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**EXCERPTS FROM THE JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS**

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.60/03, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, approves the Work Program comprising 33 projects and 3 programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 15, 2021<sup>1</sup>.
2. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$281.1 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 (Cote d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Guinea, Mali, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Global):** Opportunities for Long-term Development of artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) Sector Plus - GEF GOLD + (addendum) , UNEP, CI, UNDP, UNIDO, [GEF Project Financing: \$30,485,696] [GEF ID 10802]
4. **Regional (Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe):** Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in SIDS (ISLANDS), UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$9,000,000] [GEF ID 10786]
5. **Global:** IFC-GEF Hotel Green Revitalization Program (HGRP), World Bank, [GEF Project Financing: \$9,132,420] [GEF ID 10766]
6. **Tuvalu:** Increasing Access to Renewable Energy in Tuvalu, ADB, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,752,294] [GEF ID 10788]
7. **Lebanon:** Reduction of UPOPs through Waste Management in a Circular Economy, World Bank, [GEF Project Financing: \$8,858,447] [GEF ID 10803]
8. **Philippines:** Reduction of unintentionally produced persistent organic pollutants and mercury through an environmentally-sound approach on health care wastes management in the

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<sup>1</sup> The United States, 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; (iii) have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism; or (iv) 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 projects 10785 in Burundi, 10800 in Cuba, 10797 in Comoros, 10770 and 10790 in China, and 10789 in Eritrea. Further, the United States, in light of its policies related to development projects in Zimbabwe, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 10785 in Zimbabwe. Finally, the United States, in light of its policies related to development projects in Nicaragua, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 10802 in Nicaragua.

Philippines with a special focus on the pandemic, UNIDO, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,880,000] [GEF ID 10798]

9. **Regional (Benin, Togo):** Regional Initiative for Water and Environment in the transboundary basin of the Mono River (RIWE-Mono), IUCN, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,000,000] [GEF ID 10799]

10. **Regional (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu):** Pacific I2I Regional Project: Ocean Health for Ocean Wealth - The Voyage to a Blue Economy for the Blue Pacific Continent, UNEP, ADB, [GEF Project Financing: \$15,000,000] [GEF ID 10783]

11. **Regional (Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines):** Caribbean BlueFin (Caribbean Blue Economy Financing Project), UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$6,000,000] [GEF ID 10782]

12. **Egypt:** Greening Hurghada , UNIDO, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,889,996] [GEF ID 10796]

13. **Niue:** Robust sustainable tourism and agriculture sectors in Niue supported by biodiversity mainstreaming and sustainable land management, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,502,968] [GEF ID 10769]

14. **Regional (Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam):** Promoting the blue economy and strengthening fisheries governance of the Gulf of Thailand through the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (GoTFish), FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$7,320,794] [GEF ID 10703]

15. **Eswatini:** Restoration of ecosystems, integrated natural resource management and promotion of SLM in Mbuluzi River Basin of Eswatini, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,916,950] [GEF ID 10695]

16. **North Macedonia:** Biodiversity conservation, sustainable land management and sustainable tourism development in North Macedonia, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,713,422] [GEF ID 10676]

17. **Senegal:** Land Degradation Neutrality for biodiversity conservation, food security and resilient livelihoods in the Peanut Basin and Eastern Senegal (Dékil Souf), FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,786,073] [GEF ID 10384]

18. **Somalia<sup>2</sup>:** Adaptive Agriculture and Rangeland Rehabilitation Project (A2R2) – Somalia, IFAD, [GEF Project Financing: \$8,043,545] [GEF ID 10792]

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<sup>2</sup> Projects on paragraphs 24, 25, 26 and 34 are multi-trust fund projects. Only the GEF Trust Fund component is presented in this Work Program. The LDCF components are presented separately in the LDCF/SCCF Work Program

19. **Eritrea:** Building Community Based Integrated and Climate Resilient Natural Resources Management and Enhancing Sustainable Livelihood in the South-Eastern Escarpments and Adjacent Coastal Areas of Eritrea, FAO, [GEF Project Financing: \$6,678,226] [GEF ID 10789]
20. **Kiribati:** Securing Kiribati's Natural Heritage: Protected areas for community, atoll, and island climate resilience (Securing Kiribati), IUCN, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,518,841] [GEF ID 10775]
21. **Global (Bahamas, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominica, Gambia, Georgia, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Peru, Senegal, Seychelles, Uganda, Uruguay, Zimbabwe):** Global Development, Review and Update of National Implementation Plans (NIPs) under the Stockholm Convention (SC) on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$8,007,500] [GEF ID 10785]
22. **Global (Antigua and Barbuda, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Liberia, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritania, Zambia):** Umbrella Programme for Preparation of Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) and National Communications (NCs) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,090,130] [GEF ID 10781]
23. 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:
24. **Mauritania:** Integrated Management of Protected Areas in the Arid Regions of Mauritania (IMPADRA), UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,639,726] [GEF ID 10586]
25. **Regional(Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe):** GEF Sustainable Groundwater Management In SADC Member States Project Phase 2, World Bank, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,566,210] [GEF ID 10797]
26. **Global:** Scaling Up CRAFT: Mobilizing Private Capital to Mitigate Climate Change and Reduce Land Degradation through Resilience Investments, CI, [GEF Project Financing: \$4,000,000] [GEF ID 10765<sup>3</sup>]

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<sup>3</sup> The final approval and associated disbursements of the project "*Scaling Up CRAFT: Mobilizing Private Capital to Mitigate Climate Change and Reduce Land Degradation through Resilience Investments* [GEF ID 10765]" submitted in the ambit of the June 2021 GEF Work Program, will be contingent on the following stipulations being met at the CEO endorsement stage:

1. At least US\$30 million in new private sector capital raised.

27. **Timor Leste:** Adapting to climate change and enabling sustainable land management through productive rural communities in Timor-Leste, UNEP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,578,536] [GEF ID 10713]

28. **Indonesia:** Strengthened Systems for Community-based Conservation of Forests and Peatland Landscapes in Indonesia (CoPLI), IFAD, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,329,452] [GEF ID 10731]

29. **China:** Pathways for Decarbonizing Transport towards Carbon Neutrality in China, World Bank, [GEF Project Financing: \$10,091,743] [GEF ID 10790]

30. **China:** China Energy Transition Towards Carbon Neutrality Project, World Bank [GEF Project Financing: \$17,431,193] [GEF ID 10770]

31. **Regional (El Salvador, Honduras):** Gulf of Fonseca Transboundary Management, World Bank, [GEF Project Financing: \$5,000,000] [GEF ID 10778]

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

33. 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.

34. 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/approval.

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2. Compliance with additional conditions required by current fund investors, and to be agreed with the fund manager, which include, but are not limited to:
    - a. disbursement to at least one more CRAFT-funded project before the end of the extension period to be granted by existing investors;
    - b. development of an additional pipeline of viable projects; and
    - c. strengthening the fund's internal capacity (staff) to ensure that new investments are made in a timely manner.

Compliance with additional conditions and requirements, if any, that may be submitted by GEF Council members as part of the 4-week comment period following the approval of the PIF.

35. In light of the recent audit report by the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) of UNDP GEF Management, all projects 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 address the OAI recommendations are being implemented, and 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 UNDP management responses and note them in the endorsement review sheet that will be made available to the Council during the 4-week review period:

36. **Regional (Benin, Mali, Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, Zambia):** GEF-7 Africa Minigrids Program, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$8,110,966] [GEF ID 10804]

37. **Viet Nam:** Promote Wildlife Conservation and Responsible Nature Based Tourism for Sustainable Development in Vietnam, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$7,150,000] [GEF ID 10787]

38. **Cook Islands:** Enhancing biodiversity considerations and effective protected area management to safeguard the Cook Islands integrated ecosystems and species, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,502,968] [GEF ID 10780]

39. **Regional (Moldova, Ukraine):** Advancing transboundary co-operation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Dniester River Basin through implementation of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP), UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$6,000,000] [GEF ID 10805]

40. **Regional (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago):** Protecting and Restoring the Ocean's natural Capital, building Resilience and supporting region-wide Investments for sustainable Blue socio-Economic development (PROCARIBE+), UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$15,429,817] [GEF ID 10800]

41. **Regional (Georgia, Turkey, Ukraine):** Implementing Ecosystem Based Management approaches in the Black Sea LME, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$3,000,000] [GEF ID 10725]

42. **Brazil:** Fifth National Communication, Biennial Update Report and Biennial Transparency Reports to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$7,500,000] [GEF ID 10801]

43. **Nigeria:** Enabling the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Prepare Its Fourth National Communication (4NC) and First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) to the UNFCCC, UNDP, [GEF Project Financing: \$2,404,733] [GEF ID 10795]