



# Global Environment Facility

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Dear Council Member:

I am writing in reference to my letter of Sept. 23, 2008 conveying Council approval the September 2008 Intersessional Work Program in which we inadvertently missed a footnote. This letter has made the correction by adding the footnote in the approval decision which read as follows:

*The GEF Council reviewed the proposed work program posted on August 22, 2008, and approves the work program comprising the following 13 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), subject to the comments submitted to the Secretariat by September 19, 2008:*

## ***Biodiversity***

1. ***Regional (Malawi, Zambia) : Sustainable Management of Nyika Transfrontier Conservation Area (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 4.82 m)***
2. ***Dominican Republic : Re-engineering of the Dominican Republic Protected Areas System (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$ 3.20 m)***
3. ***Egypt : Strengthening Protected Area Financing and Management Systems (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant: \$ 3.62 m)***
4. ***Kenya : Strengthening the Protected Area Network within the Eastern Montane Forest Hotspot of Kenya (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 4.50 m)***
5. ***South Africa : Development, Empowerment and Conservation in the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park and Surrounding Region (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 9.00 m)***

## ***Climate Change***

6. ***Russian Federation: RUS: Standards and Labels for Promoting Energy Efficiency (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 7.81 m)***

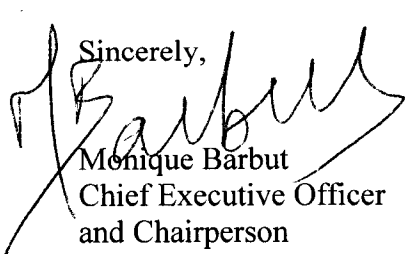
## ***International Waters***

7. ***Global : Groundwater Governance: A Global Framework for Country Action (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 1.75 m)***

**Multi-focal Areas**

8. **Regional (Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt)** : SIP-Eastern Nile Transboundary Watershed Management in Support of ENSAP Implementation (World Bank)  
(GEF Project Grant : \$ 2.70 m)<sup>1</sup>
9. **Regional (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda)**: SIP-Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project II (World Bank)  
(GEF Project Grant : \$ 5.85 m)
10. **China** : PRC-GEF Partnership: Mainstreaming Biodiversity Protection within the Production Landscapes and Protected Areas of the Lake Aibi Basin (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 2.98 m)
11. **India**: SLEM-CPP-Integrated Land Use Management to Combat Land Degradation in Madja Pradesh (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$ 5.76 m)
12. **Swaziland**: SIP-Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP) (IFAD)  
(GEF Project Grant : \$ 1.18 m)
13. **Tunisia**: MENARID - Land and Water Optimization Project (World Bank)  
(GEF Project Grant : \$ 9.73 m)

*The GEF Council finds that each PIF presented to it as part of the work program (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 CEO circulates to the Council Members, prior to endorsement, draft final project documents fully incorporating the Council's comments on the work program accompanied by a satisfactory explanation by the CEO of how such comments and comments of the STAP reviewer have been addressed and a confirmation by the CEO that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.*

Sincerely,  
  
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Chief Executive Officer  
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cc: Alternates, all those invited to Council meetings

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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 this project.