

## Excerpts from the Joint Summary of the Chairs, GEF Council Meeting, June 28 –July, 2010

### Decisions of the Council

#### *Decision on Agenda Item 12                      Work Program*

18. The Council reviewed the proposed work program submitted to Council in document GEF/C.36/7 and approved the work program<sup>1</sup> comprising 34 project concepts, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted, in writing, to the Secretariat by November 26, 2009.

19. Total resources requested in this work program amount to **\$159.29** million, which include GEF project grants and Agency fees. The approved work program is comprised of the following 34 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), of which 5 are free-standing PIFs and 29 are submitted under 12 programmatic approaches previously endorsed by Council:

### Biodiversity

- **Global** : BS: UNEP-GEF Project for Continued Enhancement of Building Capacity for Effective Participation in the BCH (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,500,000)
- **Benin** : SPWA-BD Support to Protected Areas Management (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,900,500)
- **Cameroon** : CBSP Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Ngoyla Mintom Forest (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,500,000)
- **China** : CBPF Strengthening Globally Important Biodiversity Conservation Through Protected Area Strengthening in Gansu Province (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,738,000)
- **Costa Rica** : Integrated Management of Marine and Coastal Resources in Puntarenas (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)
- **India** : IND-BD Mainstreaming Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Conservation into Production Sectors in the Malvan Coast, Maharashtra State (UNDP) (GEF Project

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<sup>1</sup> 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 project "**Regional (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Syria, Tunisia)** : MED Integration of Climatic Variability and Change into National Strategies to Implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean" (UNEP).

Grant : \$3,438,294)

- **Nigeria** : SPWA-BD Niger Delta Conservation Project (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,610,000)
- **Peru** : SFM Sustainable Management of Protected Areas and Forests of the Northern Highlands of Peru (IFAD) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,720,000)
- **Togo** : SPWA-BD Strengthening the Conservation Role of Togo's National System of Protected Areas (PA) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,222,200)

## Climate Change

- **Global** : National Communications to the UNFCCC (UNDP/UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$25,000,000)
- **Global (Colombia, Kenya)** : TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Solar Chill: Commercialization and Transfer (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,583,000)
- **Global (Cook Islands, Turkey)** : TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Realizing Hydrogen Energy Installations on Small Islands through Technology Co-operation (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,677,273)
- **Regional (Cook Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, Samoa)** : PAS Promoting Energy Efficiency in the Pacific (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,254,545)
- **Regional (Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu)** : PAS Energizing the Pacific Regional Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,600,000)
- **Regional (Nauru, Niue, Tuvalu)** : PAS "Low Carbon-Energy Islands" - Accelerating the Use of Energy Efficient and Renewable Energy Technologies in Tuvalu, Niue and Nauru (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,298,636)
- **Brazil** : Third National Communication to the UNFCCC (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,720,000)
- **Cambodia** : TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Climate Change Related Technology Transfer for Cambodia: Using Agricultural Residue Biomass for Sustainable Energy Solutions (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,690,000)
- **Chile** : TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Promotion and Development of Local Solar Technologies in Chile (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,727,273)

- **China** : Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Project (SSTECP) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,163,636)
- **China** : TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Green Truck Demonstration Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,200,000)
- **Cote d'Ivoire** : TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Construction of 1,000 Ton per day Municipal Solid Wastes Composting Unit in AKOUEDO Abidjan (AfDB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,625,000)
- **Mexico** : TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Promotion and Development of Local Wind Technologies in Mexico (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,000,000)
- **Niger** : SPWA-CC: Integration of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions in Niger's Rural Energy Service Access program (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,768,182)
- **Senegal** : TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Technology Transfer: Typha-based Thermal Insulation Material Production in Senegal (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)
- **Sri Lanka** : TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Bamboo Processing for Sri Lanka (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,355,000)
- **Thailand** : TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Overcoming Policy, Market and Technological Barriers to Support Technological Innovation and South-South Technology Transfer: The Pilot Case of Ethanol Production from Cassava (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,600,000)

### **International Waters**

- **Global** : MENARID GEF IW:LEARN: Strengthening IW Portfolio Delivery and Impact (UNDP/UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,900,000)
- **Regional (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Syria, Tunisia)** : MED Integration of Climatic Variability and Change into National Strategies to Implement the ICZM Protocol in the Mediterranean (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,298,545)

### **Land Degradation**

- **Global** : Enabling Paradigm Shift on Monitoring and Assessment within the UNCCD - Piloting the Reporting of the Performance Indicators 2010 (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,545,454)

### **Multi-focal Area**

- **Russian Federation** : TT-Pilot (GEF-4): Phase-out of HCFCs and Promotion of HFC-free Energy Efficient Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Systems in the Russian Federation Through Technology Transfer (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$18,000,000)
- **Senegal** : SPWA-BD Participatory Conservation of Biodiversity and Low Carbon Development of Pilot Ecovillages at the Vicinity of Protected Areas in Senegal (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,880,000)
- **Tunisia** : MENARID Ecotourism and Conservation of Desert Biodiversity (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,272,300)

## POPs

- **Regional (Burkina Faso, Benin, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Sao Tome and Principe, Chad, Togo)** : AFLDC: Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the ECOWAS Subregion (UNEP/UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,000,000)
- **Regional (Lesotho, Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia)** : AFLDC: Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the SADC Subregion (UNEP/UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)

20. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, either under one of the programmatic approaches or as a stand-alone 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.

21. The associated Tables 1 to 3 annexed to this Joint Summary of the Chairs detail all the funding decisions taken by the Council during this 36th session, including decisions on the work program and budget.

## Highlights of the Council Decisions

### *Agenda Item 12      Work Program*

23. Council Members praised the Secretariat for presenting an excellent work program and commended the improvement of the quality of the PIFs. STAP comments on the PIFs have also been found to be very useful.
24. Many Members expressed appreciation for the high percentage of this work program's going to Africa across all focal areas.
25. Questions were raised by different Members regarding the composition of the work program, in particular, the relatively large percentage of PIFs under Programmatic Approaches (PAs), but also the criteria for the selection of the 34 PIFs, including the 11 technology transfer projects.
26. The CEO clarified that the composition of the November work program was driven partly by the available resources and by the priority accorded to the PIFs under the PAs until September 30, which explains the relatively large percentage of PIFs under PAs.
27. The selection of the 11 technology transfer projects was based on the resources allocated to the Poznan Strategic Program on Technology Transfer, the CEO further explained; moreover, all focal points and the UNFCCC secretariat had received a letter explaining which criteria would be used to accept projects. The selection criteria used included the innovativeness of the projects and hence, an associated higher risk was assumed in such projects. The CEO also reminded Council Members that a PIF is not a complete project descriptor and thus does not fully address all risks associated with a project.
28. One Council Member requested that a monitoring report on the implementation of the technology transfer projects should be submitted to Council at some point.
29. Of the PIFs presented in this work program, it was noted that the biodiversity project in Guinea, "*SPWA-BD Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Mineral Governance in Guinea*," has been withdrawn by the World Bank due to the *de facto* status of the Government of Guinea. The Council Member representing the constituency that includes Guinea urged the World Bank to consider the project for a future work program when the situation in the country has improved.
30. One Council Member expressed appreciation for seeing the three projects under the *GEF Pacific Alliance for Sustainability Program* and requested that continued support should be given to the remainder of the projects under the Program.
31. One Council Member raised concerns regarding the technology transfer project in Cambodia: *Climate Change Related Technology Transfer for Cambodia: Using Agricultural Residue Biomass for Sustainable Energy Solutions*. It was felt that the proposed project presents a number of risks that have not been appropriately identified and quantified. It was suggested that the project be pulled out from this work program and resubmitted after STAP undertakes a second review. After further consultation, it was agreed that the project will stay in the work program. However it was agreed that STAP should undertake a second review of the project for

consideration by the country and the Agency in the further preparation of the project. The second review by STAP should be circulated to the Council Members to ensure that the concerns are properly addressed before the project can go forward.

32. The CEO noted that the GEF expects to receive around \$300 million in December to support another intersessional work program planned for early 2010 and that there may be another \$80 million around May/June 2010 for a possible intersessional work program after that.