



GEF/ A.4/2
May 14, 2010

Fourth GEF Assembly
Punta Del Este, Uruguay
May 25-26, 2010

Agenda Item 4

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING CEREMONY

1. The opening session of the Fourth GEF Assembly has been organized in collaboration with the host government. It includes a statement by the President of the Republic of Uruguay and a film, *Behind the Numbers*, which captures highlights of two decades of work of the GEF partnership.

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. 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, in accordance with paragraph 15 of the *Rules of Procedure for the GEF Assembly*.

3. The Assembly is invited to elect its Chair.

AGENDA ITEM 3. ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRS

4. 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 country Participant, and one Vice-Chair is to be a Representative of a non-recipient country Participant.

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

AGENDA ITEM 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

6. A provisional agenda for consideration by the Assembly has been circulated to all Participants as document GEF/A.4/1/Rev.1.

7. In addition to plenary meetings, which will be held on both days of the Assembly, two issues are to be discussed at high-level roundtables for ministers and other heads of delegation. An oral summary is to be presented by the Chair of the Assembly to the afternoon plenary on May 26.

8. To highlight the GEF network, the Assembly timetable provides the opportunity for Participants to attend side events organized by the GEF partners. These are to take place on the afternoon of May 24 and on the morning of May 26.

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

10. The Assembly is invited to adopt the agenda for its fourth meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5. STATEMENT BY THE CEO AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE GEF

11. The CEO/Chairperson of the GEF is invited to address the plenary.

AGENDA ITEM 6. STATEMENTS BY THE HEADS OF THE GEF AGENCIES

12. The heads of the GEF Agencies or their deputies are invited to address the plenary. Each speaker is allotted three to five minutes for the statement.

AGENDA ITEM 7. STATEMENTS BY THE HEADS OF THE CONVENTION SECRETARIATS

13. The Executive Secretaries of the global environment conventions for which the GEF serves as the, or a, financial mechanism or their deputies are invited to address the plenary. Each speaker is allotted three to five minutes for the statement.

AGENDA ITEM 8. STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF GEF CONSTITUENCIES

14. Representatives of the GEF constituencies are requested to express the constituency's views on the items on the Assembly's agenda.

15. Constituencies are allotted three to five minutes for their statements. Written statements, which may be longer than the oral statements, will be posted on the Assembly website.

16. Ministers other than those speaking on behalf of a constituency are invited to express their government's views on the issues before the Assembly through written statements, which will be posted on the Assembly website.

17. Each of the thirty-two GEF constituencies is invited to address the plenary. The order of the speakers will be provided at the Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 9. STATEMENT BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

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

AGENDA ITEM 10. HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLES

19. Two roundtables themes are to be discussed simultaneously at six on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 25, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For ease of communication, four tables are to conduct discussions in English, one in French and one in Spanish.

20. The themes for the roundtables are to focus on the following broad areas of reform: (i) enhancing country ownership, and (ii) improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the GEF.

21. Participation at the roundtables is open to the Head and one member of each delegation, as well as to one representative each of the GEF partner agencies and GEF conventions, and one GEF-accredited CSO representative, per roundtable.

22. A journalist is to moderate and two country representatives are to make introductory remarks at each roundtable. Heads of Agencies and Convention Secretariats present at a roundtable are to make brief introductory remarks, as well. The roundtables have been structured to provide for an interactive dialogue among the participants, with the bulk of time given over to a lively discussion; no pre-prepared statements are to be allowed.

23. For each table, a rapporteur is to summarize key recommendations coming out of the discussions at the end of the session and assist the Secretariat in drafting the Assembly Chairperson's Summary that is to be presented to the plenary.

AGENDA ITEM 11. REPORT ON GEF MEMBERSHIP

24. Paragraph 14 of the *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility* calls upon the Assembly to keep under review the membership of the Facility. The GEF presently has 181 member states. Document GEF/A.4/5 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.

25. The Assembly is invited to consider the report.

AGENDA ITEM 12. REPORT ON CREDENTIALS

26. 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. The Bureau is to examine the credentials and prepare a report.

27. The Bureau is invited to submit the report to the Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 13. REPORT ON THE GEF TRUST FUND

28. 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-4 (between July 1, 2006, and up to March 31, 2010.)

29. The Assembly is invited to take note of document GEF/A.4/6, *GEF-4 Funding Retrospective*.

AGENDA ITEM 14. REPORT ON THE FIFTH REPLENISHMENT OF THE GEF TRUST FUND

30. A report on the fifth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund, *Summary of the Negotiations of the Fifth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund*, is submitted to the Assembly as document GEF/A.4/7.

31. The Assembly is invited to take note of the replenishment agreements. Representatives are invited to express their views on the report in the constituency statements to the plenary (agenda item 8.)

AGENDA ITEM 15. AMENDMENTS TO THE INSTRUMENT

32. Pursuant to paragraph 34 of the *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility*, 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.

33. Two proposed amendment changes are set forth in document GEF/A.4/9, *Proposed Amendments to the Instrument*.

34. The Assembly is invited to review the proposed amendments with a view to approving them by consensus and to forwarding them to the Implementing Agencies and the Trustee for adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 16. STATEMENT BY THE GEF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL

35. A report prepared by STAP, *Report of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel to the Fourth GEF Assembly*, is before the Assembly as document GEF/A.4/3. The Assembly is invited to consider STAP's vision for GEF-5 and beyond, based on scientific priorities in each focal area of the GEF and, more importantly, on interlinkages between the focal areas and human development.

36. The Chairperson of STAP is invited to address the plenary. Representatives are invited to express their views on the report in the constituency statements to the plenary (agenda item 8.)

AGENDA ITEM 17. STATEMENT BY THE GEF OFFICE OF EVALUATION

37. In accordance with paragraph 14 of the *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF*, the Assembly is to review the general policies of the Facility and to review and evaluate the operation of the Facility on the basis of reports submitted by the Council.

38. The *Fourth Overall Performance Study of the GEF* is before the Assembly as document GEF/A.4/4. The GEF Council requested the preparation of the fourth overall performance review of the GEF and approved the terms of reference for the study at its meeting in September 2008.

39. The report was prepared by an independent team of experts selected on the basis of their general and specific competencies in global environmental issues, policy formulation, project management, and evaluation. The report assesses the extent to which the GEF has achieved, or is on its way to achieving, its main objectives.

40. The Director of the GEF Office of Evaluation is invited to address the plenary and discuss the significant findings of the fourth overall performance review of the GEF. Representatives are invited to express their views on the report in the constituency statements to the plenary (agenda item 8.)

AGENDA ITEM 18. SUMMARY OF THE HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

41. The Chair of the Assembly is invited to present an oral summary of the roundtable discussions to the plenary.

AGENDA ITEM 19. PRESENTATION OF THE CHAIR'S SUMMARY

42. In accordance with paragraph 24 of the *Rules of Procedure for the GEF Assembly*, the Chair, in consultation with the Bureau, is to 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.

43. The Chair is invited to present the summary to the plenary for endorsement.

AGENDA ITEM 20. CLOSING OF THE ASSEMBLY

44. The Assembly is to be closed by the Chair.

Provisional Timetable

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Morning Session

9:00 – 9:30	Agenda Item 1	Opening Ceremony
9:30 – 10:00	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
10:00 – 10:45	Agenda Item 5 Agenda Item 6 Agenda Item 7	Statement by the CEO/Chairperson of the GEF Statements by the Heads of the GEF Agencies Statements by the Heads of the Convention Secretariats
10:45 – 13:30	Agenda Item 8 Agenda Item 9	Statements on Behalf of GEF Constituencies Statement by a Representative of the Civil Society Organizations

Afternoon Session

15:00 – 17:30	Agenda Item 10	High-Level Roundtables
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Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Morning Session

09:30 – 13:00	<i>Side Events Organized by the GEF Partners</i>
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Afternoon Session

15:00 – 15:30	Agenda Item 11	Report on GEF Membership
	Agenda Item 12 Agenda Item 13	Report on Credentials Report on the GEF Trust Fund
15:30 – 16:00	Agenda Item 14	Report on the Fifth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund
16:00 – 16:15	Agenda Item 15	Amendments to the Instrument

16:15 – 16:45	Agenda Item 16	Statement by the GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel
	Agenda Item 17	Statement by the GEF Office of Evaluation
16:45 – 17:15	Agenda Item 18	Summary of the High-Level Roundtable Discussions
17:15 – 17:45	Agenda Item 19	Presentation of the Chair’s Summary
17:45 – 18:00	Agenda Item 20	Closing of the Assembly