



Excerpts from the Joint Summary of the Chairs & Highlights of the Council's Decisions, 43rd GEF Council Meeting, November 13 - 15, 2012

Joint Summary of the Chairs

Decision on Agenda Item 13 Work Program

29. The Council, having reviewed document *GEF/C.43/09, Work Program*, approved the work program comprising twenty eight (28) project concepts and one programmatic approach, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by November 29, 2012. One other project concept associated with a previously approved programmatic approach was also approved.

30. Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$174 million which include GEF project grants and Agency fees. The approved work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Document (PFD):

Biodiversity

1. **Comoros** : Development of a National Network of Terrestrial and Marine Protected Areas Representative of the Comoros' Unique Natural Heritage and Co-managed With Local Village Communities (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,246,000)
2. **Congo DR**: Democratic Republic of Congo Conservation Trust Fund (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant: \$11,636,363)
3. **South Africa** : Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Land Use Regulation and Management at the Municipal Scale (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,177,730)
4. **St. Kitts And Nevis** : Conserving Biodiversity and Reducing Habitat Degradation in Protected Areas and their Buffer Zones (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,371,630)
5. **Swaziland** : Strengthening the National Protected Areas System of Swaziland (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,390,000)
6. **Tanzania** : Enhancing the Forest Nature Reserves Network for Biodiversity Conservation in Tanzania (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,100,000)

Climate Change

7. **Global** : Global Support Programme for Preparation of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports for non-Annex I Parties under the UNFCCC (UNDP/UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,500,000)

8. **Global (Bahrain, Benin, Bhutan, Cook Islands, Eritrea, Lao PDR, Mali, Mauritius, Nauru, Seychelles, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania) :** Umbrella Programme for National Communication to the UNFCCC (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,180,000)
9. **Brazil :** Low-Carbon Urban Mobility for Large Cities (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,000,000)
10. **China :** Enabling China to Prepare Its Third National Communication (3NC) and Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,280,000)
11. **Djibouti :** Geothermal Power Generation Program (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,036,364)
12. **Iraq :** Catalysing the Use of Solar Photovoltaic Energy (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,227,273)
13. **Macedonia :** Catalyzing Market Transformation for Industrial Energy Efficiency and Accelerate Investments in Best Available Practices and Technologies in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,400,000)
14. **Mexico :** Sixth National Communication to the UNFCCC (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,636,364)
15. **Sierra Leone :** Energy Efficient Production and Utilization of Charcoal through Innovative Technologies and Private Sector Involvement (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,768,182)
16. **Tanzania :** Promotion of Waste-to-Energy Applications in Agro-industries (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,277,000)

International Waters

17. **Regional (Albania, Montenegro, Macedonia) :** Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Extended Drin River Basin (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,500,000)
18. **Regional (China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Timor Leste, Vietnam) :** Reducing Pollution and Rebuilding Degraded Marine Resources in the East Asian Seas through Implementation of Intergovernmental Agreements and Catalyzed Investments (PROGRAM) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$20,000,000) ¹

Land Degradation

19. **Global (Global, Argentina, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Lesotho, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uzbekistan) :** Decision Support for Mainstreaming and Scaling up of Sustainable Land Management (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,116,730)
20. **Argentina :** Sustainable Land Use Management in the Drylands of North-west Argentina (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,515,091)

¹ PFD in this list is highlighted in color

Multi Focal Area

21. **Cambodia** : Strengthening National Biodiversity and Forest Carbon Stock Conservation through Landscape-based Collaborative Management of Cambodia's Protected Area System as Demonstrated in the Mondulhiri Conservation Landscape (CAMPAS Project) (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,718,182)
22. **Chile** : Integrated National Monitoring and Assessment System on Forest Ecosystems (SIMEF) in Support of Policies, Regulations and SFM Practices Incorporating REDD+ and Biodiversity Conservation in Forest Ecosystems (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,293,684)
23. **Grenada** : Implementing a "Ridge to Reef" Approach to Protecting Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functions within and Around Protected Areas (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,031,666)
24. **Peru** : Transforming Management of Protected Area/Landscape Complexes to Strengthen Ecosystem Resilience (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,991,434)
25. **St. Lucia** : Iyanola - Natural Resource Management of the NE Coast (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,331,818)

POPs

26. **Regional (Antigua And Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay)** : Continuing Regional Support for the POPs Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention in the Latin American and Caribbean Region (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,636,000)
27. **Regional (Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Mali, Mauritius, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Congo DR)** : Continuing Regional Support for the POPs Global Monitoring Plan under the Stockholm Convention in the Africa Region (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,208,000)
28. **Malawi** : Pesticide Risk Reduction in Malawi (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,550,000)
29. **Ukraine** : Environmentally Sound Management and Final Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,250,000)

Sub-project under the Previously Approved Programmatic Approach²

Multi-focal Area

30. **Vietnam: Integrating Biodiversity Conservation, Climate Resilience and Sustainable Forest Management in Central Annamite Landscapes** (ADB) (GEF Project Grant: \$3,794,954) under the *GMS-FBP Greater Mekong Sub-region Forests and Biodiversity Program*, approved in November 2011 Council
31. With respect to the following two projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within

² Following the procedures established for programmatic approaches applicable to all GEF Agencies, the final project documents of these sub-projects will be circulated to Council for four weeks before the CEO can endorse them.

four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:

- **Comoros** : Development of a National Network of Terrestrial and Marine Protected Areas Representative of the Comoros' Unique Natural Heritage and Co-managed With Local Village Communities (UNDP)
- **Cambodia** : Strengthening National Biodiversity and Forest Carbon Stock Conservation through Landscape-based Collaborative Management of Cambodia's Protected Area System as Demonstrated in the Mondulkiri Conservation Landscape (CAMPAS Project) (UNEP)

32. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the work program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs (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 reviewers' 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 the following Programme, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final documents of the sub-projects under the program and transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO endorsing the sub-project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:

- **Regional (China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Timor Leste, Vietnam)**: Reducing Pollution and Rebuilding Degraded Marine Resources in the East Asian Seas through Implementation of Intergovernmental Agreements and Catalyzed Investments (PROGRAM) (UNDP)

34. 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 the GEF CEO determines that there have been 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.

35. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 43rd session of the work program is part of the associated Annex 1 appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

Highlights of the Council Decisions

Agenda Item 16 Work Program

69. The Council welcomed and supported the composition of the work program, financially commensurate with the resources available.
70. Council members provided comments on specific projects in the work program and asked the Agencies to consider them in the further development of the projects. Some Council members, including the representative of the CSO network, indicated that they will be providing written comments to the Secretariat for the Agencies' consideration.
71. Council members were, in particular, pleased to support programs that respond to Conventions' requirements for national reports while reiterating the need to develop capacities within reporting countries. A number of Council members also requested that in the case of the national communications and biennial update reports, the GEF Agencies (UNDP/UNEP) need to provide more clarity by indicating the stage at which the countries are reporting and the submission dates of preceding national reports. Council members praised the quality of many of the projects included in the Work Program, such as the one for South Africa that aims at mainstreaming biodiversity in the infrastructure sector.
72. A Council member pointed to the reviews conducted by STAP of some projects that he important to be integrated into their further development.
73. A Council member recognized the adequate representation of projects in Africa in this Work Program and asked for more attention to this continent in future Work Programs. The Council member further suggested that the share for Africa in work programs should ideally be about 25%.
74. The representative of the CSO network praised in particular one POPs project with a clear involvement of relevant Civil Society Partners.
75. A Council member requested clarification on the mentioning in the cover note that the work program covered 15 out of the 31 GEF focal area objectives and the intention of presenting such data. The Secretariat explained that since the projects are country driven, the coverage of focal area objectives are a result of the nature of projects received from the Countries at the time of work program preparation rather than focal area programming. The cover note includes this point as a matter of reporting.
76. In response to a question regarding the table that presents the regional distribution of projects, the Secretariat agreed to provide data discriminating between Asia and the Pacific Islands in future Work Programs.