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August 29-30, 2006

Agenda Item 4

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 1.

OPENING SESSION

1. The opening session of the Third GEF Assembly will be organized in collaboration with the host government. It will include statements by the host government, the United Nations, and the CEO/Chairperson of the GEF.

AGENDA ITEM 2.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

2. In accordance with paragraph 12 of the *Rules of Procedure for the GEF Assembly*, the Assembly is to elect a Chair from among the Representatives attending the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRS

3. In accordance with paragraph 12 of the *Rules of Procedure for the GEF Assembly*, the Assembly is to elect two Vice-Chairs from among the Representatives attending the meeting. One Vice-Chair is to be a Representative of a recipient participant country, and one Vice-Chair is to be a Representative of a non-recipient participant country. The Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Assembly are to constitute the Bureau of the meeting. The CEO is to serve as an ex-officio member of the Bureau.

4. The Assembly is invited to elect its two Vice-Chairs.

AGENDA ITEM 4.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

5. A provisional agenda for consideration by the Assembly has been circulated to all Participants as document GEF/A.3/1/Rev.1. The Assembly is invited to adopt the agenda for its third meeting.

6. The GEF Council, at its meeting in June 2006, reviewed the organization of work for the Assembly.

7. In addition to plenary meetings which will be held on both days of the Assembly, three high-level roundtables for ministers and other heads of delegation will be organized during the morning of August 30. The purpose of the roundtables is to provide an opportunity for interactive dialogue among ministers and other heads of delegation on key themes and challenges for the GEF. An oral summary will be presented to the afternoon plenary on August 30 by each roundtable's co-chairs.

8. Opportunities for constituency meetings, side events, and smaller informal discussions will also be provided.

9. A provisional timetable for the Assembly is annexed to this document.

AGENDA ITEM 5.

STATEMENTS BY GEF PARTNERS

10. The heads of the three GEF Implementing Agencies (the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, and the World Bank) or their representatives are invited to address the plenary.

11. The Executive Secretaries of the global environmental conventions for which the GEF serves as the, or a, financial mechanism (the Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Chemicals, and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa) are invited to address the plenary.

12. The heads of the Executing Agencies collaborating with the GEF under expanded opportunities (African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Inter-American Development Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization) are invited to address the plenary.

13. A representative selected by the NGO organizations accredited to the GEF or the GEF Assembly is invited to address the plenary on behalf of the NGO community.

AGENDA ITEM 6.

REPORT ON GEF MEMBERSHIP

14. Paragraph 14 of the *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF* calls upon the Assembly to keep under review the membership of the Facility. The GEF presently has 176 member states. Document GEF/A.3/3 presents a list of states participating in the GEF together with the date on which the Secretariat received their notification of participation in accordance with paragraph 7 of the Instrument.

AGENDA ITEM 7.

REPORT ON THE GEF TRUST FUND

15. The Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund has prepared a report for the Assembly on the resources made available to the GEF Trust Fund during GEF-3 (between July 1, 2002, and June 30, 2006). The Assembly is invited to take note of document GEF/A.3/4, *Retrospective of the GEF-3 Commitment Authority*.

AGENDA ITEM 8.

AMENDMENT OF THE INSTRUMENT

16. Pursuant to paragraph 34 of the *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF*, amendments to the Instrument are to be approved by consensus by the Assembly upon the recommendation of the Council, after taking into account the views of the Implementing Agencies and the Trustee, and shall become effective after adoption by the Implementing Agencies and the Trustee in accordance with their respective rules and procedural requirements.

17. At its meeting in May 2004, the Council requested that the Secretariat prepare proposed textual amendments to the Instrument for Council consideration addressing:

- (a) convening the Assembly after the conclusion of negotiations on each replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund or at such other frequency as the Council may decide and at a location agreed by the Council; and
- (b) holding Council meetings at the seat of the Secretariat unless the Council decides otherwise.

18. At its meeting in November 2004, the Council agreed with the amendments proposed by the Secretariat and supported by the Implementing Agencies and the Trustee and recommended that the Assembly approve them at its third meeting.

19. The proposed amendments are set forth in document GEF/A.3/5, *Proposed Amendments to the Instrument*. The Assembly is invited to review the proposed amendments with a view to approving them and to forwarding them to the Implementing Agencies and the Trustee for adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 9.

REPORT ON THE FOURTH REPLENISHMENT OF THE GEF TRUST FUND

20. A report on the fourth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund, *Summary of Negotiations on the Fourth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund*, is submitted to the Assembly as document GEF/A.3/6. The Assembly is invited to take note of the replenishment agreements. Representatives are invited to express their views on the report during the constituency and ministerial statements to the plenary (agenda item 12).

AGENDA ITEM 10.

EVIDENCE ON ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES OF THE GEF

21. In accordance with paragraph 14 of the *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF*, the Assembly is to “(...) evaluate the operation of the Facility on the basis of reports submitted by the Council”.

22. The GEF Council requested the preparation of the independent *Third Overall Performance Study of the GEF* (OPS3) which was presented to the Council at its meeting in June 2005. The report is before the Assembly as document GEF/A.3/7.

23. The independent GEF Evaluation Office has completed several evaluations which complement the evidence of achievements of the GEF as noted in OPS3. The Director of Evaluation will present an overview of the evidence, from solid achievements to areas where the GEF is facing major challenges.

24. Representatives are invited to express their views on OPS3 and other evaluation evidence during constituency and ministerial statements to the plenary (agenda item 12).

AGENDA ITEM 11.

EMERGING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES AND GAPS

25. The Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will address the plenary. A report prepared by STAP, *STAP Report to the GEF Assembly on the Broad Scientific and Technical Issues that emerged during the Preceding Phase of the GEF and on Emerging Issues and Gaps*, is before the Assembly as document GEF/A.3/8.

26. Representatives are invited to express their views on the broad scientific and technical issues raised by STAP during constituency and ministerial statements to the plenary (agenda item 12).

AGENDA ITEM 12.

STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF CONSTITUENCIES AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

27. Representatives of the thirty-two GEF constituencies are invited to make statements during the plenary meeting on August 29, 2006. Representatives of the constituencies are invited to use this opportunity to express the constituency's views on the items on the Assembly's agenda.

28. Multi-country constituencies will be allotted 5 minutes for their statements while single-country constituencies will be allotted 3 minutes. Written statements, which may be longer than the oral statement, will be posted on the Assembly website.

29. Ministers other than those speaking on behalf of a constituency will also be provided an opportunity to address the Assembly. Ministers are invited to express their government's views on the issues before the Assembly.

30. Ministers will be allotted 3 minutes for their statements. Written statements, which may be longer than the oral statement, will be posted on the Assembly website.

31. The Secretariat will establish a speakers list in accordance with the procedures circulated to GEF Participants and available on the GEF Assembly website (www.theGEF.org/Assembly).

AGENDA ITEM 13.

HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLES WITH PARTICIPATION BY MINISTERS AND OTHER HEADS OF DELEGATION

32. Three roundtables will take place simultaneously on the morning of Friday, August 30, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Interpretation will be provided for each roundtable session.

33. Approximately 50 ministers, other heads of government delegations, and representatives of GEF partner agencies and GEF-accredited NGOs will participate in each roundtable.

34. The Secretariat will invite two ministers to co-chair each roundtable. The co-chairs will preside over each roundtable and guide the substantive discussions. The co-chairs will also report on the highlights of the discussion to the plenary.

35. After introductory remarks by one of the co-chairs, a speaker will make a short presentation and pose key questions that the participants may wish to address during the first half of the

roundtable discussions. This will be followed by 75 minutes of discussion.

36. After a short break, the other co-chair will make a few remarks and a second speaker will make a presentation and pose additional questions on another aspect of the theme under consideration. Discussion will be invited for another 75 minutes.

37. The co-chairs will conclude by highlighting the main points of the discussion.

38. The themes for the roundtables are:

- (a) Market-Based Mechanisms to Finance Global Environmental Conventions;
- (b) Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation; and
- (c) Identifying National Priorities and Allocating Resources to Enhance Results and Impacts at the Country Level.

39. Issues notes will be distributed in advance of the roundtables to raise issues and questions that ministers and other heads of delegation may wish to address during each roundtable discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 14.

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS

40. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the *Rules of Procedure for the GEF Assembly*, the credentials of Representatives and the names of Alternates and advisors shall be submitted to the CEO not less than three days before the first session they are to attend. Delegations are reminded to submit their credentials to the Secretariat in advance of the meeting.

41. The Bureau will examine the credentials and submit a report thereon to the Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 15.

ORAL PRESENTATION OF HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

42. The co-chairs of each of the three high-level roundtables are invited to present an oral summary of the roundtable discussions to the plenary.

AGENDA ITEM 16.

PRESENTATION OF CHAIR'S SUMMARY

43. In accordance with paragraph 24 of the *Rules of Procedure for the GEF Assembly*, the Chair, in consultation with the Bureau, will prepare a summary of the main discussions and conclusions of the Assembly. Any recommendation/decision approved by the Assembly is to be appended to the Chair's summary.

44. The Chair will present the summary to the plenary of the Assembly for endorsement.

AGENDA ITEM 17.

CLOSING CEREMONY

45. The Assembly will be closed by the Chair.

Provisional Timetable

Tuesday, August 29, 2006

Morning Session

9:00 – 10:00	Agenda Item 1	Opening Session
10:00 – 10:30	Agenda Item 2 Agenda Item 3 Agenda Item 4	Election of the Chair Election of the Vice Chairs Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
10:30 – 11:15	Agenda Item 5	Statements by GEF partners
11:15 – 11:45		BREAK
11:45 – 12:15	Agenda Item 6 Agenda Item 7 Agenda Item 8	Report on GEF membership Report on the GEF Trust Fund Amendment of the Instrument
12:15 – 13:00	Agenda Item 9	Report on the Fourth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund

Afternoon Session

14:30 – 15:00	Agenda Item 10	Evidence on achievements and challenges of the GEF
	Agenda Item 11	Emerging scientific and technological issues and gaps
15:00 – 16:30	Agenda Item 12	Statements on behalf of constituencies and Ministerial statements
16:30 – 17:00		BREAK
17:00 - 19:00		Statements (continued)

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

Morning Session

09:30 – 13:00	Agenda Item 13	High level roundtables with participation by Ministers and other heads of delegation
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Afternoon Session

15:30 – 15:45	Agenda Item 14	Report on Credentials
15:45 – 16:30	Agenda Item 15	Oral presentation of highlights of the roundtable discussions
16:30 – 17:00	Agenda Item 16	Presentation of Chair's Summary
17:00 – 17:30	Agenda Item 17	Closing Ceremony