



# Global Environment Facility

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ON REPORT OF THE GEF TO COP 16

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) the Report of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to the 16th Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The report I am presenting is document FCCC/CP/2010/5 which is supplemented by the document FCCC/CP/2010/5/Add.1 as an addendum to the report.

Mr. Chairman,

This year the GEF report to the COP summarizes information on GEF projects in the reporting period from July 2009 to June 2010 and also includes historic achievements from our inception in 1991. The report also addresses a strategy and vision under our latest funding cycle, GEF 5.

Over our 20 year history the GEF has supported 738 projects on climate change mitigation and enabling activities; that investment represents \$2.9 billion of direct GEF funding in 154 developing countries and economies in transition. To further break down the numbers, the GEF has supported 87 projects in 38 different small island developing states (SIDS) out of 52 SIDS and invested in 155 projects in 46 LDCs out of 49 LDCs.

For climate change adaptation investments, the GEF provided over \$280 million for 84 projects in this period. Of these, the GEF funded 26 innovative adaptation pilot projects through the Strategic Priority for Adaptation (SPA), a \$50 million pilot established within the GEF Trust Fund. The GEF also supported 58 projects in 62 developing countries through the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF). A total of \$230 million was invested.

The GEF has also been implementing the Poznan Strategic Program on Technology Transfer. Under this program, 14 pilot technology transfer demonstration projects were funded with \$58 million. The Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) project for 35 to 45 countries also started in October 2009.

From July 2009 to June 2010, the GEF funded 108 projects in climate change, allocating \$332 million. The GEF also responded to the catastrophic earthquake that hit Haiti in January 2010 by supporting the Haiti Emergency Project and promoted initiatives for Shanghai Expo 2010 and the 2010 FIFA World Cup to showcase environmentally sound technologies and practices.

During GEF-4, the GEF conducted a number of key reforms directed towards improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the partnership and we are proud of the results. Allocation of funds to LDCs and SIDS for example has increased to 18 percent of all resources in GEF-4 from 12 percent in GEF-3. The time to process projects from concept approval to CEO endorsement has also dramatically been reduced from 44 months to an average of 16 months.

Mr. Chairman,

Negotiations for the GEF-5 replenishment came to a very successful conclusion on May 12, 2010. Thirty-five donors pledged \$4.34, of which about \$1.4 billion will be programmed under the agreed climate change mitigation strategy. Total new donor funding for the GEF increased by 54 percent over GEF-4.

GEF continues to move forward and a number of additional and sweeping reforms will be implemented in GEF 5. These include 1) introduction of a voluntary National Portfolio Formulation Exercises (NPFE) as a basis for programming GEF resources, 2) introduction of direct access mechanism for preparing National Communications by Non-Annex I Parties, 3) additional streamlining of the project cycle, 4) replacing the Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) with the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources, and 5) establishing a special incentive mechanism for the GEF's Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)/REDD-plus and LULUCF program to achieve multiple global environmental benefits from managing all types of forests.

Mr. Chairman,

We understand that one of the key agenda at this Cancun meeting is the financial mechanism, including the Copenhagen Green Climate Fund. The GEF is ready to keep serving as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of UNFCCC until and beyond 2012 and to play the

central role in serving the Copenhagen Green Climate Fund upon the guidance given by the COP.

Mr. Chairman,

We look forward to contributing to the successful outcome of COP 16.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.