



## Excerpts from the Joint Summary of the Chairs & Highlights of the Council's Decisions, 44<sup>th</sup> GEF Council Meeting, June 18 - 20, 2013

### Joint Summary of the Chairs

#### *Decision on Agenda Item 14 Work Program*

27. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.44/08, *Work Program*, approved<sup>1</sup> the work program comprising forty eight (48) project concepts and two programmatic approaches, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 5, 2013. In addition, six project concepts associated with current and previously approved programmatic approaches are also approved.

28. Total resources approved in this work program amounted to \$369.82 million which include GEF project grants and Agency fees. The work program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Documents (PFDs):

### Biodiversity

1. **Argentina** : Mainstreaming Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Production Practices of Small Producers to Protect the Biodiversity of High Value Conservation Forests in the Atlantic Forest, Yungas and Chaco (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,620,000)
2. **Colombia** : Implementing the Socio-Ecosystem Connectivity Approach to Conserve and Sustainable Use Biodiversity in the Caribbean Region of Colombia (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,052,114)
3. **Guinea-Bissau** : Strengthening the Financial and Operational Framework of the National PA System in Guinea-Bissau (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,304,429)
4. **India** : Integrated Management of Wetland Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Water and Food Security (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,196,575)
5. **Indonesia** : Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Program-Coral Triangle Initiative, Phase III<sup>2</sup> (COREMAP-CTI III) (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,000,000)

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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, opposed the following projects and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support 1) *Argentina : Mainstreaming Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Production Practices of Small Producers to Protect the Biodiversity of High Value Conservation Forests in the Atlantic Forest, Yungas and Chaco*, 2) *Sri Lanka: Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation and Sustenance of Ecosystem services in Environmentally Sensitive Areas*, and 3) *Sri Lanka: Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of PCBs Wastes and PCB contaminated Equipment*

<sup>2</sup> Project linked to a previous non-set aside programmatic approach

6. **Sri Lanka** : Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation and Sustenance of Ecosystem Services in Environmentally Sensitive Areas (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,626,690)

## Climate Change

7. **Regional (Caribbean): PPP-IDB Sustainable Caribbean Basin Private Equity Fund (PROGRAM)**<sup>3</sup> (IDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$15,000,000)
8. **Regional (Antigua And Barbuda, Grenada, St. Vincent and Grenadines)** : Sustainable Energy for the Eastern Caribbean (SEEC) Program (IDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,013,698)
9. **Azerbaijan** : Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) for Low-carbon End-use Sectors in Azerbaijan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,570,000)
10. **Belarus** : Belarus Green Cities: Supporting Green Urban Development in Small and Medium Sized Cities in Belarus (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,091,000)
11. **Brazil** : Fourth National Communication and Biennial Update Reports to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,528,500)
12. **Equatorial Guinea** : Sustainable Energy for All: Promoting Small Scale Hydropower in Bioko and Other Clean Energy Solutions for Remote Islands (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,502,968)
13. **Guinea** : Developing a Market for Biogas Resource Development and Utilization in Guinea (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,647,706)
14. **India** : Improving Rural Energy Access in Deficit States (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$12,844,000)
15. **Indonesia** : Promoting Energy Efficiency for Non-HCFC Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (PENHRA) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,020,822) (**RESUBMISSION**)<sup>4</sup>
16. **Kazakhstan** : Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions for Low-carbon Urban Development (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,930,000)
17. **Malaysia** : Green Technology Application for the Development of Low Carbon Cities (GTALCC) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,354,794)
18. **Mexico** : Mexico Sustainable Energy Technology Development (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$16,880,734)
19. **Myanmar** : Improvement of Industrial Energy Efficiency (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,730,000)

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<sup>3</sup> Programmatic Framework Document (PFD) in this list is highlighted in color.

<sup>4</sup> Resubmitted PIF from the April 2013 Intersessional Work Program as requested by Council

20. **Nigeria** : Scaling up Small Hydro Power (SHP) in Nigeria (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,689,680)
21. **Russian Federation** : National Urban Transport Improvement Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,132,420)
22. **South Africa** : South Africa Wind Energy Project (SAWEP) – Phase II (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,554,250)
23. **Tunisia** : NAMA Support for the Tunisian Solar Plan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,552,968)

### **International Waters**

24. **Regional (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia)** : Adriatic Sea Environmental Pollution Control Project (I) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,776,256)
25. **Regional (Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago)** : Sustainable Management of Bycatch in Latin America and Caribbean Trawl Fisheries (REBYC-II LAC) (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,800,000)
26. **Regional (Central African Republic, Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, Chad)** : Improving Lake Chad Management through Building Climate Change Resilience and Reducing Ecosystem Stress through Implementation of the SAP (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,830,000)
27. **Regional (Indonesia, Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam)** : Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)
28. **Regional (Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan)** : Enabling Country of the Trans-boundary Syr Darya Basin to Make Sustainable Use of their Ground Water Potential and Subsurface Space with Consideration to Climate Variability and Change (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,500,000)

### **Land Degradation**

29. **South Africa** : Securing Multiple Ecosystems Benefit Through SLM in the Productive But Degraded Landscapes of South Africa (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,237,900)

### **Multi Focal Area**

30. **Global (Georgia, Madagascar)** : Global Forest Watch 2.0 FW 2.0 (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,342,465)
31. **Regional (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru)** : Adaptation to the Impact of Climate Change in Water Resources for the Andean Region (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,240,000)
32. **Regional (Cook Islands, Fiji, Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Samoa)** : R2R-

Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods<sup>5</sup> (UNDP/UNEP, FAO) (GEF Program Grant : \$70,402,360)

33. **Antigua And Barbuda** : Sustainable Pathways - Protected Areas and Renewable Energy (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,639,726)
34. **Chile** : Protecting Biodiversity and Multiple Ecosystem Services in Biological Mountain Corridors in Chile's Mediterranean Ecosystem (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,657,201)
35. **China** : Sustainable Forest Management to Enhance the Resilience of Forests to Climate Change (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,152,728)
36. **Haiti** : Increasing Resilience of Ecosystems and Vulnerable Communities to CC and Anthropic Threats Through a Ridge to Reef Approach to BD Conservation and Watershed Management (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,753,098)
37. **Indonesia** : Strengthening Forest and Ecosystem Connectivity in RIMBA Landscape of Central Sumatra through Investing in Natural Capital, Biodiversity Conservation, and Land-based Emission Reductions (RIMBA) (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$9,431,763)
38. **Kenya** : Scaling up Sustainable Land Management and Agrobiodiversity Conservation to Reduce Environmental Degradation in Small Scale Agriculture in Western Kenya (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,583,800)
39. **Mozambique** : Mozambique Conservation Areas for Biodiversity and Development Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,319,635)
40. **Russian Federation** : Save the Source: Catalyzing Market Transformation of Breweries from a Major Natural Resource Consuming Industry to a Pro-active Steward for Resource Efficient Cleaner Production (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,300,000) (**RESUBMISSION**)<sup>6</sup>
41. **Russian Federation** : Sustainable Land Management and Ecosystem-based Climate Change Mitigation in the Altai-Sayan Ecoregion (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,170,000) (**RESUBMISSION**)<sup>7</sup>
42. **Sao Tome and Principe** : Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Grid-based Hydroelectric Electricity through an Integrated Approach in Sao Tome and Principe (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,274,544)
43. **Thailand** : Maximizing Carbon Sink Capacity and Conserving Biodiversity through Sustainable Conservation, Restoration, and Management of Peat-swamp Ecosystems (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,224,400)

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<sup>5</sup> Programmatic Framework Document (PFD) in this list is highlighted in color.

<sup>6</sup> Resubmitted PIF from the April 2013 Intersessional Work Program as requested by Council

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

44. **Yemen** : Support to the Integrated Program for the Conservation and Sustainable Development of the Socotra Archipelago (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,854,566)

## POPs

45. **Global** : Global Project on the Updating of National Implementation Plans for POPs (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,965,753)
46. **Regional (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Philippines, Vietnam)** : Demonstration of BAT and BEP in Open Burning Activities in Response to the Stockholm Convention on POPs (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,560,000)
47. **Cote d'Ivoire** : POPs Pesticides Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,000,000)
48. **Macedonia** : Removal of Technical and Economic Barriers to Initiating the Clean-up Activities for Alpha-HCH, Beta-HCH and Lindane Contaminated Sites at OHIS (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,100,000)
49. **Mexico** : Sound Management of POPs Containing Waste (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,720,000)
50. **Sri Lanka** : Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of PCBs Wastes and PCB Contaminated Equipment in Sri Lanka (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,725,000)

## Sub-projects<sup>8</sup> under Previously Approved and Current Programmatic Approaches<sup>9</sup> (with Set-Aside)

### International Waters

51. **Regional (China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao DPR, Philippines, Timor Lester, Vietnam)**: Scaling Up the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$10,143,992) under the *Program of Reducing Pollution and Rebuilding Degraded marine Resources in the East Asian Seas through Implementation of Intergovernmental Agreements and Catalyzed Investments*
52. **Regional (Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam)**: Sustainable Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the West Pacific and East Asian Seas (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,233,578) under the *Program of Reducing Pollution and Rebuilding Degraded marine Resources in the East Asian Seas through Implementation of Intergovernmental Agreements and Catalyzed Investments*

### Multi-Focal Area

53. **Regional (Cook Islands, Fiji, Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Samoa)**: Testing the Integration of Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve

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<sup>8</sup> All sub-projects will draw their grants from their respective set-aside program allocations.

<sup>9</sup> 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 (GEF/C.39/Inf.3).

Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods in Pacific Island Countries (UNDP) (GEF Program Grant: \$9,826,147) under *the Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihood*

54. **Cook Islands:** Conserving Biodiversity and Enhancing Ecosystem Functions through a “Ridge-to-Reef” Approach (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$4,267,431) ) under *the Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihood*
55. **Fiji:** Implementing a “Ridge to Reef” Approach to Preserve Ecosystem Services, Sequester Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$7,387,614) ) under *the Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihood*
56. **Nauru:** Implementing a “Ridge to Reef” Approach to Protecting Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functions in Nauru (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$2,644,358) ) under *the Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities – Integrated Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihood*

29. 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) **Global (Georgia, Madagascar) :** *Global Forest Watch 2.0*<sup>10</sup>
- 2) **Regional (China, Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao DPR, Philippines, Timor Lester, Vietnam):** *Scaling Up the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia*<sup>11</sup> under the *Program of Reducing Pollution and Rebuilding Degraded Marine Resources in the East Asian Seas through Implementation of Intergovernmental Agreements and Catalyzed Investments*
- 3) **Regional (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru) :** *Adaptation to the Impact of Climate Change in Water Resources for the Andean Region*<sup>12</sup>
- 4) **India :** *Integrated Management of Wetland Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Water and Food Security*
- 5) **India :** *Improving Rural Energy Access in Deficit States*
- 6) **Indonesia :** *Promoting Energy Efficiency for Non-HCFC Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (PENHRA)*
- 7) **Mozambique :** *Mozambique Conservation Areas for Biodiversity and Development Project*<sup>13</sup>
- 8) **Tunisia :** *NAMA Support for the Tunisian Solar Plan*

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<sup>10</sup> STAP advisory for major revision

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

- 9) **Russian Federation** : *Save the Source: Catalyzing Market Transformation of Breweries from a Major Natural Resource Consuming Industry to a Pro-active Steward for Resource Efficient Cleaner Production*<sup>14</sup>
- 10) **Russian Federation** : *National Urban Transport Improvement Project*
- 11) **South Africa**: *Wind Energy Project (SAWEP) – Phase II*
- 12) **Yemen** : *Support to the Integrated Program for the Conservation and Sustainable Development of the Socotra Archipelago*

30. With respect to *R2R – Pacific Islands Ridge-to-Reef National Priorities- Integrated Water, Land, Forest, and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience, and Sustain Livelihoods*, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive as soon as possible the final Program Framework Document (PFD) that responds to Council comments and to the STAP advice.

31. 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 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.

32. 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 since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

33. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 44<sup>th</sup> 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 14 Work Program*

34. Council Members provided comments on specific projects in the work program and requested the Agencies to consider them in the further development of the projects. Some Council Members and the representative of the CSO network indicated that they will be providing written comments to the Secretariat for the Agencies’ consideration.

35. A number of Council Members expressed concern regarding Africa’s low share of 14 percent in the work program and suggested that it would be useful to present cumulative totals by region and by replenishment period to understand regional trends. The Secretariat responded by explaining that if taken in the overall context of GEF 5, including approvals for medium-sized projects and enabling activities, the cumulative grants approved for countries in the Africa region is 31 percent of GEF resources and comparable to the historic trend.

36. Several Council Members including the CSO representative, while acknowledging the GEF Agencies’ recognition of public participation, gender mainstreaming and private sector involvement in several projects, also raised concern regarding the weakness of the same in many of the projects in the work program and urged the Secretariat to be more vigilant in giving

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<sup>14</sup> Ibid.

importance to these elements when reviewing projects. The CSO representative emphasized the need for Agencies to ensure that CSOs are engaged in the different stages of the project cycle.

37. Several Council Members expressed they had found it difficult to review World Bank projects under the pilot GEF-World Bank harmonization pilot introduced a few months ago as part of the project cycle streamlining efforts. The documentation received deviated from the GEF PIF format and did not mention contributions to global environmental benefits and expected GHG emissions. Council Members expressed a desire to see all agencies use a common PIF format. The CEO indicated that since this pilot scheme has just been initiated, the Secretariat would take stock of the experience of the pilot and report back to the Council.