GEF ID: 10565]

57. **Regional (Ecuador, Peru):** Implementation of the Strategic Action Programmes and the National Strategic Action Plans for the Integrated Water Resources Management in the Puyango-Tumbes, Catamayo-Chira and Zarumilla Transboundary Aquifers and River Basins, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$8,000,000][GEF ID: 10700]
58. **Bangladesh:** Community-based Management of Tanguar Haor Wetland in Bangladesh, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,050,913][GEF ID: 10702]
59. **Cuba:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change Mitigation in Sustainable Tourism Development in Cuba, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 3,598,630][GEF ID: 10670]
60. **Kyrgyz Republic:** Integrated Community-based Management of High Value Mountain Ecosystems in Southern Kyrgyzstan for Multiple Benefits, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 2,639,726][GEF ID: 10692]
61. **Myanmar:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Restoring Forest Landscape Connectivity in Bago Region, Myanmar, UNDP/WWF-US, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 7,122,693][GEF ID: 10699]
62. **Solomon Islands:** Safeguarding Solomon Islands Endemic and Globally Threatened Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services from Key Threats, particularly Invasive Alien Species and Unsustainable Land Use Practices (SAFE project), UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 7,845,662][GEF ID: 10698]
63. **Benin:** Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality and Securing Climate Resilience in the Niger Valley, Alibori Sud-Borgou Nord-2KP and Zou-Couffo Agricultural Development Areas of Benin ⁴, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,566,667][GEF ID: 10688]
64. **Mali:** Climate Security and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Central Regions of Mali for Peacebuilding, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,639,726][GEF ID: 10687]
65. **Global (Afghanistan, Argentina, Bahamas, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo DR, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Jamaica, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Micronesia, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Venezuela, Togo, Tonga, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zimbabwe, China, Palau, Nepal):** GEF SGP 7th Operational Phase - Strategic Implementation using STAR Resources Mainly in LDCs and SIDs (Part 3), UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 43,235,008][GEF ID: 10655]

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66. **China:** Enabling China to Prepare Its Fourth National Communication, and Biennial Update Reports on Climate Change, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$ 4,566,210][GEF ID: 10707]

67. With respect to the PIFs and Non-expedited Enabling Activity approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs and Non-expedited Enabling Activity (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.

68. With respect to any PIF and Non-expedited Enabling Activity 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 objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

69. With respect to the PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, the final child project documents fully incorporating and addressing the Council's and STAP reviews shall be circulated for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

70. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 59th session of the Work Program is part of the associated Annex 1 appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.