



## Global Environment Facility

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Agenda Item 21

### APPOINTMENT OF CEO/CHAIRPERSON OF THE FACILITY



31 May 2006

Dear GEF Council Members,

**Subject:** Proposal to appoint new GEF CEO and Chairperson

In my correspondence of 28 April 2006 on behalf of the GEF CEO Selection Panel which comprised Robin Cleveland (World Bank) and Shafqat Kakakhel (UNEP) I conveyed its unanimous decision to select Ms. Monique Barbut as the most qualified candidate for the position of CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility. At the same time Council members were invited to react to or seek feedback from the panel concerning its proceedings and conclusions as part of a modified consultation procedure.

Meanwhile a substantial number of Council members have expressed support for the candidature and/or sought clarification on the procedural aspects. No objections have been received on the proposed candidature.

On this basis the selection panel has advised the Heads of Implementing Agencies (Paul Wolfowitz, President of the World Bank; Kemal Dervis, Administrator UNDP; Shafqat Kakakhel, Deputy Executive Director and Officer in Charge, UNEP) to propose formally to the GEF Council in June 2006 that Ms. Monique Barbut will be appointed CEO and Chairperson of GEF as from 15 July 2006.

It is my pleasure on the request of the Heads of Agencies to communicate to you their consent and their strong encouragement for a broadly shared decision by the Council that would contribute to a constructive and solution oriented new stage in the GEF cooperation.

At the same time they want to reassure Council members that the modification in the selection procedures was informed by the clear outcome of the selection process and the wish to bolster support for the new CEO as expeditiously as possible, leaving the full responsibility with the Council to be in charge of the selection process of the GEF leadership, also on future occasions.

To: the Members of the GEF Council

**United Nations Development Programme**

The Associate Administrator



Let me finally reiterate my availability to share any further information on the selection procedure and to represent the panel during the June 2006 Council proceedings on this point of the agenda.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Ad Melkert', is positioned above the printed name.

Ad Melkert

UN Under-Secretary-General and  
UNDP Associate Administrator