

**Excerpts from the Joint Summary of the Chairs & Highlights of the Council’s Decisions,
46th GEF Council Meeting May 25 -27, 2014**

Joint Summary of the Chairs

Decision on Agenda Item 11 Work Program

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.46/06, *Work Program*, approved¹ the following, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by June 9, 2014:

Biodiversity

1. **Global:** Effective Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into Government Policy and Private Sector Practice: Piloting Sustainability Models to Take the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) to Scale (CI)(GEF Project Grant: \$9,800,000)
2. **Global:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Information into the Heart of Government Decision Making (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$5,000,000)
3. **Global:** Strengthening Human Resources, Legal Frameworks and Institutional Capacities to Implement the Nagoya Protocol (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$12,000,000)
4. **Global:** UNEP-GEF Project for Sustainable Capacity Building for Effective

¹ The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its policies for certain development projects opposed the following projects and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: (1) **Argentina:** Sustainable Business Models for Biogas Production from Organic Municipal Solid Waste; and (2) **Sri Lanka:** Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework in Accordance with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The Council Member representing the United States of America abstained from the decision on the following projects: (1) **Regional (Angola, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Congo DR):** Multi-Country Project to Strengthen Institutional Capacity on LMO Testing in Support of National Decision-making; (2) **Regional (Angola, Namibia, South Africa):** Realizing the Inclusive and Sustainable Development in the BCLME Region through the Improved Ocean Governance and the Integrated Management of Ocean Use and Marine Resources; (3) **Angola:** Promotion of Sustainable Charcoal in Angola through a Value Chain Approach; (4) **China:** Accelerating the Development and Commercialization of Fuel Cell Vehicles in China; and (5) **Regional (China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam):** Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea.

Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,699,684)

5. **Regional (Angola, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Congo DR):** Multi-Country Project to Strengthen Institutional Capacity on LMO Testing in Support of National Decision-making (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,860,000)
6. **Brazil:** Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening on the National Framework for Access and Benefit Sharing under the Nagoya Protocol (IADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,401,931)
7. **Colombia:** Consolidation of the National System of Protected Areas (SINAP) at National and Regional Levels. (IADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,157,000)
8. **El Salvador:** Conservation, Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, and Maintenance of Ecosystem Services in Protected Wetlands of International Importance (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,191,781)
9. **Indonesia:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use into Inland Fisheries Practices in Freshwater Ecosystems of High Conservation Value (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$6,192,694)
10. **Mexico:** Strengthening of National Capacities for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,283,105)
11. **Sri Lanka:** Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework in Accordance with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB) (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,365,964)
12. **Turkey:** Conservation and Sustainable Management of the Steppe Ecosystems² (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,328,767)

Climate Change

13. **Algeria:** Algeria Energy Efficiency Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,620,000)
14. **Angola:** Promotion of Sustainable Charcoal in Angola through a Value Chain Approach (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,620,000)
15. **Argentina:** Sustainable Business Models for Biogas Production from Organic Municipal Solid Waste (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,779,849)

² Project was deferred from March 2014 Intersessional Work Program.

16. **China:** Accelerating the Development and Commercialization of Fuel Cell Vehicles in China (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$8,233,560)
17. **Lesotho:** Development of Cornerstone Public Policies and Institutional Capacities to Accelerate Sustainable Energy for All (SE4A) Progress (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,500,000)
18. **Nigeria:** Preparation of Third National Communication (TNC) to the UNFCCC and Capacity Strengthening on Climate Change³ (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$1,850,000)
19. **Philippines:** Promotion of Low Carbon Urban Transport Systems in the Philippines (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,639,726)
20. **South Africa:** Promoting Organic Waste-to-Energy and other Low-carbon Technologies in Small and Medium-scale Enterprises (SMMEs): Accelerating Biogas Market Development (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,222,110)
21. **Thailand:** Reduction of GHG Emission in Thai Industries through Promoting Investments of the Production and Usage of Solid Bio-fuel (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,850,000)
22. **Trinidad and Tobago:** Improving Energy Efficiency in the Social Housing Sector (IADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,550,000)
23. **Turkey:** Sustainable Energy Financing Mechanism for Solar PV in Forest Villages in Turkey (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,780,000)

International Waters

24. **Global:** GEF International Waters: Learning Exchange and Resources Network IW LEARN (UNDP/UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,987,500)
25. **Regional (Angola, Namibia, South Africa):** Realizing the Inclusive and Sustainable Development in the BCLME Region through the Improved Ocean Governance and the Integrated Management of Ocean Use and Marine Resources (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$10,900,000)
26. **Regional (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico):** Integrated Transboundary Ridges-to-Reef Management of the Mesoamerican Reef (WWF-US) (GEF Project Grant: \$9,018,349)
27. **Regional (Bolivia, Peru):** Integrated Water Resources Management in the Titicaca-Desaguadero-Poopo-Salar de Coipasa (TDPS) System (UNDP)

³ Non-expedited enabling activity

(GEF Project Grant: \$6,563,750)

28. **Regional (China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam):** Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant: \$15,000,000)
29. **Regional (Indonesia, Timor Leste):** Enabling Transboundary Cooperation for Sustainable Management of the Indonesian Seas (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,000,000)
30. **China:** Mainstreaming Integrated Water and Environment Management (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$9,500,000)

Land Degradation

31. **Global:** Participatory Assessment of Land Degradation and Sustainable Land Management in Grassland and Pastoral Systems (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,639,726)

Multi-Focal Area

32. **Global (Armenia, Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Maldives, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam, Congo DR):** GEF SGP Fifth Operational Phase - Implementing the Program Using STAR Resources III (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$6,965,151)
33. **Regional (Burkina Faso, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Chad):** Integrated Development for Increased Rural Climate Resilience in the Niger Basin (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant: \$12,014,800)
34. **Regional (Latin America and Caribbean):** IDB-GEF Climate-Smart Agriculture Fund for the Americas⁴ (PROGRAM) (IADB) (GEF Program Grant: \$5,000,000)
35. **Benin:** Promotion of Sustainable Biomass-based Electricity Generation in Benin (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,872,602)
36. **Bolivia:** Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems in Amazonia by Indigenous and Local Communities to Generate Multiple Environmental and Social Benefits (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$6,208,848)

⁴ This is a programmatic approach.

37. **Indonesia:** Sustainable Management of Peatland Ecosystems in Indonesia (2014-2018) (IFAD) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,766,756)
38. **Mozambique:** Payment for Ecosystem Services to Support Forest Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods (FAO) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,637,748)
39. **Nigeria:** Sustainable Fuelwood Management in Nigeria (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,410,000)

2. With respect to the following project proposals, 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:

1. **Global:** UNEP-GEF Project for Sustainable Capacity Building for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)
2. **Global:** Strengthening Human Resources, Legal Frameworks and Institutional Capacities to Implement the Nagoya Protocol
3. **Global:** Participatory Assessment of Land Degradation and Sustainable Land Management in Grassland and Pastoral Systems
4. **Regional (Angola, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Congo DR):** Multi-Country Project to Strengthen Institutional Capacity on LMO Testing in Support of National Decision-making
5. **Regional (Angola, Namibia, South Africa):** Realizing the Inclusive and Sustainable Development in the BCLME Region through the Improved Ocean Governance and the Integrated Management of Ocean Use and Marine Resources
6. **Algeria:** Algeria Energy Efficiency Project
7. **Mexico :** Strengthening of National Capacities for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity
8. **Sri Lanka:** Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework in Accordance with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

3. With respect to the following project proposals, *Low Carbon Technology Transfer in the Russian Federation* and *Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Natural Resources Management in the Ural River Basin*, the Council agreed that the proposed decision to approve the projects will be circulated for Council approval by mail in accordance with paragraphs 43 to 45 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council. The proposed decision will

be circulated for a three week review period. If at the end of the three weeks there is no objection, the decision on the project proposals will be approved. If there is an objection raised by any Member to the proposed decision, the CEO will include the consideration of the project proposals as an agenda item for the next Council meeting.

4. With respect to the PIFs and the non-expedited EA approved as part of the work program, the Council finds that each of these (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.

5. With respect to any PIF and non-expedited EA 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 scope and approach since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

Highlights of the Council Decisions

Agenda Item 11 Work Program

1. The Council commended the Secretariat for the quality of the work program and the overall presentation.

2. The Secretariat noted that the Council needed more time for review and deliberation on two of the projects included in the work program. The Secretariat suggested, and the Council agreed, that the Secretariat would circulate for Council approval by mail a proposed decision to approve the two project proposals in accordance with paragraphs 43 to 45 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

3. Several Council Members emphasized the need for engaging with the private sector in GEF-funded projects. The programmatic approach included in the work program is one such example. A Council Member asked if there were expected reflows from this project and how they would be handled.

4. The Council recognized and praised the increased GEF-6 replenishment pledges announced by Brazil and by the Russian Federation.

5. Some Council Members highlighted the need for a continued effort to ensure that OFPs are involved in GEF-funded projects, including global and regional initiatives, throughout the life of the projects. One Council Member recognized that policies and procedures for OFP involvement in the various stages of the GEF project cycle are already in place and need to be followed.

6. Several Council Members recognized that the visibility of the GEF, particularly in the countries, is still limited and more effort, including by the agencies, is called for.

7. A number of Council Members indicated that they would be providing additional written comments to the Secretariat about work program issues within two weeks of the Council meeting.