



## **Excerpts from the Joint Summary of the Chairs & Highlights of the Council's Decisions, 52nd GEF Council Meeting May, 2017**

### **Joint Summary of the Chairs**

#### *Decision on Agenda Item 12*

#### *Work Program*

1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.52/05/Rev.01, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, approves the Work Program<sup>1</sup> comprising 30 project concepts and one programmatic framework, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by June 8, 2017.

2. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$246.8 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Program Framework Document (PFD) and Project Identification Forms (PIFs):

#### **Programmatic Approaches**

1. **Regional (Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, Tanzania, Zambia, and Regional):** EHPMP – Environmental Health and Pollution Management Program in Africa (World Bank) (GEF Financing: \$ 42,201,835) GEF ID 9444 (resubmission2)

#### **Multi Focal Area**

2. **Global (Argentina, Burkina Faso, Bhutan, Belarus, Colombia, Cabo Verde, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Gambia, Jamaica, Madagascar, Mali, Malaysia, Nepal, Panama, Congo DR):** GEF SGP sixth Operational Phase-

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<sup>1</sup> The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons and whose governments do not have in place a functioning and transparent military audit, opposes the following projects and therefore does not join the Council decision that would support the: 1) *Management of Competing Water Uses and Associated Ecosystems in Pungwe, Busi, and Save Basins* in Zimbabwe, and 2) *GEF Small Grants Programme - Sixth Operational Phase, Part II* project in Eritrea and Belarus. The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments do not have in place a functioning and transparent military audit and have violated human rights, abstains from participating in the decision on the project: *Efficient and Green Freight Transport Project* in China.

<sup>2</sup> This program was resubmitted per Council request from the June 2016 Council meeting and after having addressed all of Council and STAP previous comments on the PFD.

Strategic Implementation using STAR Resources Tranche 1, mainly in LDCs and SIDs (Part III) (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 17,337,500) GEF ID 9774

3. **Regional** (Cabo Verde, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal): West Africa Regional Fisheries Program Phase 2 (World Bank) (GEF Financing: \$ 7,305,936) GEF ID 9797
4. **Argentina:** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Land Management (SLM) into Development Planning: Making Environmental Land Use Planning (ELUP) Operational in Argentina (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 8,995,434) GEF ID 9583
5. **Benin:** Sustainable Forest Management and Conservation Project in Central and South Benin (AfDB) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,627,226) GEF ID 9383
6. **Colombia:** Contributing to the Integrated Management of Biodiversity of the Pacific Region of Colombia to Build Peace (FAO/UNIDO) (GEF Financing: \$ 7,562,558) GEF ID 9441
7. **Cote d'Ivoire:** Sustainability and Scaling Up Approaches for Transformational Management, Restoration and Conservation of Forests Landscapes and Biodiversity in Cote d'Ivoire (SSATMARC –FOLAB) (UNEP) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,831,050) GEF ID 9366
8. **Grenada:** Climate Resilient Agriculture for Integrated Landscape Management (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 3,659,775) GEF ID 9577
9. **Mali:** Scaling up a Multiple Benefits Approach to Enhance Resilience in Agro- and Forest Landscapes of **Mali's** Sahel Regions (Kayes, Koulikoro and Ségou) (AfDB) (GEF Financing: \$ 8,605,023) GEF ID 9293
10. **Mongolia:** Ensuring Sustainability and Resilience (ENSURE) of Green Landscapes in Mongolia (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 7,964,253) GEF ID 9389
11. **Nepal:** Integrated Landscape Management to Secure Nepal's Protected Areas and Critical Corridors (WWF-US) (GEF Financing: \$ 6,697,248) GEF ID 9437
12. **Rwanda:** Forest Landscape Restoration in the Mayaga Region (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 6,213,538) GEF ID 9385
13. **St. Vincent and Grenadines:** Conserving Biodiversity and Reducing Land Degradation Using a Ridge-to-Reef **Approach** (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 3,757,102) GEF ID 9580
14. **Thailand:** Applications of Industry-urban Symbiosis and Green Chemistry for Low Emission and Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)-Free Industrial Development in Thailand (UNIDO) (GEF Financing: \$ 8,966,000) GEF ID 9219

## Biodiversity

15. **Regional (Marshall Islands, Niue, Tonga, Tuvalu):** Strengthening National and Regional Capacities to Reduce the Impact of Invasive Alien Species on Globally Significant Biodiversity in the Pacific (UNEP) (GEF Financing: \$ 6,252,489) GEF ID 9410
16. **Cabo Verde:** Managing Multiple Sector Threats on Marine Ecosystems to Achieve Sustainable Blue Growth (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 3,787,864) GEF ID 9705
17. **Nicaragua:** Resilient Landscapes Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Financing: \$ 4,389,261) GEF ID 9579

## Climate Change

18. **Bhutan:** Bhutan Sustainable Low-emission Urban Transport Systems (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,639,726) GEF ID 9367
19. **China:** Achieving Efficient and Green Freight Transport Development in China (World Bank) (GEF Financing: \$ 8,246,095) GEF ID 9682
20. **El Salvador:** San Salvador Low-emission Urban Development Path (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,420,548) GEF ID 9038
21. **Mauritius:** Realising Energy Savings and Climate Benefits of Implementing Mandatory Energy Auditing in Coordination with HCFC Phase-out and HFC Avoidance (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 4,532,164) GEF ID 9612
22. **Mexico:** Mexico Municipal Energy Efficiency Project (PRESEM) (World Bank) (GEF Financing: \$ 5,790,000) GEF ID 9564

## International Waters

23. **Global:** Building Partnerships to Assist Developing Countries Minimize the Impacts from Aquatic Biofouling (GloFouling Partnerships) (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 6,980,000) GEF ID 9605
24. **Global (Chile, India, Namibia, Ukraine, South Africa):** Strengthening Capacity for International Cooperation in the Ecosystem-based Management of the Antarctic Large Marine Ecosystem. (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 6,192,694) GEF ID 9443
25. **Regional (Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam):** Reducing Pollution and Preserving Environmental Flows in the East Asian Seas through the Implementation of Integrated River Basin Management in ASEAN Countries (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 8,479,123) GEF ID 9654

26. **Regional (Mozambique, Zimbabwe):** Management of Competing Water Uses and Associated Ecosystems in Pungwe, Busi and Save Basins (IUCN) (GEF Financing: \$ 6,000,000) GEF ID 9593

### **Land Degradation**

27. **Iraq:** Sustainable Land Management for Improved Livelihoods in Degraded Areas of Iraq (FAO) (GEF Financing: \$ 3,549,321) GEF ID 9745
28. **Turkey:** Contributing to Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Target Setting by Demonstrating the LDN Approach in the Upper Sakarya Basin for Scaling up at National Level (FAO) (GEF Financing: \$ 2,388,584) GEF ID 9586

### **Chemicals and Waste**

29. **Global:** Global Best Practices on Emerging Chemical Policy Issues of Concern under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) (UNEP) (GEF Financing: \$ 8,190,000) GEF ID 9771
30. **Bangladesh:** Pesticide Risk Reduction in Bangladesh (FAO) (GEF Financing: \$ 8,295,000) GEF ID 9076
31. **Maldives:** Eliminating POPs through Sound Management of Chemicals (UNDP) (GEF Financing: \$ 3,675,000) GEF ID 9562

3. With respect to the following 8 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 (Chile, India, Namibia, Ukraine, South Africa):** Strengthening Capacity for International Cooperation in the Ecosystem-based Management of the Antarctic Large Marine Ecosystem. (UNDP) (GEF ID 9443)
2. **Regional (Mozambique, Zimbabwe):** Management of Competing Water Uses and Associated Ecosystems in Pungwe, Busi and Save Basins (IUCN) (GEF ID 9593);
3. **Bhutan:** Bhutan Sustainable Low-emission Urban Transport Systems (UNDP) (GEF ID 9367);
4. **China:** Achieving Efficient and Green Freight Transport Development in China (World Bank) (GEF ID 9682);
5. **El Salvador:** San Salvador Low-emission Urban Development Path (UNDP) (GEF ID 9038);

6. **Iraq:** Sustainable Land Management for Improved Livelihoods in Degraded Areas of Iraq (FAO) (GEF ID 9745);
  7. **Mauritius:** Realizing Energy Savings and Climate Benefits of Implementing Mandatory Energy Auditing in Coordination with HCFC Phase-out and HFC Avoidance (UNDP) (GEF ID 9612)
  8. **Mongolia:** Ensuring Sustainability and Resilience (ENSURE) of Green Landscapes in Mongolia (UNDP) (GEF ID 9389)
4. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs 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.
  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 objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
  6. With respect to the PFD approved as part of the Work Program, the final child project documents fully incorporating and addressing the Council's and STAP reviews shall be circulated for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval.
  7. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 52nd 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 12      Work Program*

1. Several Council members emphasized the importance of GEF's additionality and comparative advantage in composing Work Programs to ensure that the GEF can truly bring high impact.
2. Several Council members requested the Secretariat continue to assist the SIDS and LDCs in their efforts of programing during GEF-6 and building capacity.
3. In the context of the shortfall issue, the Secretariat explained that a large backlog of technically cleared and pending projects and programs existed and it was uncertain at this point if remaining resources in GEF-6 would be sufficient to program them all.