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Excerpts from the Joint Summary of the Chairs & Highlights of the Council's Decisions, GEF Council Meeting, June 22–24, 2009

Decisions of the Council

Decision on Agenda Item 15 Work Program

18. The Council reviewed the proposed work program submitted to Council in document GEF/C.35/7 and approved the work program¹ comprising 60 project concepts and endorsed the concepts and objectives of 3 new programmatic approaches, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted to the Secretariat by July 8, 2009.

19. Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$248.84 million, which included GEF project grants and Agency fees. The approved work program is comprised of the following 60 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), 28 of which are submitted under 11 programmatic approaches (3 of which are new ones seeking Council endorsement):

¹ The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its national legislation regarding its country's voting position for development projects financed by certain development institutions, opposed the following projects: **Cuba** : Enhancing the Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species in Vulnerable Ecosystems (UNDP); **Global (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Algeria, Egypt, Croatia, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Macedonia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Serbia)** : MED Sustainable MED Governance and Knowledge Generation (World Bank) ; **Syria** : MED Coastal Rivers and Orontes River Basins Water Resources Management Project (World Bank); and **Regional (Angola, Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Comoros, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Congo DR)** : AFLDC: Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the COMESA Subregion (UNEP/UNIDO).

BIODIVERSITY

- **Regional (Central African Republic, Congo, Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Congo DR) :** CBSP Sustainable Financing of Protected Area Systems in the Congo Basin (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,181,818)
- **Regional (Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Senegal, South Africa) :** Supporting the Development and Implementation of Access and Benefit Sharing Policies in Africa (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,177,300)
- **Regional (Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines) :** Sustainable Financing and Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystems (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,750,000)
- **Argentina :** Inter-jurisdictional System of Coastal-Marine Protected Areas (ISCOMPA) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,177,727)
- **Bolivia :** Biodiversity Conservation through Sustainable Forest Management by Local Communities (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,500,000)
- **Brazil :** Integrated Management of the Ilha Grande Bay Ecosystem (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,400,000)
- **Cameroon :** CBSP Sustainable Community Based Management and Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem in Cameroon (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,733,182)
- **Central African Republic :** CBSP Strengthened Management of the National Protected Areas System through Involvement of Local Communities (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,768,182)
- **Costa Rica :** Consolidating Costa Rica's Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,212,027)
- **Cuba :** Enhancing the Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species in Vulnerable Ecosystems (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,018,182)
- **El Salvador :** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Management into Fisheries and Tourism Activities carried out in Coastal /Marine Ecosystems (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,354,545)
- **India :** IND-BD Mainstreaming Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Conservation into Production Sectors in the Godavari River Estuary in Andhra Pradesh State (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,023,636)

- **India** : Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with Focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,561,000)
- **Indonesia** : Promoting Sustainable Production Forest Management to Secure Globally Important Biodiversity (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,300,000)
- **Mexico** : Integrating Trade-offs between Supply of Ecosystem Services and Land Use Options into Poverty Alleviation Efforts and Development Planning (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,900,000)
- **Morocco** : MENARID - A Circular Economy Approach to Agro-Biodiversity Conservation in the Souss Massa Draa Region of Morocco (IFAD) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,647,272)
- **Pakistan** : Mountains and Markets: Biodiversity and Business in Northern Pakistan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,793,182)
- **Panama** : Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation through Low-impact Ecotourism in the SINAP (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,000,000)
- **Papua New Guinea** : PAS Forest Conservation and Protected Area Management (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,000,000)
- **Philippines** : CTI Partnerships for Biodiversity Conservation: Mainstreaming in Local Agricultural Landscapes (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,500,000)
- **Tanzania** : Strengthening the Protected Area Network in Southern Tanzania: Improving the Effectiveness of National Parks in Addressing Threats to Biodiversity (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,304,550)
- **Venezuela** : Strengthening the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas System (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,445,455)

CLIMATE CHANGE

- **Regional (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda)** : Promoting Energy Efficiency in Buildings in Eastern Africa (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,853,000)
- **Algeria** : Integrated Approach for Zero Emission Project Development in the New Town of Boughzoul (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,240,000)

- **Argentina** : Third National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,439,210)
- **Armenia** : LGGE Improving Energy Efficiency in Buildings (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,045,000)
- **Cambodia** : Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Improved Energy Efficiency in the Industrial Sector (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,240,000)
- **Chad** : SPWA-CC Promoting Renewable Energy Based Mini-grids for Rural Electrification and Productive Uses (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **Colombia** : Energy Efficiency Standards and Labels in Colombia (S&L Colombia) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,500,000)
- **Egypt** : Improving the Energy Efficiency of Lighting and Building Appliances (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,450,000)
- **Gambia** : SPWA-CC Promoting Renewable Energy Based Mini Grids for Productive Uses in Rural Areas in The Gambia (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **Ghana** : SPWA-CC Promoting of Appliance Energy Efficiency and Transformation of the Refrigerating Appliances Market in Ghana. (under West Africa Energy Program) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,722,727)
- **Kazakhstan** : Energy Efficient Design and Construction in Residential Sector (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,568,500)
- **Liberia** : SPWA-CC Installation of Multi-purpose Mini-hydro Infrastructure (for energy & irrigation) (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **Malaysia** : CF Industrial Energy Efficiency for Malaysian Manufacturing Sector (IEEMMS) (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,200,000)
- **Nigeria** : SPWA-CC Mini-grids based on Renewable Energy (small-hydro and biomass) Sources to Augment Rural Electrification (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,667,273)
- **Nigeria** : SPWA-CC Promoting Energy Efficiency in Residential and Public Sector in Nigeria (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,677,273)
- **Peru** : Energy Efficiency Standards and Labels in Peru (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)

- **Sierra Leone** : SPWA-CC Promoting Mini Grids based on Small Hydropower for Productive Uses in Sierra Leone (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **South Africa** : Market Transformation through Energy Efficiency Standards and Labeling of Appliances in South Africa (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,000,000)
- **Ukraine** : Improving Energy Efficiency and Promoting Renewable Energy in the Agro-Food and other Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Ukraine (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,140,000)
- **Vietnam** : Vietnam Clean Production and Energy Efficiency Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,374,407)

INTERNATIONAL WATERS

- **Global (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Algeria, Egypt, Croatia, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Macedonia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Serbia)** : MED Sustainable MED Governance and Knowledge Generation (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)
- **Regional (Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia)** : MED Regional Coordination on Natural Resources Management and Capacity Building (TA) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,644,545)
- **Egypt** : MED Enhanced Water Resources Management (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,682,500)
- **Syria** : MED Coastal Rivers and Orontes River Basins Water Resources Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,050,000)
- **Tunisia** : MED Greater Tunis Treated Wastewater Discharge in the Mediterranean Sea. (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,000,000)

LAND DEGRADATION

- **China** : PRC-GEF Partnership - Capacity and Management Support for Combating Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,728,000)

MULTI FOCAL AREA

- **Global** : Development Market Place 2009: Adaptation to Climate Change (DM 2009) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)
- **Algeria** : MENARID Conservation of Globally Significant Biodiversity and Sustainable Use of Ecosystem Services in Algeria's Cultural Parks (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,387,142)
- **Indonesia** : SFM Sustainable Forest and Biodiversity Management in Borneo (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,527,273)
- **Philippines** : CTI Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management Sector (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,530,000)
- **Tanzania** : SFM Sustainable Woodland Management in the Miombo Areas of Western Tanzania (UNDP/World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,745,000)

POPs

- **Regional (Angola, Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Comoros, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Congo DR)** : AFLDC: Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the COMESA Subregion (UNEP/UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,000,000)
- **Egypt** : Integrated and Sustainable POPs Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,100,000)
- **Eritrea** : Prevention and Disposal of POPs and Obsolete Pesticides (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,150,000)
- **Honduras** : Strengthening National Management Capacities and Reducing Releases of POPs in Honduras (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,650,000)
- **Mozambique** : Disposal of POPs Wastes and Obsolete Pesticides (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,950,000)
- **Nigeria** : Less Burnt for a Clean Earth: Minimization of Dioxin Emission from Open Burning Sources (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,150,000)
- **Tajikistan** : POPs Pesticide Elimination, Mitigation and Site Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,021,200)

20. With respect to the following three new programmatic approaches, the Council endorsed their objectives and requested that future full-sized project (FSP) PIFs, to be financed under these programmatic approaches, be included in the work programs submitted to the Council for approval:

Biodiversity

- IND-BD: GEF Coastal and Marine Program (IGCMP)

International Waters

- MED: Mediterranean Environmental Sustainable Development Program "Sustainable MED"

POPs

- AFLDC Program: Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)

21. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, either under one of the programmatic approaches or as a standalone PIF, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive a copy of the draft final project document that is submitted to the CEO for endorsement. Council Members may transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing a project document for final approval by the GEF Agency.

Highlights of the Council Decisions

Agenda Item 15 Work Program

9. Members congratulated the Secretariat for a solid work program. In particular, the increase of projects under programmatic approaches, which were viewed to have taken into account many concerns that the countries had, such as their priorities and concerns over co-financing, etc. Overall, the programmatic approach should be maintained and strengthened, and Members expressed the hope that all PIFs under programmatic approaches receive funding.

10. Topics discussed in relation to this work program included concerns over the average size of the projects. One Member observed a declining trend in the size of projects over time and raised concern over the transformative impact of smaller projects.

11. It was noted that some programmatic approaches contain multiple national level projects that address an issue which could better be resolved through a regional project. It was suggested that in the future, preparation of projects and programs take this consideration into account.

12. One Member requested the Secretariat to ensure that projects provide baseline data when they are presented for CEO endorsement. Another Member noted that PIFs should avoid an overly-ambitious design, and where implementation will extend beyond 6 years, a mid-term review is in order. Still another requested that projects show clear political support, especially when a project involves public finance.