

**Excerpts from the Joint Summary of the Chairs & Highlights of the Council's Decisions,  
47th GEF Council Meeting October 28 - 30, 2014**

**Joint Summary of the Chairs**

*Decision on Agenda Item 14*

*Work Program*

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.47/11, Work Program, approved the work program comprising fifteen (15) new project concepts, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by November 6, 2014.

2. Total resources approved in this work program<sup>1</sup> amounted to \$190.74 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs):

**Chemicals and Waste**

1. **China** : UPOPs Reduction through BAT/BEP and PPP-based Industry Chain Management in Secondary Copper Production Sector in China (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$12,600,000) (GEF ID 6966)
2. **Colombia** : Reducing UPOPs and Mercury Releases from Healthcare Waste Management, e-Waste Treatment, Scrap Processing and Biomass Burning (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$5,600,000) (GEF ID 6928)

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<sup>1</sup> The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its policies for certain development projects, abstained from participating in the decision on the following projects: 1) **China** : *Upgrading of China SHP Capacity Project*, and 2) **Belarus** : *Belarus Forestry Development Project*; and likewise, opposes the following projects and therefore does not join the Council decision that would support: 1) **Global** : *GEF Small Grants Programme - Sixth Operational Phase (Part I)*, and 2) **Global** (*Afghanistan, Antigua And Barbuda, Angola, Burkina Faso, Bahrain, Dominica, Eritrea, Fiji, Gambia, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Cambodia, Comoros, Kiribati, Lao PDR, St. Lucia, Liberia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Myanmar, Mauritius, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Somalia, Sao Tome and Principe, Uganda, Zambia, Congo DR*) : *Umbrella Programme for Biennial Update Report to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)*.

## Climate Change

3. **Global (Afghanistan, Antigua And Barbuda, Angola, Burkina Faso, Bahrain, Dominica, Eritrea, Fiji, Gambia, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Cambodia, Comoros, Kiribati, Lao PDR, St. Lucia, Liberia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Myanmar, Mauritius, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Somalia, Sao Tome and Principe, Uganda, Zambia, Congo DR) :** Umbrella Programme for Biennial Update Report to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (UNEP) (GEF Project Financing : \$12,936,000) (GEF ID 6925)
4. **China :** Upgrading of China SHP Capacity Project (UNIDO) (GEF Project Financing : \$8,925,000) (GEF ID 6919)
5. **Ukraine :** Finance and Technology Transfer Centre for Climate Change (FINTECC) (EBRD) (GEF Project Financing : \$7,000,000) (GEF ID 6942)

## International Waters

6. **Regional (Azerbaijan, Georgia) :** Advancing IWRM Across the Kura River Basin through Implementation of the Transboundary Agreed Actions and National Plans (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$5,329,452) (GEF ID 6962)
7. **Regional (Burkina Faso, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Togo) :** Volta River Basin Strategic Action Programme Implementation Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Financing : \$7,200,000) (GEF ID 6964)
8. **Mexico :** Implementation of the Strategic Action Program of the Gulf of Mexico Large Marine Ecosystem (UNIDO) (GEF Project Financing : \$12,900,000) (GEF ID 6952)

## Multi Focal Area

9. **Global :** GEF Small Grants Programme - Sixth Operational Phase (Part I) (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$67,307,692) (GEF ID 6931)
10. **Regional (Indonesia, Timor Leste) :** Implementation of the Arafura and Timor Seas Regional and National Strategic Action Programs (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$9,745,662) (GEF ID 6920)
11. **Regional (Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu) :** Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program (PROP) (World Bank) (GEF Project Financing : \$6,301,370) (GEF ID 6970)
12. **Azerbaijan :** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Globally Important Agro-biodiversity (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$4,160,502) (GEF ID 6943)
13. **Belarus :** Belarus Forestry Development Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Financing : \$2,727,273) (GEF ID 6947)
14. **Lao PDR :** Sustainable Forest and Land Management in the Dry Dipterocarp Forest

Ecosystems of Southern Lao PDR (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$10,879,174) (GEF ID 6940)

15. **Tajikistan** : Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pamir Alay and Tian Shan Ecosystems for Snow Leopard Protection and Sustainable Community Livelihoods (UNDP) (GEF Project Financing : \$4,181,370) (GEF ID 6949)

3. With respect to the following 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:

1. **Tajikistan**: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pamir Alay and Tian Shan Ecosystems for Snow Leopard Protection and Sustainable Community Livelihoods (UNDP)

2. **China**: Upgrading of China SHP Capacity Project (UNIDO)

4. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the work program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (i) is 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 with these revisions, the project is consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

5. With respect to any PIF 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 after PIF approval, the final project document will be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO considering endorsement.

6. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 47th session of the work program is part of the associated Annex 1 appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

7. Pursuant to the draft decision circulated by mail on June 05, 2014, concerning projects with GEF ID numbers 5366 and 5739, the Council decided to postpone their consideration to a future date.

## **Highlights of the Council Decisions**

### *Agenda Item 14 Work Program*

1. Several Council Members reiterated the importance of STAP guidance provided in the work program, as Agencies are reminded to take such guidance into consideration during project preparation and in the further development of project proposals.

2. Several Council Members commented on the need to ensure that harmonization among technology transfer initiatives be done within and outside the GEF, particularly in establishing linkages with UNFCCC and UNEP's technology center.