

62nd GEF Council Meeting
June 21 – 23, 2022
Washington D.C.

Agenda Item 02

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 01.**Opening of the Meeting**

1. The meeting will be opened by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO/Chairperson of the Facility.
2. Council will recall that Ambassador Aliioiga Feturi Elisaia, Council member for the Constituency of Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, had been designated as Elected Chairperson for the calendar year 2022 by decision 37/2021 adopted on December 10, 2021.

Agenda Item 02.**Adoption of the Agenda**

3. The Provisional Agenda has been issued as document GEF/C.62/01/Rev.03, for consideration by the Council.
4. Additional items to be included in the agenda can be requested at this moment and will be brought up under Agenda Item 18: Other Business.
5. The Council is invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Agenda Item 03.**Summary of Negotiations of the 8th Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund**

6. Document GEF/C.62/03, *Summary of Negotiations of the 8th Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund*, contains all the agreements reached during the informal replenishment negotiations. This is the document that formalizes all those agreements and becomes the basis for every activity to be done during the GEF-8 replenishment period. It also assigns specific amounts of resources to each activity/focal area. The document provides a summary of the replenishment process and the main topics of discussion. It also incorporates the Programming Document for the Eighth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund, the Policy Recommendations for the Eighth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund, and the Draft World Bank Resolution, Global Environment Facility Trust Fund: Eighth Replenishment of Resources.
7. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed the Summary of Negotiations of the Eighth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund (Document GEF/C.62/03), welcomes the successful conclusion of the replenishment, takes note of the Summary, and endorses the programming directions (Annex I) including the allocations of resources set forth therein, the policy recommendations (Annex II), and the Draft Replenishment Resolution (Annex III).*

The Council requests 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 III to this Summary, Draft World Bank Resolution No. [IBRD 2022-xxxx], The Global Environment Facility Trust Fund: Eighth Replenishment of

Resources, thereby authorizing the World Bank, as Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund, to manage the resources made available under GEF-8.

Agenda Item 04.

Updating the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR)

8. Document GEF/C.62/04, *Updating the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR)*, presents for Council consideration a STAR Policy with details on its components and how the system will work. It replaces and supersedes all relevant previous Council decisions regarding STAR.
9. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.62/04: Updating the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR), approves the STAR Policy contained in Annex I, which replaces and supersedes all relevant previous Council decisions regarding STAR.*

The Council takes note of the STAR Index descriptions and methodologies in Annex IA and requests the GEF Secretariat to continue to explore options to reflect vulnerability considerations in the STAR for GEF-8.

The Council welcomes the STAR Guidelines in Annex IB, and the operational details of the competitive window in Annex IC.

The Council requests the GEF Secretariat to monitor the utilization of STAR resources relative to portfolio-level targets on focal area financing, monitor achievement of results over the GEF-8 period, and report on progress towards those targets with each Work Program of GEF8 and in the semiannual Corporate Scorecard.

The Council also requests that the Secretariat organize a mid-term review to assess portfolio performance under full flexibility, and to identify potential measures if portfolio-level focal area financing are not progressing to meet the agreed targets.

The Council requests that the Independent Evaluation Office evaluate STAR as part of its Eighth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF (OPS8), and that it shares its findings, conclusions, and recommendations in sufficient time to inform the negotiations on the ninth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund.

Agenda Item 05.

GEF-8 Integrated Programs Lead Agency Terms of Reference and Selection Process

10. Document GEF/C.62/05, *GEF-8 Integrated Programs Lead Agency Terms of Reference and Selection Process*, presents for Council consideration the process of selection of the lead agencies for each of the integrated programs, including the criteria for selection and the roles and responsibilities of the lead agencies.
11. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered GEF/C.62/05, GEF-8 Integrated Programs Lead Agency Terms of Reference and Selection Process, agrees with the*

proposed process for the selection of Lead Agencies and requests the Secretariat to provide an update on the process, at its 63rd meeting.

Agenda Item 06.

Report of the Selection and Review Committee

12. The Selection and Review Committee will present its report to the Council for consideration and appropriate decision.
13. Draft decision: *To be confirmed during Council*

Agenda Item 07.

Work Program for GEF Trust Fund

14. Document GEF/C.62/07, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, outlines important aspects of the proposed Work Program, including programming trends in the GEF resources relative to focal area strategies and objectives, distribution by regions and GEF Agencies, and highlights of innovative elements inherent in the programs and projects. The Council is requested to review and approve the Work Program for the total resources requested.
15. Draft Decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.62/07, Work Program for GEF Trust Fund, approves the Work Program comprising 18 projects and 1 program, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 21, 2022.*

Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$165.8 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: [See Annex I]

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.

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.

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.

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.

Agenda Item 08.

GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY23

16. Document GEF/C.60/03, GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY23, reports on the execution of the FY22 administrative budget approved by Council and sets out the FY23 administrative budget request of the Secretariat. It presents the GEF Business Plan for FY23 budget request to cover expenses of the four central GEF entities for their activities under the GEF Trust Fund: Secretariat; the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) and the Trustee. It also includes budget requests for the Secretariat and the Trustee for their activities under the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) and CBIT.
17. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.62/08/Rev.1, GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY23, takes note of the business plan, and approves an FY23 corporate budget from the GEF Trust Fund of US\$33.256 million, comprised of:*
 - (a)US\$26.990 million for the GEF Secretariat*
 - (b)US\$2.976 million for STAP; and*
 - (c)US\$3.290 million for the Trustee*

The Council also approves a total FY23 administrative budget for the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF) of US\$18,400, comprised of the following allocations from the NPIF to cover the Secretariat's and Trustee's expenses for NPIF administration and implementation:

- (a)US\$13,500 for the GEF Secretariat; and*
- (b)US\$4,900 for the Trustee*

The Council also approves a total FY23 administrative budget for the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) from the CBIT Trust Fund of US\$0.441 million, comprised of:

(a)US\$0.412 million for the GEF Secretariat; and

(b)US\$0.029 million for the Trustee

The Council requests the Secretariat, in consultation with STAP and the Trustee, to present a combined FY24 corporate budget and business plan for discussion at its 64th meeting.

Agenda Item 09.

Work Program and Budget of the Independent Evaluation Office: June 2022

18. Document GEF/E/C.62/01, *Work Program and Budget of the Independent Evaluation Office: June 2022*, presents an update on the evaluations in progress and the knowledge management and communication activities to disseminate OPS7 evaluation findings during the reporting period. Finally, the budget and staffing of the IEO for fiscal year (FY) 2023, which is the last year for the IEO under GEF-7, is presented for Council approval.
19. Draft decision: *The Council, having reviewed the “Work Program and Budget Report of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office: June 2022,” acknowledges the progress made by the Independent Evaluation Office in the reporting period, and approves the IEO budget for FY23.*

Agenda Item 10.

Evaluation of GEF support to Sustainable Forest Management

20. Document GEF/E/C.62/02, *Evaluation of GEF support to Sustainable Forest Management*, presents a first comprehensive evaluation of GEF support to SFM, which assesses the outcomes and performance of GEF’s diverse portfolio of SFM activities and provides strategic insights and lessons for future forest-related interventions. It covers the entire span from GEF-Pilot to GEF-7 and offers useful pointers for GEF-8.
21. Document GEF/C.62/14/Rev.01, *Management response to Evaluation of GEF support to Sustainable Forest Management*, will be presented by the Secretariat.
22. Draft Decision: *The Council, having considered documents GEF/E/C.62/02, Evaluation of GEF support to Sustainable Forest Management, and GEF/C.62/14/Rev.01, the Management Response, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.*

Agenda Item 11.

Study on Climate Risk, Adaptation, and Resilience in the GEF Trust Fund

23. Document GEF/E/C.62/03, *Study on Climate Risk, Adaptation, and Resilience in the GEF Trust Fund*, aims to understand how GEF has integrated resilience, climate change adaptation and climate risks into its programming and to provide evidence on the relationship between addressing resilience, adaptation and climate risks and project outcomes. The study uses a variety of methods,

including review of GEF and peer multilateral fund strategy documents, interviews with key stakeholders, case studies of GEF projects, portfolio review and statistical analysis. A targeted review of 34 projects with high integration of climate change adaptation or resilience was also carried out to better understand the different ways in which adaptation and resilience are included in GEF projects.

24. Document GEF/C.62/13/Rev.01, *Management response to study on resilience, climate change adaptation and climate risks in the GEF Trust Fund*, will be presented by the Secretariat.
25. Draft Decision: The Council, having considered documents GEF/E/C.62/03, *Study on Climate Risk, Adaptation, and Resilience in the GEF Trust Fund*, and GEF/C.62/13/Rev.01, the *Management Response*, takes note of the related evaluation recommendations and endorses the management response to address them.

Agenda Item 12.

Report of the Chairperson of the STAP

26. The Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will be invited to make a statement to the Council on the work of the Panel. A written report of the Chairperson can be found in document GEF/STAP/C.62/Inf.01, *Report of the Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel*. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to comment on the report, address questions to the Chairperson, and provide guidance to the Panel, as appropriate.

Agenda Item 13.

Report of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Governance

27. Document GEF/C.62/09, *Report of the Ad-Hoc Group on Governance*, presents an assessment of the pilot on co-chairing arrangements and recommendations. It also suggests some additional technical updates to the Instrument in line with international developments and Council decisions in the past years. The Group also recommends amendments to the GEF Council Rules of Procedure to bring them in line with current Council practice. The Council is requested to approve a procedural decision that extends the pilot on co-chairing arrangements for one year; indicates that the two substantive decisions will be taken at the 63rd meeting and request the Secretariat to prepare a manual for co-chairs.
28. Draft decision: the draft decision issued for document GEF/C.62/09 includes track changes and can't be incorporated in this PDF. Please see original document [here](#).

Agenda Item 14.

Report of the Ethics Committee

29. Document GEF/C.62/10, *Report of the Ethics Committee*, provides a report on the work of the GEF Ethics Committee, established under the Policy on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Council Members, Alternates, and Advisers at the 52nd

Meeting of the GEF Council (the “Policy”). It highlights the responsibilities of Council members, Alternates and Advisors under the Ethics Policy. It also sets out certain proposed amendments to the Policy for consideration by the Council.

30. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered Document GEF/C.62/10, Report of the Ethics Committee, decides that paragraph 4.4 of the GEF Ethics Policy will be amended to read as follows:*

4.4 Covered Individuals who refuse to complete a Declaration of Interest shall lose access to GEF Council meetings and the related information and documents. The Ethics Committee, immediately upon being informed by the Ethics Officer, will present a resolution to that effect to the Council whenever a Covered Individual (i) has explicitly refused to fill in a Declaration of Interest or (ii) has not filed a Declaration of Interest or (iii) has filed a manifestly incomplete or erroneous Declaration of Interest.

Agenda Item 15.

GEF’S Private Sector Advisory Group Summary Report

31. Document GEF/C.62/11, *GEF’s Private Sector Advisory Group Summary Report*, presents a summary of the PSAG activities and the role of the PSAG in GEF-7 and its transition towards GEF-8.
32. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.62/, GEF’s Private Sector Advisory Group Summary Report, extends its deep appreciation to the members of PSAG for their contribution to the development of the Private Sector Engagement Strategy (PSES).*

As the PSAG ceases its operation, the Council invites the Secretariat and the wider GEF Partnership to continue to maintain close links with PSAG members and other private sector interlocutors for activities that are relevant to the implementation of the PSES.

Agenda Item 16.

Relations with conventions & other international institutions

33. This agenda item will have three sections:
- a) Presentations by the Executive Secretaries of the Conventions that the GEF serves. Each will share his/her perspective on the GEF-8 replenishment and the outcomes of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and key meetings held since the December 2021 Council.
 - b) Briefing on CoP 15 outcomes by the Deputy Executive Secretary of UNCCD.
 - c) Consideration of the report on Relations with Conventions and Other International Organizations.

The draft decision refers only to the last section.

34. Document GEF/C.62/12, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, provides the Council with an update on the activities of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in support of the following multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs): the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), the Minamata Convention on Mercury, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Montreal Protocol).
35. Draft decision: *The Council, having considered document GEF/C.62/12, Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions, welcomes the report and requests the GEF network to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.*

Agenda Item 17.

Update on preparations for the GEF 7th assembly

36. An update on preparation for the GEF 7th Assembly will be presented.

Agenda Item 18.

Other Business

37. Members and the Chairs may raise any other business under this agenda item.

Agenda Item 19.

Joint Summary of the Co-Chairs

38. The CEO/Chairperson will present a summary of the decisions approved during the meeting.